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Sunday 20th July 2025

What Does a Parish Catechist do?

I've been working in the Lucan Partnership for two years now and wonder where that time went! When I commenced working in Lucan as a catechist, I received a warm welcome from all teams and groups in the parishes which made it very easy to make a quick start and become part of the life of Lucan effortlessly. I love working in Lucan and am amazed by the community and place.

As many ask me what I actually do, I'll give a brief overview:

My first priority is coordinating everything related to sacramental preparation in terms of being the link between school and parish, arranging dates for sacraments and celebrations, visiting every school regularly inviting children/families to the parish Masses and celebrations, supporting the work of teachers as they engage in sacramental preparation. I organise the practices for sacraments with the schools, provide the ceremony materials for all and ensure that both schools and priests have all that they need.

I support and engage with parents by providing weekly/monthly and seasonal resources which are emailed weekly. I meet with groups of parents at the beginning of the year to describe the process which will unfold during the year and provide opportunities for active engagement.

I coordinate classes for Catholic children who attend non-Catholic schools and who wish to engage in Religious Education and the sacraments at four venues in the partnership of parishes currently after school during the week. A fifth venue will open this September to function on a Sunday morning. A separate option for families of children with different needs will also commence from September. 12 teachers were recruited, engaged and supported in teaching in the settings this year working with 320 children and a probable 15 needed next year.

I work with 10 Catholic schools, cohorts from 7 non-Catholic schools and link with 3 special school settings. It is a wonderful diversity with all making very positive and collaborative connections. I've had some wonderful conversations with parents in the after-school settings and at Sunday Masses. I also work with the Parish Pastoral Council and support the various ministry groups in the parish as needed. I am very fortunate to have a very wide circle of interaction every single week.

In my work, I seek to support all in faith and faith education. It's a two-way process as my own faith is enriched, every day, as together with the parish team, parish workers and volunteers, choirs, ministry groups... the real sense of being the Body of Christ is experienced. My faith in people is also strengthened by my experiences every week.

I am truly blessed to be in Lucan and truly blessed to be able to walk the journey of life with so many people in so many diverse situations. I share offices with Deirdre, Kathleen, Billy, Mary, Fr Bill, Maureen, Fr Aidan and Brid – we all take seriously what we do, but none of us take ourselves too seriously! Right now, I'm taking a break and will be ready for more action from the middle of August.

Cathy Burke, Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS) is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

MABS – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

What are the changes to the laws on donating organs in Ireland?

Since 17 June 2025, there are changes to how you consent to donate certain organs after you die. If you don't want to donate your organs you can now register to opt out of doing so.

If you want to donate your organs after you die you do not need to register but you should let your family know of your decision.

Your family members will always be consulted before any of these organs are removed. The donation will not proceed if your designated family member (next-of-kin) objects to the organ donation.

How can I become an organ donor after I die?

After your death, your consent is assumed for the donation of your liver, lungs, pancreas, heart or kidneys, if you meet all the following criteria: You have not registered to opt-out of organ donation.

You are over 18.

You were living in Ireland for at least 12 months before your death.

You had decision-making capacity for a significant period before your death.

You have a contactable designated family member.

Your family will always be consulted before any of these organs are removed.

How does organ donation work?

If you have decided to donate your organs when you die, they will only be removed when 2 doctors, working independently, have certified that you are dead following strict tests and conditions. Your death must take place in a hospital for a safe transplantation to go ahead. Your body will be maintained on a life support machine (ventilator). Your organs can be donated after brain stem death or cardiac death.

Medical professionals will ask your family about your consent to donating your organs or to confirm that you had no objection to donating them. The medical professionals will contact your designated family member (sometimes called next-of-kin) and the donation will not proceed if they object to the organ donation.

What if I don't want to be an organ donor?

If you want to opt out of organ donation you can either:

Record your details on the opt-out register online,

or
Phone HSE Live on 1800 700 700 to opt out.

If you are registered as opting out, your family should not be asked about organ donation after you die. You should also talk to your family to let them know of your decision to opt-out.

You can find more information on the HSE website. You can find out more about organ and body donation at <https://bit.ly/OrganDonationProcess>, or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

Springboard 2025-2026 now open for applications

You can now apply for free Springboard+ 2025-2026 courses.

If you're unemployed, you

Must be looking and available for work.

Can keep your existing social welfare payments

You can also apply for a Springboard+ course if you are working, but you must pay a 10% contribution towards the course fee (Level 6 courses are free).

Find out more about Returning to Education with Springboard or on our website.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.



Our final day out before the summer break was to Aras an Uachtarain. We were treated to tea, sandwiches and cake and a grand tour of the house and magnificent gardens, including the Peace Bell. we thought that was the finale, but Sabrina came to see us and we had a wonderful chat with her, before finishing a great day out.



We will meet up again in September, hoping to see everyone back.

Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, Choir, and the chat. Coffee break at 1pm. New members always welcome, come and join us in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Family Fun Day: We will have our annual family fun day on Sunday 20th July from 1-4pm in Cluain Ni Ri Park Ballyowen Lane. It will be a fun filled day with Live Entertainment, Food stalls, Craft vendors, Yoga in the park, Teddy bears picnic, Fun family games and much more. It promises to be a great day.

Summer Project: Happy Little Artist summer camp will take place at the centre 21st to 25th July

Volunteer's: As the centre is growing, we are looking for the help of locals. If you have some spare time and would like to volunteer at some of our events please get in touch.



Cake Sale

Saturday 19th July

In memory of
James Mulligan Redmond
with proceeds going directly to
The Gavin Glynn Foundation
helping families of children battling
childhood cancer.

Raffle prizes on the day.

**Location: 1 Meadow View Grove,
Lucan K78 C9P3 @ 11pm - 4pm**



Final Summer Issue Next Week!

Next week's issue, **Sunday 27th July** will be our final publication before our 4 week summer break.



Notices for events for the **month of August**, especially any for **Heritage Week** should be with us by next **Wednesday night, 23th July, 10pm** at the latest.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon.

The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Wednesday and **Friday** 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

Visits to the housebound: If you are house-bound you can call Deirdre at the parish office (01 621 7041) we will be happy to call on a monthly basis.

Lectio Divina: Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel. *All are welcome.*

Baptisms in St Mary's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during 10.30am Mass, the Family Mass, on the Sunday prior to their actual baptism date. Dates bookable on line.

Cuppa: Why not come into the Coffee Dock for a cuppa and a chat after the 10am Weekday Mass and on Sundays after the morning Masses.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Jack (John) Donovan**, Kew Park.

May he rest in peace.



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

THIS Saturday/ Sunday 19th / 20th July.

Many thanks for your generosity.



Best Wishes

to

John Gormley

who will be ordained a Deacon, this Saturday in St Mary's Church at 3pm.

All are welcome to attend, with refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday, Thursday and **Saturday** at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie



Aontas Choir will this weekend travel to Creeslough in County Donegal for their annual

youth development trip. We wish them all a safe trip and look forward to hearing about their experience on their return.

They would like to thank the parishioners of St. Patrick's for the support at the recent cake sale which raised €1,106 which helps towards the cost of this trip.

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Adoration: Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am. All are welcome.

Communion for the Homebound: If any member of your family is sick and housebound, and would like to receive Holy Communion, do please let us know. You can ring the Parish Office on 01 628 1018 and leave your name and address, or email us at: secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

Tea/Coffee: Our Coffee Morning will be held after 10 am Mass on **Tuesdays** for **July** and **August**. Do drop in. *All are welcome*

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **THIS Sunday 20th July**

Thank you for your generosity.

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

Weekday Masses: Mon.-Fri: 9:15am. Sat. 10am

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions every Saturday 5.15pm and after the evening Mass.

Prayers of the Church: Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.
The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

Legion of Mary: The Legion of Mary meets every Tuesday evening at 7.30pm in the Confessional Room in the church.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50m** Benediction.
All welcome

Home Visits Holy Communion: If anyone who cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

Anniversaries

Bernard Thomas Brady 12th Anniversary, 19th July

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed very dearly.

*Always missed and loved by your loving wife
Margaret, son Colm, daughters Helen, Rebecca
and Valerie sons-in-law, daughter-in-law and
grandchildren xxx. Your brother Michael, sister
Brigid, sister in-law and extended relations and
friends xxx.*



Úna McLoughlin Whose 3rd Anniversary away from home occurs on July 18th 2025

She is loved beyond words,
Missed every day and forever in our hearts.
From Brian and the Fallon Family x



Noel O'Neill 2nd Anniversary, 20th July

Late of Sarsfield Park
'Da'

Just a prayer from the family
who loves you.
Just a memory fond and true.
In our hearts you will live forever,
because we thought the world of you.
*Loved and remembered by Tony, Noel, John,
Mary and Teresa, family and friends xxx*



Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

Sunday 31st August 2025

At 3pm

(weather permitting)

*Cemetery Collection in aid of
St Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown*



Birthday Remembrance

Gerard (Ger) Carey 22nd July, 3rd Away from home

Birthday remembrance in Heaven of our much
loved and missed eldest son and brother Ger.

Today is filled with memories

With happiness and tears Ger

Of birthday celebrations

We shared throughout the years

And though I'll always miss you

And love you and all the joy you brought

Warms my heart with gratitude

and fills my every thought

Just where you are resting Ger

I hope that you can see

How precious and uplifting

Your memories are to me.

Love you forever son

And may all your rivers run free

*Your heartbroken Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters,
nephews and nieces. xxxxxx*

PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE A FRANCISCAN JOURNEY THROUGH DUBLIN

**SATURDAY
2ND OF AUGUST
FREE EVENT**

Start 12.15pm
Outside left of
the Pro-Cathedral



All adults 18-35 welcome.

Prayer-Song-Reflection-Joy-Fellowship

www.pilgrimageofhope.eu

franciscanpilgrimageofhope@gmail.com

Sign up before 25th July.

INFO & REGISTER



Contact us | Sr. Suzanne FMM 0873433155 | Francesco Giusti 0899651257



Be careful what you wish for!

We wished for the sunshine – we got it!
We wished for somewhat cooler, maybe even an odd little shower, and we sure got it on Tuesday last when the heavens opened over Lucan.



Above: Flooding on Hillcrest Walk – seems the drains were to blame, all sorted now.....

Tuesday 15th July was St. Swithin's Day, and we all know the old verse....

*St Swithin's day if thou dost rain'
For forty days it will remain;
St Swithin's day if thou be fair,
For forty days will rain na mair.*

Fingers crossed, it won't come true!

The Little White Duck.....

Spotted on the Griffeen River beside the ongoing Village Green works, was what we think is a white Mallard duck with leucism, a genetic condition causing reduced pigmentation resulting in white feathers.



All is not lost!

Despite our hurlers and footballers being gone from the Championship, we can still cheer on the Dublin Senior Ladies, who will meet Galway in a semi-final, this Saturday, 19th July. And the Minors are into their final against Cork the following Saturday, 26th July.

Come on the Girls in Blue!

Doddsboro Shopping Centre Planting



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We mentioned the state of flowerbed at this point, in a recent edition, and Cllr. Caroline Brady followed it up for us:

“The Council confirmed that the contractor is responsible for a 12-month maintenance period for planting. They are aware of issues and are pursuing a deduction from the contractor's retention to fund replanting. This process may take several weeks.”

We're counting the weeks.....



Oh, what a beautiful morning with the pretty Rosebay Willow Herb, in St. Catherine's this week!

Summer Holidays

Rosses Point, Sligo is my favourite place to visit or better still spend a holiday there. It is situated along the Wild Atlantic Way, and to me it never disappoints. It gives of itself to memories of stunning sunrises and sunsets, beaches that invite you to walk barefoot along their stretch savouring the sand under your feet while it tickles your toes. The panorama of stunning views as you meander along from the sand dunes past the sprawling golf course, to catching your first glimpse of Lissadell House and beyond towards Carney, leaves a lasting impression.



We have been fortunate over the years to visit Rosses Point with our young family. Those were the days when we all packed into the car early on a Saturday morning, luggage in the boot, children on their best behaviour and headed northwest. We did have regular stops along the way, our first stop was at Lough Owel to stretch our legs, next our must do stop in Longford, where my husband was born and raised.



We'd visit his old homestead and of course St Mel's Cathedral before partaking of a cuppa in the Longford Arms and continuing our journey.

We played many games along the way to lighten our journey. The Minister's Cat, If I was on a Desert Island I'd bring..., If I went into Woolworth's I'd buy..., I spy with my little eye something beginning with... generally these games dispel impatience and keep peace among a family buoyed with anticipation of their summer holiday.

Greenland's Caravan Park was our destination; it is situated on the Point across from the Yacht



Club with the beach just over the road. Once the car was unloaded, we went down to the beach to acquaint ourselves with the flow and ebb of the Atlantic Ocean. While the children skipped in and out of the sea, I just stood still

at the water's edge and allowed the bracing air to embrace and restore my inner tranquillity. Our holiday had truly begun.

Rosses Point village is a picturesque village, litter free and well cared for by her community. Back in the 1970's and '80s our children's favourite shop was Mrs Ewing's Store. This was a must place to shop, not only for the children but also for *mé féin*. On opening the door a bell jangled to announce our arrival, Mrs Ewing would then appear and welcome us one and all. The children would just have one item each on their list and that was a 10p Mix, now this mix was very special for she'd ask each child to turn their back while she prepared their mix before getting them to turn around and exchange their 10p for their special bag!!! Those bags were indeed very special, Mrs Ewing knew the way to childrens' hearts. When it was my turn to order, she'd say just go into the back room and select what you want and I'll mind the children. Sadly Mrs Ewing's shop is now no more but her kind legacy still lingers when we reminisce about our holidays.



Before I finish my tale I must mention the beautiful sculpture at Rosses Point harbour, it is titled *Waiting on the Shore*. It is a poignant memorial to seafarers and their loved ones who waited for their safe return, the monument at Rosses Point is a large bronze statue by Niall Bruton. Depicting a woman with outstretched arms looking out to sea, it is evocative of patience, anguish and lost love. The engraved plaque poetically explains:



*Lost at Sea, Lost at Sea
Or in the Evening Tide
We Loved You, We Miss You
May God With You Abide.*

1985 - A dip in the archives from 40 years ago.....

International Youth Year

The Parishes

At the start of 1985, Lucan consisted of two parishes – St. Mary's and St. Patrick's up in Esker.

Planned Giving – 1st week January
Lucan - £1,014.77; Esker - £1,142.50

Lucan Priests: Very Rev Donal Coghhlan PP, Fr Martin O'Farrell CC, Fr Alex Conlan CC, and Fr Cyril Mangan who was also Chaplain to the Vocational School.

Esker Priests: Very Rev James Loughran PP, Fr Owen Lynch CC and Fr Tom Early CC.

Masses: There were 7 Sunday Masses in Lucan, and 6 in Esker, which were celebrated in St. Anne's School as the new St. Patrick's Church was under construction.



St. Patrick's Church in Esker was consecrated on 6th October 1985.



It was a long day for these Altar Boys.....

Young Matt Lacey taking part in Esker's Field Day – raising funds for the new St. Patrick's Church.



Divine Mercy: By the end of the year, a third Parish was announced – Divine Mercy, Lucan South, with responsibility for development going to Fr. Cathal Price.

School life began in October with 8 pupils and 1 teacher. By November, the number had grown to 18, in a building owned by Stewarts Hospital. A 5-acre site was allocated for permanent school buildings. There were currently 35 new houses occupied in the parish, with 85 to be complete by Christmas. By June '86, it was expected that 220 houses would be complete.

“Fr Prices has a pre-fab Mass Centre which has a Sunday congregation of 50 and growing fast.”

Lucan Community College

By the end of January, Tenders and sketched plans were completed, and with the Department of Education. By March, we were informed that work on the new school had been deferred to 1987.

New School for Airlie / Woodview Heights

Monday 24th June saw the opening of the second Primary School in Esker Parish, with Junior and Senior Infants settling in. Both classes had been moved across from St. Thomas'.

It was referred to in October as “St. Mary's School, Esker” but by the end of the year, it had become “Scoil Mhuire, Dodsboro”.

Entertainment

Cinderella put in an appearance at the Spa Hotel in January, courtesy of Lucan Drama Society. The show produced by Ewan O'Flynn played to packed houses, with plenty of magic on stage!
In April, the group produced Drama at Inish.

The Pirates of Penzance was the offering from the West County Musical Society in October. Played in the Aula Maxima, Maynooth, it was a resounding success.

Summer Projects

Esker Summer Project was catering for the children of Esker, while Lucan Youth Fun was in its first year.

Politicians

The local representatives sending notes to Lucan Newsletter were: Senator Brian Fleming FG, Cllr. Liam Lawlor FF, Cllr Micheal Gannon Lab, and Cllr Finbar Hanrahan FF, Tomás MacGiolla WP, Liam Skelly TD, FG.
All kept us informed of the local happenings!

Lucan Garda Station

Plenty of talk about the upgrading of Lucan Garda Station. The question was whether to re-locate the station, or renovate and retain its historical significance – it having Gandon influences.
The place was infested with damp and dry rot.

At the end of the day, the old building was demolished and rebuilt, with the front elevation being retained as it was barring repairs.

It was announced that Lucan Courthouse had closed in December 1984, the building being part of the old station.

Traffic in Lucan Village

While work progressed on the Garda Station, new traffic lines were painted in that area of the village, and appear to have caused more congestion than previous. They were painted out and painted in again..... Traffic lights were also out of sync.
A woman from Kew Park took 40 minutes to get her children to school!

The Lucan By-Pass

In January, it was noted that £200,000 was approved for work on the Luca By-Pass, with a compulsory purchase order to be confirmed. It was hoped that work would commence by the end of the year.
There were appeals to “save Esker Lane”, not having the new By-Pass split it in two.

Prices grew! In December – “Tenders for the construction of the Lucan By Pass are expected to be sought in the coming week, and this should allow work to commence in early Spring. The cost of this project has risen from £2m in 1976 to over £10.5m in 1985”.

Lucan Library

1/9/'85: “The County Council is in the process of finalising the agreement with Lucan Village Centre Ltd., to lease space within the proposed shopping centre in the village, for a library.
Since construction of the centre has not yet commenced, it is not possible to give an accurate date for opening of the library, but given an early date for building commencement, an opening date in mid-1987 is anticipated”.

Water Rates

There were major concerns by all that a £30 per house water charge would be imposed.

The Rectory Fete

In June the annual fete at the Rectory took place, and Canon Despard welcomed and thanked all locals for their support.

Lucan Historical Society

Mr. Richard Shackleton was delivering talks with hundred-year-old photos of the area, taken by his grandmother.



Lucan Community Council

The Council oversaw many of the projects in Lucan. They report that there are 13,500 people living in Lucan.

Martin Keegan was Lord Mayor of Lucan, and he set about raising funds for various local events, with Snooker Player Denis Taylor in tow for one event.



Lord Mayor of Lucan, Martin Keegan, with Denis Taylor, and Raphael Hemeryck.

Other mentions.....

The Youth were well catered for with St. Mary's Youth Club, Scouts, and all the various sports clubs which at this stage were well established.



St. Mary's Youth Club's Paddy Burchael, and Phylis Lacey with Club Member of the Year, Enda Lacey.



Vivian Eiffe was runner up in the Pool Competition, with his dad, Jimmy at the youth club annual dinner dance

23rd Lucan Scouts Car Draw



Mr. McCoy of McCoy Motors handing over the keys of a Toyota Starlet to Ciaran McHugh at the Trade Exhibition. John Carey and some of the Cubs were also present.



142nd Esker Scouts – The above leaders received their commission on Sunday 15th September.

Lucan Sarsfields Youth Accordion Band headed off to the USA for a summer tour, visiting Boston, Washington and New York.



Other items on the agenda for 1985...

Bingo began in Esker in September – every Monday night.

Moving Statues were a wondrous thing around the country!

Proposed Divorce Legislation was discussed.

Lucan Library – July Events

Board Games with Staff

Wednesday 23rd July at 4.00 – 5.30

For ages 8-12. We will have a number of options including Cluedo, Catan and other classics.



Explore Music – Mobile Music School

Friday 25th July at 11 am

For ages 6-10

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group –

Thursday 24th July, 10am – 12noon.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 22nd July, 5.30pm.

Register at Library Desk.



giveblood.ie

Support your upcoming Local Blood Drive!

**Springfield Hotel
Lucan**
on Wednesday 23rd July from
3.45pm to 8pm

Giving blood saves many lives.
#EveryOneCounts

Check your eligibility at www.giveblood.ie
or call us on 1800 731 137

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MARYMOUNT CARE CENTRE

Caring Connections

Supporting the journey of ageing together

Invitation
At Marymount, we host a monthly information and networking session to support those in our community who are navigating the journey of ageing. These sessions offer valuable insights on a range of topics, including coping with dementia, navigating the Fair Deal scheme, dealing with frailty, and understanding palliative care.

This month, we are focusing on the new **Assisted Decision-Making process**. We are delighted to welcome Muriel Moore, a solicitor specialising in this area, who will share her expertise, perspectives, and practical guidance on how to navigate the process.

Please note: Places are limited, and booking is essential (note - this is a free of charge event).

This is a wonderful opportunity not only to deepen your understanding, but also to connect with others who are supporting loved ones through the ageing journey.

**Thursday 31st July
7pm - 9pm
Marymount Care Centre
Westmanstown
Lucan**

Contact reception on 01 8204500 to book or email foh@mmcc.ie to book this free of charge event

Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &



Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Link to published Lucan House Masterplan

<https://www.sdcc.ie/en/news/lucan-house-demesne-masterplan.html>

There are links to two documents, the Masterplan and the analysis of the Public Consultation.



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

**Cúl Camp Na Gaeil Óga
CLG – Campaí Lúnasa ar
fáil anois!**

**Cúl Camp a Huge Success –
August Camps Now Open**

for Booking!

Bhí Cúl Campa Na Gaeil Óga lán de spraoi, cairdeas agus cluichí CLG i rith na seachtaine. D'fhoghlaim na páistí scileanna nua, d'imir siad le chéile agus bhain siad an-taitneamh as an atmaisféar dearfach, go hiomlán trí Ghaeilge.

Na Gaeil Óga's recent Cúl Camp was packed with fun, friendship and Gaelic games all week long. Children learned new skills, played together, and enjoyed a vibrant, welcoming atmosphere – all through Irish.

Buíochas mór lenár gcóitseálaithe agus lenár bhfoireann deonach a d'oibrigh go crua chun seachtain den scoth a eagrú.

A huge thanks to our coaches and volunteers who helped make the week such a success.

Tá campaí eile ar siúl i mí Lúnasa agus tá na h-áirithintí ar oscailt anois!

We have more summer camps in August – and bookings are now open!

Cláraigh inniu / Book now:

<https://nagaeiloga.clubzap.com/categories/camp/products>

Campaí Samhraidh 2025

Mála & Buidéal NGÓ san áireamh

**CAMP AN GCLUB - AOIS 8-12
CLUB CAMP
11ú - 14ú Lúnasa/August 10-1pm**

**ÁRDSICLEANNA- AOIS 13+
ADVANCED SKILLS
18ú - 21ú Lúnasa/August 10-1pm**

Páirc Naomh Cairtríona

Ar mhaith leat imirt CLG trí Ghaeilge? Bígí I dteagmháil linn. Tá foireann againn do gach aois ghrúpa óg go aosta.

Would you like to play GAA through Irish? Get in touch. We have teams for every age from young to senior level.

Email - secretary.nagaeiloga.dublin@gaa.ie for further details.

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An Ghaeltacht Áitiúil i Leamhcán!



POLITICAL NOTES

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Village Green – Latest:

Response from the council at the recent Area Committee meeting regarding progress.

“The most extensive works are located at Lucan Village Green and provide for a substantial redevelopment of the Village Green area. At this time the amphitheatre sub structure is in place and the contractor is preparing traffic management plans for the installation of high-quality pedestrian crossing points to link the Village Green to Main Street Lucan House and Leixlip Road. With regard to Lucan Village Green two issues have impacted the sequencing of works, restricted access relating to carrying out works in the Griffeen River as stipulated by Inland Fisheries and availability of resources to switch over and underground cables following winter storms. While these events have impacted the scheduling of works the impact on the delivery of the of the scheme is not yet determined.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Upcoming Family Fun Day:

Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre are hosting a Family Fun Day this Sunday 20th July at Cluain Rí Park, Ballyowen, Lucan. Running from 1pm to 4pm, this looks to be a fantastic event with lots of fun and entertainment for all the family. Free entry and all welcome.

Women’s Shed Network:

I’m pleased to hear my colleague Deputy John Paul O’Shea confirm progress on a national Women’s Sheds network. Men’s Sheds have been a fantastic support in tackling isolation, and it’s great to see similar plans advancing now for women across the country.

Back to School Allowance:

This week, Minister Dara Calleary announced that over 126,000 families will receive the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance to assist eligible families ahead of the upcoming school term. Applications remain open until September 30th.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael – P.C.

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Lucan Leisure Campus Update:

“Dry” side to be handed over to Aura Leisure this week, with councillors visiting the site Friday. The completed areas are Reception, Gymnasium & Fitness Suites, Dry Changing Areas, Café, and Car Park. I raised with Aura their preparedness post-handover; they confirmed they’ll need approx. 10 working days to open. Open date TBC. We are awaiting an update from the council on a plan of action for the “wet” or pool side of the facility.

Flooding Hillcrest:

Following torrential rain on Tuesday, parts of Hillcrest experienced significant flooding, affecting roads and footpaths. I escalated the issue to the Council and requested urgent action to address the impact and prevent further disruption.

Woodville Close:

No power to Streetlight damaged in Storm Eowyn hence delays in repair; escalated to ESB via Minister Emer Higgins office.

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

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The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme:

The Healthy Age Friendly Homes Programme aims to support older people to live in their own home with dignity and independence, for as long as possible. The programme’s ambition is to enable everyone to live longer healthier lives by keeping care close to home and expanding the range of health and social care services in the community. It is about providing a range of alternatives for older people who may otherwise transition into long term residential care prematurely. To do this SDCC have appointed a Local Healthy Age Friendly Homes Coordinator. Our Local Coordinator will case manage a support package for each person referred, linking the supports from the variety of public, voluntary, private and community agencies in the area. The service is free of charge and available to anyone aged 65+ years.

Political Notes continue over.....

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Team Power of 1:

I was delighted to join John, Enda and Roger from Team Power of 1 as they were welcomed by An Taoiseach Micheál Martin TD to Government Buildings this week. This is an inspiring team of people, who raised almost €600,000 for Heart Children Ireland and the Children's Heart Centre in memory of John's wonderful daughter Saoirse.

Grants:

Congratulations to Lucan Harriers and Esker Celtic on their successful SDCC community and sports grants applications

Childcare:

This week in the Dáil, I received a commitment that a Forward Planning unit will be resourced and maintained in the Department of Children to properly plan for childcare provision in areas of large populations, such as Lucan and Adamstown.

Clinics:

If you would like to attend one of my clinics, please feel free to call 01-6184128 to make an appointment.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil report:

This week I contributed to several debates including historic abuse in schools, on Pride, on the sharing of passenger data, and on the proceeds of crime and voted for improved care for those suffering from endometriosis. I called for better laws and higher fines to deal with littering and dumping, including cigarette butt tossers. At the Committees I contributed on overseas development aid and on supporting small businesses.

Swimming pool:

As of going to press, there was further progress on the "dry" side with a reasonable likelihood the gym will be open by the end of the month. However, delays remain with the pool itself and having been contacted about parking barriers going in I've asked SDCC to ensure there will be an adequate free parking period.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Lucan House Masterplan – My Thoughts:

The newly released Lucan House Masterplan is a welcome and ambitious vision for the area. It promises public access to cultural, community, and heritage spaces, with features like playgrounds, low-impact walkways, woodland protection, water sports facilities, and accessible paths. I have some concerns about proposals for the Bath House (former medieval chapel) and the proposed replacement of the pedestrian bridge, though accessibility is important. Read full plan here: <https://www.sdcc.ie/en/services/sport-and-recreation/tourism/lucan-house/>

Meeting with Transport Infrastructure Ireland on Lucan Transport Issues:

After a long wait, I met with TII to raise local traffic concerns on National & Motorway roads. Alongside Cllr Liona O'Toole, other Councillors & SDCC, I raised issues like toll-dodging on M50, N4 slip-roads, and M50/M4 interchange safety. I'll share a blog post once meeting minutes are cleared.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Meeting with TII:

I recently met with Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) joined by SDCC officials and councillors to raise key issues affecting Lucan. These included lane confusion at the N4/M50 junction, inconsistent signage, outdated noise barriers, toll charges, lack of airport access and the need for an orbital road. No decisions were made but TII committed to providing detailed reports. This meeting marks the start of meaningful dialogue to ensure Lucan's growing needs are fully recognised in national transport planning.

Lucan Theatre:

My motion for a new theatre or multi-use cultural venue in Lucan was passed. With our population increasing rapidly I also proposed incorporating a crèche, preschool space to promote early access to the arts. I'll continue pushing for investment in cultural infrastructure that serves all generations in our community.

Maynooth Road, Celbridge.
(next to Salesians College)

ACRE Summer Workshops: Plant a Wildflower Meadow with Ben Hickey

Join us for a Free Wildflower Meadow Masterclass!

Date: **Wednesday, 23rd July**, 7:30pm-8:30pm

Discover everything you need to know about creating a beautiful Native Wildflower Meadow in this short but insightful Masterclass with Gardening Expert Ben Hickey.

To book your FREE place, contact Frances at:

Frances@acreproject.com

Art Therapy: Discovery Studio Creative Wellness Workshop

Your soulful summer reset starts **Saturday July 26th and August 9th** at Acre Project, from 2.30pm – 4.30pm.

Creative Wellness Workshops and this isn't your typical wellness circle.

Think: Guided art & journaling, Nature-infused mindfulness, Soul talks & expression challenges
Space to reconnect to YOU, Challenge your creativity. Recharge your spirit. Reclaim your joy.
Spots are limited - To book, please email

DiscoverystudioIreland@gmail.com

Adult Education

The Adult Education Service in Lucan Education Centre, on Esker Hill are currently enrolling for free and flexible part-time courses commencing in September 2025. The Return to Education Programme courses are at times to allow you to choose between one and four different subjects to fit around your busy life. Each subject is 4 hours, 1 morning per week. This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

Spanish for Beginners

Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets)

Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills

Business English Language Skills

Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills

Office Skills, Business Administration

Word Processing (Advanced)

Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology)

Payroll Using Sage Software

For more details, contact

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We are currently looking for volunteers who would be especially interested in working in schools in Dublin 11 & Dublin 15, to start in September / early October 2025 - and be available 2 mornings per week for the academic year.

Informal interviews will be held in our Head Office in Christchurch Square ASAP.

Garda Vetting will be carried out by Barnardos in advance of starting the programme.

Training will be provided by Barnardos on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th August 2025 – All interested volunteers must be available to attend this training before being considered for the role.

ADVERTISING RATES

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- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost **.20 cent** for every word in the **entire** ad.
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- **Lost & Found ads.** – No Charge
- **WEDNESDAY 10pm is the DEADLINE**

Ads should be **placed in an envelope** containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:

St. Mary's Parish Centre, Church Grounds, Lucan

Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Last week Joe submitted a photo of harvesting in St. Edmundsbury. This week he has submitted a nice photo of the harvest looking towards the Dublin mountains taken last weekend in the middle of our short-lived heatwave.

After the heatwave we had the tropical downpours and Frances submitted a photo of the consequences in Hillcrest Walk.



Paddy was up bright and early to capture the sunrise in Dalkey.



Brendan took photographs of the graffiti murals he found in St. Edmundsbury. The term is derived from the Italian word “graffio”, meaning “scratch” and has a long history. For example, graffiti have been found in ancient Roman ruins, on rocks in Spain dating to the 16th century, and in medieval English churches.



Donal submitted a photo of Haulbowline island in Cork harbour. The world's first yacht club was founded there in 1720. The western side of the island is the main naval base for the Irish Naval Service.



Until next week stay safe!