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Thank You to the Newsletter Team!

Each week the members of the Newsletter Team arrive in St Mary's Parish office every Thursday to fulfil the various roles which it takes to put the item together and to get it on the shelves for you. It then just seems to magic into existence after a couple of hours on Thursday morning with no sign of pressure at any time due to the skill of the people concerned.

Mary, Anna and Rose receive articles and advertisements from those who wish to submit with the deadline of 10p.m. on Wednesday night being final. Most items arrive to them via email while some arrive on paper delivered to the Parish Office in advance. Everything is checked with care so that final presentation gives respect to all who submitted items and to ensure a good balance of content. Most of the content of each week's newsletter is organised in advance of Thursday morning in the homes of the team members, with the good facility of domestic IT and IT knowledge. Some of the work is finished early on Thursday morning before the printer is set to work.

Kevin and Michelle then arrive, followed by Teresa and John, to carry out the task of folding the pages into a booklet, all with a rhythm of calm, and eventually the copies are delivered to the various outlets throughout Lucan.

It is an amazing achievement that the Lucan Newsletter is now in existence for decades without ever pausing. This is due to the good work of many volunteers who step forward to offer their skills that contribute to the various aspects of the production. It is a great source of news and information for all who live and work in Lucan and provides material for chats that happen in the groups that gather in the Parish Centre and other places during each week.

We now wish the members of the Lucan Newsletter team an enjoyable, well-earned rest during the month of August, with this being the last production until September. Thank you for your dependable dedication and creative inputs, which makes a difference to what arrives with readers each week.



*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

Help for Gambling Addiction

How does addiction treatment work?

The treatment for addiction can include an initial assessment, a comprehensive assessment and individual or group counselling. Gambling addiction services may provide financial advice and a referral to other services and supports, for example, Gamblers Anonymous.

Where are gambling addiction services?

The Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland has a list of gambling addiction support services.

Call the national helpline for problem gambling on 1800 936 725. You can find more on Gamblingcare.ie

Self-help for Gambling Addiction

You can also find some tips to help your problem gambling including:

Limiting online advertising of gambling on your social media.

Excluding yourself from some or all gambling companies for a certain time or indefinitely.

Setting up a gambling block with your bank to stop you making gambling transactions on your bank account.

Installing gambling-blocking software on your device

The Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland has a self-test to understand how gambling is

affecting you. Find more tips to reduce your exposure to gambling.

Do I have to pay for addiction services?

Non-residential or outpatient addiction services through the public health system (Health Service Executive) are free of charge.

Some residential treatment services through the public health system may be free of charge.

Private Treatment Services

Private treatment programmes are not free of charge and prices vary depending on the programme. If you have health insurance, contact your insurer to find out if treatment costs are covered.

For more details on access to private treatment services, contact the service provider directly. Find more details of public and private services that provide support for problem gambling.

Further information: Údarás Rialála Cearrbhachais na hÉireann or the Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland is the independent, statutory body responsible for regulating and licensing the gambling industry in Ireland.

New Supports for Gambling Addiction

Since 5 February 2026, parts of the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 have been commenced including:

A ban on using credit cards to pay for gambling.

A ban on children gambling or being employed by gambling licensees.

A ban on ATM machines in gambling locations unless the licence specifically allows this.

The option for people to set limits on how much money they gamble on-line or remotely

When the Gambling Regulation Act 2024 is fully commenced further supports and protection for people with a gambling addiction will be available including:

Restricting times and places where gambling can be advertised.

Launching a National Gambling Exclusion Register.

Banning the use of inducements encouraging gambling.

Read more about the law on gambling at:

Gambling Regulatory Authority of Ireland, at www.grai.ie/ Email: communications@grai.ie

Gamblers Anonymous. Tel: 01 872 1133 or call 087 262 2804. www.gamblersanonymous.ie/ Email: info@gamblersanonymous.ie

GamblingCare.ie Tel: 1800 936 725 (24 hours) www.gamblingcare.ie/

Lucan Active Retirement Association



Some pictures from our Cruise on the Shannon, including a visit to Athlone and visit to Tyrrellspass Restaurant to finish off our day out which all the members enjoyed immensely.

We are closed for holidays now until September!

Cake Sale Thank You

We raised the amount of €12,305.99, at our recent Cake Sale in aid of the **Gavin Glynn Foundation**, and in memory of our beloved **James Mulligan Redmond**.



On behalf of Caoimhe, and the Mulligan and Redmond Families, we thank everyone who donated on the day and online. We could not have done it without you!

Lucan Newsletter Summer Hols!

We're all going on a Summer
Holiday from now

until Sunday 30th August

All items for that issue
should be with us by
Wednesday 26th August.



*We hope all will have a
happy and safe holiday time!*

Lucan Creative Arts Network

Lucan Creative Arts Network have applied to run events as part of Culture Night this September including an art exhibition of selected works from professional /semi-professional artists.

Preparations are being advanced by the Network, including an open call for the art exhibition in a local venue. This open call will be promoted on our social media and other platforms.

For more information on the open call and our other planned events, or to enquire about joining the Network or our mailing list, you can email us at hello.lucancreativeartsnetwork@gmail.com Follow us on Instagram at [lucan_creativeartsnetwork](https://www.instagram.com/lucan_creativeartsnetwork).

Guided Historical Tour of Lucan Demesne: archaeology & local history

By Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

Wednesday 12 August, 11am - 12:30pm

Wednesday 16 September 11am – 12.30pm

Booking via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>

Please Note!

We regret that we have had to hold some items over for our next edition, due to pressure of space!

These include pictures and poems from various sources.....

All will be kept safely over the holidays.....

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon, **NO 7PM MASS**
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

WEEK DAY - Summer Mass Times

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10am.

Confessions:

After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 1030am and 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of August 2026 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation:

We hope everyone has a happy and restful holiday.
See you in September.

Keep praying

Sr Geraldine



Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

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.

Divine Mercy Devotion:

Wednesdays, in the church after the 10am Mass and until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar we pray God to defeat evil in the world and bring peace in these troubled times.

Copies of the book "**Living in Joyful Hope in the Catholic faith**" can be borrowed from local public libraries and the main porch in the church. The book refreshes knowledge of the faith and God's Divine Mercy.

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Margaret (Peggy) Buggle**, Sarsfield Park.
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 10th August

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

Dear Newsletter Editor,

I usually enjoy Cathy Burke's front page contributions to the Newsletter however I have to take issue with last week's article on the Little House on the Prairie. In the article it is stated that "*the story of the Ingall's family is built of the values of family, community, truth and justice*". I would ask the question about the plight of the First Nation families that were forcefully displaced to allow what was one of the greatest snatch and grabs of land in the history of the world. What the Ingalls family were engaged in was far from just and had no respect for the First Nation Communities.

The Noble Laureate in Economic Thomas Piketty has shown that the control of land and property is the main way that wealth and power is accumulated over time to the detriment of most of society. Remember that we are that long in this country since "to Hell or to Connaught".

*Le meas,
Niall Kelly
Ardeen*



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 SUMMER MASS TIMES

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday: 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Adoration:

Adoration is held every Saturday morning after the 10am Mass from 10.30am to 11.30am unless there's a funeral.

Confessions:

After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting:

There will be **NO** Prayer Meeting until September.

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

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Tea/Coffee:

After 10am Mass will be held on **Tuesday mornings** for the Summer. *All welcome.*

AUGUST CHURCH GATE COLLECTION

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

NEXT Church Gate collection will be on

Sunday 16th August

before and after all Masses

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.

Legion of Mary:

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

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.

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

After Mass: Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions
8.50pm Benediction.

Home Visits Holy Communion:

If anyone who Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

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.

Bingo:

Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room.
Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm. *All welcome.*

Months Mind

Martha O'Toole, 22nd July 2026

Mam, one month has passed, since we said goodbye
Your beautiful smile and gentle presence
Are missed every single day
You are gone from our sight,
But you will live in our hearts forever.
Deeply missed by your loving family.



Anniversaries

Raymond Carey, 43 years away from home 30th July

Of our much loved son, brother, uncle and granduncle Ray. *Forever Young*
We think of you Ray as living
In the hearts of those you touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And you were loved so much
Its lonely here without your Ray
We miss you more each day
For life has never been the same
Since you went away
To your resting place I visit
Place flowers there with care
But no knows the heartache
When I turn and leave you there
My Ray with a heart of gold
Today, tomorrow my whole life through
I will always love and remember you
From your heartbroken Mam, brothers, sisters, nephews and nieces. xxxxx



Mary Christal, 4th Anniversary, 23rd July

Deep in our hearts you will always stay
Loved and remembered every day.
Always remembered by your loving husband Jack, son Mark, daughter in law Mary, grandchildren Jack, Ellen and Hugh. xxxxxx



James Mulligan Redmond, 2nd Anniversary



For our beautiful son James.

Two years have passed
since you went away,
We think of you every single day.
Your beautiful smile and precious face,
Are memories time can never erase.
You loved your trains and Winnie the Pooh and being a big brother meant the world to you. The love and joy you brought each day, are memories that

never fade away.

We hold you close within our hearts and there you will forever stay.

Loved beyond measure, missed forever, your Mammy, Daddy and brother Ryan.

Our best boy James, forever ours.

**Mass at Trinity Church, Bunclody,
Sunday 2nd August at 11.30am.**

Kathleen (Nee Curry) Fitzgerald, 45th Anniversary, 3rd August

Late Dodsboro Lucan

Memory Lane is a beautiful place,
Where thoughts and love are true
Again and again we travel that lane
Just to be with you
Remembering our Mam at this time with love daughter Bernie, son Bo and families

Jean Fox, 2nd Anniversary, 4th August

Your watch still sits beside the bed
Your nightgown on the door
I often smell your perfume
Then remember you're not there.
Together for so many years, you live on in my heart.
Keep watching out and guiding me
So we will never be apart.
Your loving husband Dessie x

Lucky children that we had our mother as a friend,
To talk and laugh and cry with right to the very end.
You were our safe place through the years
Your presence made things right
A loving smile, a gentle word our trusted guiding light.
Your loved and missed everyday *Ma.*
Karen (Breedra), Lisa (Andy), Kevin (Rachel), Joe (Gerry) xxxxxxxx

Two years ago you closed your eyes
Your heart it came to rest
Before you left you prepped us all
To give the world our best
So each new day we try to be
As kind and strong as you
Working hard to live good lives
And make you proud too.
Sending hugs into the sky, *Nanny*
Laurajane, Daniel, Craig, Nikki and Kelsie xxxxx

As we think of you today, a little prayer to Jesus say.
Sadly missed by Stella, Brian and family.

Gone are the days we used to share
But in my heart you are always there
The gates of memories will never close
I miss you more than anyone knows
With love and deep regret
We who love you will never forget.

Irene O'Grady, 3rd Anniversary, 31st July

At a time of mourning, we often feel that we are distant from those we love. Actually, they are united with us now more than ever before. They are really much closer to us because now they live in the fullness of God. No more do they know the restraints of the human condition. Now they are able to love with a deeper and fuller love, a love that is enriched by God's own love.

NO, death does not separate us from those we love. It deepens our union with God and with each other.
Michael

Birthday Remembrances

Gerard Carey, 22nd July

Another birthday away from home
Birthday remembrance of our much loved son,
brother, dad, uncle **Ger**.

Forever Young

To lose a fine and precious son and brother
Whether man or boy
Deprives the heart of all its warmth
And life of so much joy
But each year on this special day
We celebrate your birth
And treasure every moment
That you were here on earth
We took those days for granted Ger
And never dreamt or thought
That all our lives would change so much
And yours would be so short
But now we must remember Ger
That although the tears may fall
The son and brother we'll miss forever
Brought sunshine to us all.

'Happy Birthday Sweetheart'

*Always loved and missed Mam, brothers
and sisters. Love you forever. xxxxx*



Shane Carey, 43rd Birthday, 2nd August

Birthday remembrance of our much loved
son, brother, dad, uncle and grand uncle **Shane**.

Forever Young

Remembering all the happy times Shane
And the feeling of good cheer
When we all celebrated your birthday
The days when you were here
We think of all those special memories
Of the birthdays spent with you
Your smile lives on for ever
And your voice I often hear
So on this special day we will celebrate and cheer of a
loving son, dad and brother we all love very much
Happy Birthday Shane, I hope you are partying up
there with them all.

*Love you forever son, your heartbroken Mam, your
daughters Zoe, Keish and Nicole, bothers and sisters.
Love you forever xxxxxx*



Jemmers Condron

Happy Heavenly Birthday to my loving husband
Jemmers. We miss you every single day
*From your wife Philomena (Philo),
sons Paul and Jay and extended family.*



Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan

Mass for the Dead Will be celebrated on

Sunday 30th August At 3pm (Weather permitting)

For the blessing of graves - We ask families to bring a
small container of Holy Water
Holy Water will be available at the Altar

*Cemetery Collection will be in aid of St Francis
Hospice Blanchardstown*



Happy Holidays! We wish
all our Readers a safe and
relaxing holiday time this
year. Hopefully many of you
will get to take in some
heritage events over the next
few weeks.

We'll be back after the break for Sunday 30th
August.

We send special good wishes and a big **THANK
YOU** to **Rosaleen Murphy** who has been
sending the weekly Citizens Information notes in
for more years than we care to remember.
Rosaleen is passing the baton over to some new
people, and we look forward to hearing from
them in our next issue.

World Cup done and dusted! The final turned
out to be a bit of a damp squib, but we watched to
the end.

Wild Teasel



Have you spotted the **Wild Teasel** on the Old
Celbridge Road, just beside the N4 bridge, on the
left as you come from Lucan to Millstream Road?

It is a plant of historical significance, drawing
great admiration in the months of July and August
for its wonderful purple blossom. It became
really valuable when the colour was gone and it
was left in a bristly state as in the picture here.

The Tuck Mills used these prickly heads to tease
the surface of finished cloth, by brushing them
against the material to form a nap. Can you
imagine the state of the workers' hands!

We believe that the nearest Tuck Mill to here was
on the Mill Lane in Leixlip, while this particular
site was home to Dodsboro Corn Mill owned by
Mrs. Davis, back in the 1800's.

Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee

The Committee asks local residents for written submissions against rezoning of St. Edmundsbury Lands

On Tuesday, 16th June, Lucan residents came together in peaceful protest to voice their strong objection to the proposed rezoning of the historic lands at St. Edmundsbury. The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee, led by local advocates Julieann Byrne, Lesley Jenkins, and Rachel Tuohy successfully mobilised over 1,000 concerned community members in unity to say no to the rezoning of sacred lands at St. Edmundsbury. With the support of local councillors Helen Farrell and Liona O'Toole, TD Paul Gogarty, local businesses, school children, parents and grandparents all took to the Village Green to communicate that, enough is enough.

On Friday 19th June, the councillors of the South Dublin County Council (SDCC) voted against the rezoning, however the process is now at its next stage, with a second round of public consultation and the Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee needs your help!

On Wednesday 15th July, Save St Edsmundsbury Protest Committee co-founder Rachel Tuohy confirmed "A phenomenal 1800 submissions against this proposed rezoning were received by SDCC. This and all of our public efforts made a huge impact. However, the process is at the next stage, a second round of public consultation. We need to let the council know how much we support keeping St Edmundsbury as High Amenity land. A few pointers for your submissions; state that you agree/support retaining St Edmundsbury as high amenity lands and give your reasons.

We recommend referencing compliance with the National Planning Framework (NPF) that seeks to enhance amenity, preserve heritage, transition to a climate resilient society. Green infrastructure aligns with the NPF's focus on biodiversity, climate action, natural capital. Development would sever ecological corridors and damage the landscapes integrity. The NPF emphasises the importance of high-quality "sense of place" and community well-being. We would advise to avoid leading with transport or infrastructure deficits. This won't carry the same weight as

arguments based on the environment, biodiversity, recreational amenity and open green space. Please get your submissions in as soon as you can, every submission counts!"

Councillor Liona O'Toole agreed stating, "The submission doesn't have to be as detailed as last time. This round is really about supporting the proposed amendments to the plans. I think the biggest challenge this time will simply be encouraging more people to make submissions/observations. In particular, I'd encourage support for St. Edmundsbury, Finnstown Castle and the amendment requiring DART+ West to be operational and not just commenced before Adamstown West can proceed. Although the 1,000 units haven't been removed from the Adamstown West plans the Chief Executive has noted that making DART+ West operational as a condition could delay delivery of those homes. In my view that simply strengthens the message to Government that funding needs to be released now so DART+ West can be delivered. We really need as many submissions as possible on the Adamstown-related amendments." Councillor Liona O'Toole welcomed participation stating, "with it being holiday season getting people to engage will be a bigger challenge than last time. As always I'm here to help if anyone needs assistance."

The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee is now urging all concerned Lucan residents to take stand together again and make their submission before the deadline on 5th August 2026.

To make your submission visit:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-material-alterations-proposed-variation-no-2-south-dublin-county-development-plan-2022-2028>





AONTAS Choir volunteering in the Philippines



Encountering **Fr Shay Cullen** who is an Irish Missionary Society of St Columban and Founder of the Preda Foundation since 1974.

Photos below and across with stories to tell on return from the AONTAS Volunteering journey to the Philippines where the sharing of cultures and experiences are enjoyed by all concerned.

If any parishioners would like to follow the Aontas Choir while volunteering in the Philippines, all can be seen on Instagram and Facebook by simply searching for Aontas Choir.
See attached QR code for our Instagram.



@AONTASCHOIR



“We Are Wonderfully Made” — St. Mary’s Youth Choir at the ICMA Summer School 2026

At the beginning of July, the senior girls from St. Mary’s Youth Choir, Lucan, enjoyed an unforgettable day at the Irish Church Music Association Summer School, held in the historic surroundings of Maynooth College. Filled with music, prayer, friendship, and a few magical surprises, the day beautifully reflected the Summer School’s theme: “We Are Wonderfully Made.”

The girls were honoured to lead Morning Prayer for Youth Day, bringing confidence, reverence, and joy to the liturgy. Natalia offered a stunning rendition of Faithful Shepherd, a brand-new hymn by composer Ciarán Coll — who was present for the performance. Afterward, Natalia had the chance to meet him, and he shared that this was the first-ever public performance of his hymn. A special moment for both singer and composer. Naomi and Sadhbh led the psalm response with poise and clarity and Shikka lifted the chapel with a beautifully sung Alleluia.

During the reflection, Aoife Daly, who led morning prayer, was supported by Aisling and Jennifer as she guided everyone through the well-known “Rocks, Pebbles, Sand” story — a powerful reminder about priorities.

Aoife used the classic metaphor to illustrate how we should fill our lives:

- The rocks represent the most important things — faith, family, health, purpose.
- The pebbles are meaningful but secondary — hobbies, work, commitments.
- The sand is everything small and easily replaceable — distractions, minor tasks.

If you fill your jar with sand first, there’s no room for the rocks. But if you place the rocks first, everything else can settle around them. It was a fitting reflection for Youth Day, encouraging everyone to focus on what truly matters.

Throughout the day, the girls took part in a variety of choral workshops, learning new repertoire, vocal techniques, and liturgical approaches that will enrich parish celebrations throughout the year.

They were delighted to meet Sr. Marie Dunne, whose music they have sung many times at Mass in Lucan. When they told her this, she was genuinely thrilled — and even promised to visit St. Mary’s some Sunday when her music is part of the liturgy.

It also happened to be Natalia’s birthday, and the ICMA community made sure it was celebrated in style. Renowned organist Trevor Clarke led a magnificent rendition of Happy Birthday, sung by all present. The hall rang with music, laughter, and applause — a moment Natalia will never forget.

Evening Prayer, led by Mary Dee, brought the day to a reflective close. In keeping with the theme of the summer school, each participant received a small tag and was invited to write something they appreciated about themselves — a gesture of gratitude for the gifts God has placed within each person.

These tags were then placed on a tree before the altar, creating a beautiful symbol of community, individuality, and shared faith.

The day ended with dinner in Pugin Hall, where the girls enjoyed great food and the excitement of bringing home a whole collection of new music to enrich St. Mary’s liturgical celebrations in the months ahead.

The girls had a wonderful time and are deeply grateful to everyone at the ICMA for making the experience so special. A heartfelt thanks goes out to our wonderful PP Fr. Bill, whose support and encouragement made it possible for the choir to attend again this year.

*Aideen Cooney
St. Mary’s Youth Choir Director*



The girls met Marie Dunne at the ICMA!!

The Restructuring or De-Greening of Lucan Village

Background: Since the publication of last week's article on the recent development in Lucan Village, there has been a response from the people in the Parish. The breakdown in the response of those who gave an opinion is as follows:

Members of the public who Approve of development 30%.

Members of the public who do not Approve is 70%.

Discussion: The current condition of the stonework due to staining is a major cause for concern; one person remarked that the stonework is impractical. The staining has increased with time and usage of the facility. None of the larger, more prominent stains have been removed to date. It is hoped there is a chemical solution to cleaning them.

How has this structure been built and on completion have an apparent majority that does not approve of it?

A possible reason is because during the planning and "public consultative process" the people did not know how it would look, after completion, hence the reaction after completion. The SDCC placed colored pictures around the site during construction, but this provided inadequate information.

If a "three-dimensional model" of the site had been made and displayed, the residents would have had a much better knowledge of the design, appearance and condition on completion. They would have had a much more informed position to respond to the SDCC proposal at the "consultative stage".

This was an error and is a lesson that should not be repeated in other villages and places throughout the state. A three-dimensional display model at the site would have better revealed the design deficiencies at the earlier consultative stage.

Conclusions: Apart from the staining of the limestone problem which to date has gone unresolved, there remains the coldness of the stone and the necessity to provide a warmer appearance.

Recommendation:

The fitment of wood effect tiles would provide a warmer appearance; this would provide a surface that would be easier to clean following the normally expected stains due to public usage.

Liam Murray



Primrose Hill Gardens

Open daily 2pm – 6pm
during Heritage Week
August 15th to 23rd

The gardens have lots of colour with many unusual plants, and scenic walks surrounding a Georgian house attributed to James Gandon, Architect.



Adults: €6. Children Free

ACRE
project

A COMMUNITY RETHINKING
ITS ENVIRONMENT

Salesian College, Maynooth Rd, Celbridge

info@acreproject.com

Lawn Bowling is open for new membership

It's a wonderfully social group and a great way to spend time outdoors, meet people, and enjoy a relaxed afternoon or evening.



People's Art & Craft Fair

Lucan

in

Church of Ireland

Parish Centre

Main Street,
Lucan

Saturday 5th &
Sunday 6th
September
12pm - 6pm



Please come along,
support local Artists and Crafters,
enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust

Fees for both days for Artists 6ft Stand €60,

Crafters 6ft table €60

Contact: peoplesartlucan@gmail.com

Lucan Library – August Events

Closed for the August bank holiday from Saturday 1st August until Monday 3rd August inclusive.



Please Note: My Open Library service will not be in operation on Monday 3rd August due to service upgrades.

Please Note:

All events and activities are free of charge.
All events are subject to change, but we will try to keep changes to a minimum.
To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required. Booking through Eventbrite is essential for all events. Tickets are available exactly a week before the event.
Please cancel if you can no longer attend. Non-attendance without cancellation may affect your ability to book future events with SDCC Libraries.

Summer Stars Reading Challenge:

Register to get your reading card to track progress and once completed submit it and win a lucky dip prize.

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Storytime Every Monday in August 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.

Summer Stars Storytime & Craft Thursday 6th, 20th, 27th August 3pm. Suitable for 6+ yrs.

New Teen Book Club Tuesday 18th August 4-5pm. Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Please register at the library desk.

End of Summer Stars Reading Challenge Celebration Saturday 22nd August Mad Hatter's Magic and Mayhem. Enter a world where everyone gets to be magical in this show about imagination and fun.



Children's Events in Lucan Library:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Board Games Club Every Friday in August 2:30-3:30pm. Suitable for Ages 9+

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group Friday 7th and 21st August at 10.00am. Meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Children's Toy and Book Swap Saturday 8th August 1pm. All welcome.

Reflexology for Babies and Parents Wednesday 12th August 10am

Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs Thursday 13th August 3.30pm – 4.30pm.

A fun arts and crafts session.

Musical Tots Saturday 15th August at 10:30am.

Family Movie Screening: The Lion King.

Wednesday 19th August. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

STEAM Freeplay session Saturday 29th August 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.



Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. **Friday 14th August at 10am.**
Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 28th August from 12noon-2.00pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Self-led session suitable for babies and young children.

STEAM: Microbits workshop for Teens

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th August 2:30pm.

Suitable for ages 12 to 17. Join us for a relaxed social event designed for teens with additional needs/autism. Learn how to code in a supportive, low-pressure environment.

Adult Events in Lucan Library

Regular Events:

No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

Lucan Library Knitters Club Every Monday 10am – 12pm (Meeting Tues 4th August due to the bank holiday)

Poet's Perch Tuesday 4th August 6pm

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group

Thursdays 13th & 27th August from 10am – 12pm

“What's the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 15th August 12pm – 1.45pm. A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club Tuesday 25th August from 5.30.

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle

Wednesday, 12th August 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm, meet the second Wednesday of each month. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. A safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 13th August 6:30pm. Swap jigsaws/puzzles, meet and chat with likeminded people.

English Conversation Group Wednesday 5th August 11am – 12.30 and Thursday 27th at 6.00pm.

For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Will take a break for August and meet again in September. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.

EXHIBITIONS



**The Blue Max Exhibition –
23rd July – 22nd August.**

Lucan Library *Cont'd.....*

Additional Adult Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Video Game creation workshop for 16+
Wednesday 5th August 6pm. please bring own laptop.



Coding workshop suitable for 16+
Monday 10th & 24th August 6pm

NEW: Ciorcal comhrá 5th to 26th August every Wednesday 2:30-3:30pm our new casual Irish language conversation circle. Running for 8 weeks over summer it is suitable for everyone. All welcome!

Heritage Week Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Talk on Luttrellstown Castle

Monday 17th August 6:30pm

The Luttrellstown estate, in Clonsilla, has been in existence since the early 1200s. From the Luttrells to the Guinneses, learn about the occupants (and guests!) of this very famous castle. Luttrellstown has evolved over 800 years, but the castle still displays the imprint of its previous owners. Christine Moore is the founder of the Clonsilla & Poterstown Heritage Society (CPHS), which aims to promote the natural and built heritage of Clonsilla. Organiser of the annual Clonsilla Heritage Festival, Christine is passionate about local history. For the past 2 years she has been the historian in Luttrellstown Castle.

Tracing your Irish Police Ancestors

Tuesday 18th August 6:30pm

Jim Herlihy is a retired member of An Garda Síochána, having served 36 years in the force. Jim is a Fellow of the Genealogical Society of Ireland, a founder member of the Garda Síochána Historical Society and a committee member of the Historical and Reconciliatory Police (HARP) Society. Irish police history has been a life-long interest, and he has just published his tenth book on Irish police forces and maintains a collection over 21,000 Irish police-related photographs.

Talk on Trams Thursday 20th August 6:30pm



Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining our book clubs - new members welcome!



Monday Lunchtime Book

Club: Monday 31st August at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 26th August at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book

Club: Break for August and will

meet again in September at the new time of Monday 21st September 6:45pm.



1st to 6th September 2026

Tuesday 1st

10.30 am: Shackleton's Mills visit.

6.30 pm: "Lucan Dairies" Illustrated Talk, Lucan Library.

Tuesday 1st to Thurs 3rd

7pm: Chess Tournament
Ballyowen Community Centre



Wednesday 2nd

10 am: Present day Primary students meet their predecessors, Presbyterian Church

2.30 pm: Historical walk, through Village

7.30 pm: Lucan Drama Open Mic Night, Courtneys

8.00pm: Ceili/Irish Night,
St Andrews Parish Centre.

Thursday 3rd

10.30 am: Shackleton's Mills visit

6.30 pm: "Linen & Iron Mills of Lucan"
Illustrated Talk, Lucan Library

Friday 4th

10 am: Present day Primary students meet their predecessors. Presbyterian Church.

Saturday 5th

12.30 to 9.30 pm: Lucan House Grounds
Fund raising event with bands, Chinese lions, birds of prey, dinosaurs, face painting, local history exhibition, local groups, Food Fair.

FIREWORKS



Sunday 6th

12.00 to 5.30pm:

Garda Station Open Day,
Pet Farm, Puppet Show, Face Painting, Kiddies
Road Train, Entertainers, Musical Stage,
Model Railway Exhibition, Griffioen Duck Race,
International and Irish Food Stalls
Craft Stalls, Local groups.
Liffey Sound Broadcasting
Bouncy Castles and Monster Slide

MAIN STREET VILLAGE

Look out on Facebook for when to apply for a place on the tours of Shackletons Mills in about 2 week's time.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 16th July lotto jackpot of €15,400. The numbers drawn were **13, 81, 24 & 28. Lucky dips** go to Caitriona Murphy, Michelle Armstrong, Elizabeth Eastwood, John O'Mahony, Carol Hickey. This week's Lotto on Thursday 23rd July will be for a jackpot of €15,800. This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Frank Fleming. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Summer Camps

Our Summer Camps are well under way now and the boys and girls have been treated with some great weather to make it even more enjoyable for both them and our coaches.

We still have spaces available for our upcoming Irish Camp with registration closing this Friday 24th July. Sign up now to avoid disappointment. As always thank you to our camp sponsor Keane Windows for their continued support.

Hurling Championship

It was a positive opening weekend for our adult hurlers, with three wins from four championship games. Our Senior Hurlers got their campaign off to the perfect start with a hard-fought 3-10 to 1-14 victory over Ballyboden St Enda's in Parnell Park on Saturday evening. In a fiercely contested encounter, the lads showed great character to come out on top and take the opening championship points. There were also excellent wins for both our Junior A and Junior B teams, who overcame Faughs and Kilmacud Crokes respectively to make it a successful weekend for the club.

Our Intermediate Hurlers battled throughout but were ultimately beaten by Fingallians, losing out by five points despite a determined performance. Attention now turns to another busy weekend of championship action, with all four teams back in action as they continue their group campaigns. We wish every team the very best of luck.

Get out and support the lads as they continue their championship journey

Results: 17/07/26. Lucan Sarsfields 1-21 V 3-11 Kilmacud Crokes. 18/07/26. Lucan Sarsfields 3-10 V 1-14 Ballyboden St. Endas. 18/07/26. Lucan Sarsfields 2-15 V 2-20 Fingallians. 19/07/26. Lucan Sarsfields 2-26 V 1-19 Faughs.

Hurling Fixtures: Friday 24 /07. Lucan Sarsfields V Ballyboden, St.Endas. 7.30 Ballycullen. Saturday 25/07. Lucan Sarsfields V Cuala, 3.30pm. Parnell Park. 25/07. Lucan Sarsfields V Na Fianna. 6.30pm. St Mobh Road. 26/07. Lucan Sarsfields V Castleknock. 11am. Somerton Park.



Dublin Ladies Football

Commiserations to the Dublin Senior Ladies Football team, who saw their All-Ireland Championship journey come to an end with defeat to Kerry in last weekend's semi-final.

Lucan Sarsfields was once again proudly represented at the highest level, with Abby Shiels, Sophie McIntyre and Siobhán Bernie all part of the Dublin playing squad, while Paul Casey continued in his role as Joint Manager.

While the result wasn't the one everyone had hoped for, representing club and county on the All-Ireland stage is a tremendous achievement. We are incredibly proud of Abby, Sophie, Siobhán and Paul for their dedication, commitment and the manner in which they represented both Dublin and Lucan Sarsfields throughout the campaign.

Well done on a fantastic season, and we look forward to seeing you back in the green of Lucan in the weeks ahead.

Free Therapy for Men – Fully Funded Support Now Available

MyMind, in partnership with the HSE, is offering six free counselling sessions to men aged 18 years and over living in Ireland.

Get support for issues like stress, anxiety, depression, burnout, relationships, and more.

The initiative is fully funded by the HSE as part of additional investment in men's mental health and is now available through self-referral, meaning no GP or healthcare professional referral is required.

GAA Regional Youth Forum

The National GAA Youth Committee are extending an invitation to young people aged 12 – 21 years to attend a Regional GAA Youth Forum. The forum is open to all Gaelic game's members from the GAA, LGFA and Camogie Association. The day will include a mix of chat, debate, discussion and craic! Led by the National GAA Youth committee those in attendance will be encouraged to share their opinions and experiences of Gaelic games, both on and off the pitch.

Conversations with Leaders

Conversations with 2026–2027, a free leadership programme that brings together men from diverse backgrounds to learn, reflect and grow together. Over six months, participants will develop practical leadership skills, strengthen their wellbeing, and build supportive networks while exploring equality, inclusion and community action. Whether you're already leading in your community or looking to become more involved, applications are open until 16 August 2026. To apply, complete the online application form at <https://mensnetwork.ie/newconversations-with-leaders/> or email sara@mensnetwork.ie if you have any questions.

**Thank You for supporting
Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**

Extra Advantage with Metro Dart

If Metro Dart is successful, all rail lines in Ireland will have direct access to Dublin Airport and around Dublin. This will change transport movements throughout Ireland and will maximise the use of rail to its full potential, for work, leisure and access to all big events of sport, music and festivals. Now it can have another great advantage due to extra trains for early flights to Dublin Airport.



Due to train requirements for early flights, more working facilities will become available for some workers to avail of these early trains along with twenty-four-hour bus services for access to early working. The attraction for these early starts will be early finishes. This will extend the peak travel times throughout the day. This will create a shift working pattern with peak movements spread more evenly throughout the day reducing traffic congestion during the short peak times at present.

It will ease traffic congestion on M50 and on all major roads into Dublin. With easier access around Dublin by linking up the full rail network will attract more to use public transport. This a great opportunity to make best use of rail and it should not be missed by linking up all the rail lines directly with just one line in the best location benefiting all Dublin, the city centre and all areas of Ireland with access to rail.

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Griffeen Junior Parkrun

Join us at Griffeen Valley Park **every Sunday morning at 9.30am** for a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).



Register at www.parkrun.ie before you first come along to get your individual barcode and bring this along each week to scan and receive your finish time. The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

For more information or to volunteer just

Email griffeenjuniors@parkrun.com

and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and news.

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Basilica at the International Eucharistic Shrine in Knock on Saturday 18th July

This was a wonderful occasion celebrating the endeavours of Monsignor James Horan and his many teams who planned and constructed a shelter for the thousands of pilgrims who flocked to Knock each week and continue to do so decades later.



It was a brave plan in the 1970s when making ends meet was a challenge for the people of the time. However, it was all made possible through faith, hard work, fund raising with all being rooted in the provision of best service to pilgrims. Fr Richard Gibbons is equally brave in more recent times by upgrading the Basilica so that it is maintained and developed in a manner which respects sacred worship and each of the thousands of people who come to rest in God's healing company.

The day of celebration in Knock started with an hour of sharing of memories of the construction of the Basilica with particular respect given to the men who carried the labour with faithfulness and creativity. Due acclaim was also given to Monsignor Horan and his family, to the many priests who followed since his time and to Fr Richard Gibbons who works tirelessly and with great focus relevant to current times. The clergy have always worked alongside skilled and dedicated teams of staff and volunteers who engage for the good of every single pilgrim.

As always, the Eucharist was central to the day of celebration led by chief celebrant Archbishop Francis Duffy and concelebrated by a large number of priests from many diocese' and countries with a gathering of people that filled the Basilica to capacity.

There are many lessons found in the history of the Basilica with that of the strength of determination to do that right thing by others being key! It started from Monsignor Horan's observation of the suffering of pilgrims in illness and against the elements of the western weather. It started with compassion and empathy. When we allow the experiences of one another touch our hearts and direct our services, great things can happen!

POLITICAL NOTES

Cllr. Caroline Brady, Fine Gael, Peace Commissioner

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Thank you to the Newsletter Team for the excellent work they do throughout the year keeping us informed and connected, and to readers for your continued support. I wish the newsletter team a well-deserved break and look forward to the newsletter's return. Enjoy the summer everyone.

Upcoming Council Meetings: Below are the dates for the September County Council meetings. If there is an issue you would like raised at Council, please contact me before the submission deadline:

County Council Meeting: 14th September, deadline 31st August.

Local Community Safety Partnership: 18th September, deadline 31st August.

Traffic Management Meeting: 22nd September, deadline 28th August.

Lucan Area Committee Meeting: 22nd September, deadline 8th September.

Speed Limit Review: Public consultation expected in August. Contact me with your concerns or locations for review. Councillors will decide on proposed speed limit bye-laws in October.

Minister Emer Higgins TD, Fine Gael

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Miscarriage Leave: Delighted to see this important legislation move forward, which will provide greater support and compassion for women and families experiencing the heartbreak of pregnancy loss. Supporting families during difficult times is really important.

Back-To-School-Grants: Applications for the Back-to-School Clothing and Footwear Allowance are open until 30th September. Eligible families can receive €160 for children aged 2–11 and €285 for children aged 12–22 (returning to full-time second-level education). The payment is means-tested and available to those on qualifying social welfare, employment, or training schemes. Household income limits apply.

Thank You: A sincere thank you to all at Lucan Newsletter for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. As the publication takes a summer break, I want to acknowledge their commitment to keeping the community informed and connected.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent, Peace Commissioner

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Promenade Delay; Again! SDCC informed me that Lucan Village promenade is now unlikely to open until end August. 100% unacceptable! Councillors were promised its completion by end May, then end July! With Lucan Festival weekend 4 September, and Liffey Descent 19 September, I've made it clear to SDCC that it has to be open before these crucial dates.

One Last Push to Save St. Edmundsbury:

We are almost there- but we urgently need your help. Councillors voted against rezoning St. Edmundsbury (+Finnstown), but that decision now needs your support in writing. Send your submission via the SDCC Consultation Portal, or use my templates at www.helenfarrell.com. Paul Gogarty TD and I will also hold a drop-in clinic, Saturday 25th 10.00am–12.30pm, Starbucks (Woodies), with templates ready for YOU to sign.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole, Independent, Peace Commissioner

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Your Independent Voice!

Lucan Continues to See Significant Activity!

Consultation: The public consultation on the Material Alterations to Variation No. 2 of the South Dublin County Development Plan remains open until 5 August 2026. I encourage everyone to review the proposals, make a submission as every individual submission counts.

Love Lucan: The new Love Lucan campaign is now visible throughout the village with colourful signs celebrating and promoting our fantastic local businesses. Please support local by shopping, dining and using the excellent services available in Lucan.

Roadworks: Many residents are also experiencing disruption from ongoing roadworks. Current utility and infrastructure works are expected to continue into early August with the final section on Newcastle Road scheduled for completion apart from the final resurfacing. For regular updates on local news follow my social media pages Facebook, Instagram, TikTok – all @cllrlionaotoole.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

After we went to print last week Joe sent us some more photos from Tallinn including one of an old glass plate camera, not exactly a portable “point and shoot” which can be found in the city’s Photography Museum housed in a former medieval prison.



He also sent us a photo of the 18th century Kadriorg Palace in that city constructed by Peter the Great as a summer residence for his wife Catherine. When Peter the Great died Catherine lost interest in the place. Over the centuries the palace has fallen into disrepair from time to time but has been restored since independence in 1991.

A final photo from Joe is of the harvest in the grounds of St. Edmundsbury looking towards the Dublin Mountains taken last Saturday evening.



Eoin found an interesting fungus on a tree near his house and Kay sent us some more photos of flowers from her garden. Re the fungus neither Eoin nor myself have been able to identify it. However, it’s worth remembering that the world of fungi is wonderfully complex, and not every mushroom spells doom for our beloved trees. Many fungi are fantastic partners for them!

Finally, we would welcome new members but bear in mind that we are not a formal camera club but a group of people who like to take photographs and discuss how we might improve our photography. If interested drop in to the Parish Centre any Friday after we resume in September between 10.30 and 11.30 without commitment.

Stay safe until the next issue of the Newsletter!