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The Heart & Mindset of Volunteers!

A huge number of the voluntary activities which occur in our parishes and villages are run by people who are retired. I see this in the parish centres in Lucan and Palmerstown, where I have direct contact and know the same to be true in every other place also. Many had originally intended to 'take it easy' on retirement, but after a little time doing so, wished to step into something which provided a purpose and function in daily living. Some seek employment in an organisation or activity which connects with personal interest.

Considering the generally increased longevity and good health, retirement has changed for many, if not most. The retirement moment is a stepping out into a gap in life to look at a completely new set of possible routes for the next phase of life. For some, there is a real choice and for others they fall into responsibilities not necessarily chosen. One thing which becomes very clear, at this stage, is how short life is and how important it is to live every moment well and intentionally!

We are very fortunate that so many retired people volunteer so much time and highly valuable skills to keeping the engine of parish and community working like clockwork. Skills and interests honed through personal interest or professional work experience are pumped into all communities making much needed services available to us all.

Most who volunteer in latter years, were also volunteering in younger years and even in childhood and I include myself in that number. Volunteering provides an opportunity to be a real part of one's community and to have a safe landing of supportive friendship at times in life that can be challenging. It is different to the workplace, as while it becomes a place of work of a different nature, it is very much about connection with people and bringing one's own personality and passion into a nurturing place.

Recently, the wonderful celebration of the Special Olympics took place. This was all organised and managed by volunteers and happened so efficiently and gracefully, that only the Olympians took pride of place in all coverage. The glory of the volunteers was in seeing the smiling faces of the participants. The joy of the volunteers was sharing in the teamwork that made great things possible for thousands of Olympians.

Volunteering at the heart of one's community is a joy and one that I would wish for all to experience. Friendship grows along with opportunity for social experiences that can keep one from being overcome by clouds of any form through which one might walk at times in life. Volunteerism, like being able to sing in a choir or play an orchestral instrument, provides one with an easy link into any community in which one finds oneself. I would wish that every young person would find a way of volunteering to experience the joy it is and to nurture a mindset which brings them to expect to be part of some community, particularly local community, throughout life.

*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

Finished your Leaving Cert? See our Leaving School guide

If you're finishing your exams and you're not sure of your next step, our Leaving School 2026 guide can help.

The guide is packed with practical information about life after school, including:

Starting a job for the first time

Taking a year out

Finding somewhere to live

Health services and sexual wellbeing

College and further education options

How to apply for college

Student grants and supports

Where to find apprenticeships

Whether you already have a plan or you're still weighing up your options, this guide can help you make informed choices about your future.

You can read and download our Leaving School 2026 guide (pdf) on our website.

Applying for a Springboard+ course

I'm recently unemployed. Are there free courses I can take to upskill so I can return to work?

With Springboard+, you can do a free higher education course if you are unemployed and looking to return to work.

What courses can I take?

You can do part-time courses from Certificate (Level 6) to Master's degree (Level 9) on the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). There are also some full-time courses available. Courses include:

Information and communications technology (ICT); Medical technologies; Cyber security; Artificial intelligence

How do I know if I'm eligible for free courses?

You can apply for a free Springboard+ course if you are unemployed, actively seeking work and available to take up work.

You must also be getting a qualifying social welfare payment or be on an unemployment support scheme. Examples include Jobseeker's Benefit, Jobseeker's Allowance, One-Parent Family Payment, Disability Allowance, Community Employment, Rural Social Scheme, and more.

You can also apply if you're signing for social insurance credits, or if you're aged under 66 and you're a qualified adult on someone else's social welfare payment.

Are Springboard+ courses only available to unemployed people?

You can apply for a Springboard+ course if you're employed, but you must pay a 10% course contribution fee (except for Level 6 courses, which are free). You don't have to pay the 10% fee if you get the Working Family Payment (WFP), or if you're on a Community Employment Scheme.

You can also apply for a Springboard+ course if you are: A recent graduate (but only for ICT skills conversion courses and you must pay 10% of course fee); Returning to education or work after being a carer or homemaker; Updating your ICT skills

How do I apply for a course?

Applications for the 2026-2027 academic year are open. To apply, go to springboardcourses.ie, choose the course you're interested in and follow the instructions to apply online.

If you are getting a social welfare payment, you should contact your Intreo Centre or local Social Welfare branch office to check what steps you need to take (if any).

Read more about Springboard+ courses on <https://bit.ly/ReturningtoeducationwithSpringboard> or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

Reminder.....

Lucan Newsletter Annual Block Ads

Renewal Notices have been issued for our Annual Block Advertisements. (pages 8 and 13)

Thank you to those who have replied so far.

Please remember the cut-off date for renewal is **NEXT Thursday 9th July 2026**

Listen in!

Abiola Oyadina, known on air as **DJ Fantastico**, proves that passion has no limits.

Living with cerebral palsy and using a wheelchair daily, Abiola overcomes mobility and vision challenges to host his very own radio show a dream he has carried since childhood.

Join him for AO Dance Mix on **Liffey Sound 96.4FM**, every second Friday from 3pm to 3:30pm, and experience the music and motivation he brings to listeners across the community.



Primrose Hill Gardens

**Open daily 2pm – 6pm
for the entire month of June,
and the first 7 days of July**

Also during Heritage Week in August

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

Religious Education for Children Attending Non-Catholic Schools!

Religious Education Classes and Sacramental Registration for Catholic Children Attending non-Catholic Schools

There are many children attending non-Catholic schools whose parents wish that they receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.



In order to do so, the parish has set up Religious Education classes after the school day and on Sunday morning to provide the children/families with the necessary preparation.

It is necessary to participate in a six-year programme from 1st class to 6th class to do justice to the children in terms of preparing them well.

If any parent whose child is in any of the Educate Together schools and St Andrews NS in Lucan intends to present their child for the sacraments, please register for classes at www.lucanparish.com where a link is on the front page for easy access.

Registration for families attending CNS may be accessed at www.lucansouthparish.net via a link on the front page.

Any queries to sacraments@lucanparish.com

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: July 12th 2026

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa

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.

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment 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, or a bereavement of any kind. To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

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.

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 **Margo McCann**, Ardeevin.
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 13th July
Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

Invitation

The Members of
Aontas invite you to a
Special Mass of
Thanksgiving on



THIS Sunday 5th July 2026 at 7pm.

St. Mary's Church Lucan.

Celebrant: Bishop Paul Dempsey

This Mass is being offered in sincere gratitude for the kindness, generosity and support shown by the **Parishioners of St. Mary's/St. Patrick's** in helping them with their fundraising to enable them to travel to the Philippines. Your encouragement and assistance have meant so much to us, and we would be honoured by your presence as we come together in prayer and thanksgiving. We will have some hospitality after the Mass 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 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

Baptisms in St Patrick'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.

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

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.

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

Divine Mercy Food Bank: Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

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

Summer Dues

The Summer Dues collection has begun. Envelopes are available to contribute in Church porches.

The Summer Dues collection was initiated during the pandemic to maintain the Common Fund that supports the clergy. This support is still necessary.

Thank you for your generous support of the clergy throughout the year.

Anniversaries

May Finn (nee Dignam) 29th Anniversary

" Just to say we still remember you.
As near and dear as yesterday
Apple tarts and Rhubarb tarts
For ever in our hearts"
From your nieces, nephew and families



Thomas (Tom) Mc Morrow 8th Anniversary, 3rd July

Late of Sarsfield Park
What we would give if we could say
"Hello Dad" in the same old way
To hear your voice and see your smile
And sit with you and chat a while
Of all the gifts in life,
However big or small
To love you as our Dad
Was the greatest gift of all
*Loved and missed every day xx
Your loving wife Lena and children Breda,
David, Fiona, John, Stephen, Thomas and
Terence*



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Cemetery Sunday Esler, 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*

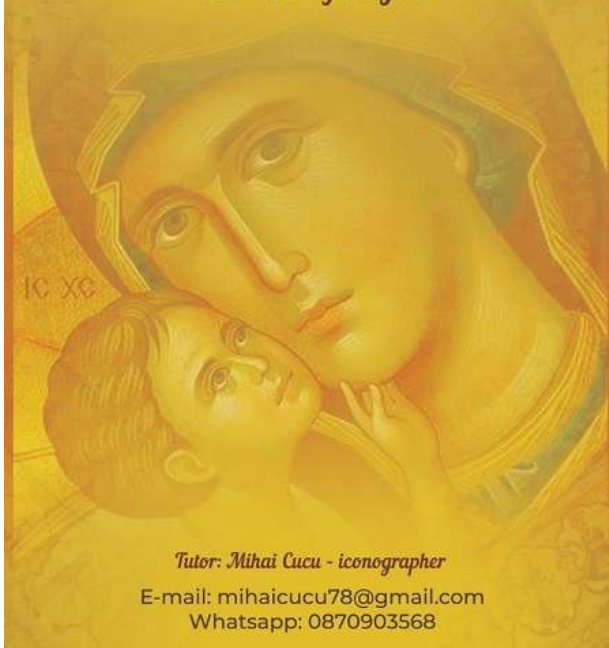


Byzantine Iconography course

using the traditional technique of egg-tempera & gold leafing

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan

10th - 16th of August



Tutor: Mihai Cucu - iconographer

E-mail: mihaicucu78@gmail.com
Whatsapp: 0870903568

An Irish Saint abroad – St. Kilian

Feast Day 8th July

Kilian Mbappe is one of the stars of the 2026 World Cup. Playing for France, it makes one wonder how he arrived at the name Kilian, which happens to be a popular Christian name all over Europe.

The name has its roots in Ireland. Kilian was born around 640 in Cloughbally, in Cavan, and studied at St. Fachtna's monastery in Rosscarbery, in Cork, later establishing his own monastery in Kenmare.

At Kenmare, he trained eleven others to help him in spreading Christianity outside Ireland. They sailed for Rome where they met Pope Conan, who sent them to Franconia in Germany, to convert all the pagans there. They settled in a place called Wurzburg, and successfully spread the gospel message, converting nobility and the ordinary people.

At some stage he had a disagreement with Duke Gosbert, who it seems married his brother's wife, and following this, Kilian and two of his monks, Colman and Totnan were beheaded, and buried secretly, only to be discovered at a much later date.

His relics are enshrined in Wurzburg Cathedral, and devotion to Kilian is widespread throughout Europe.



St. Kilian is the patron saint of the Diocese of Wurzburg, and also of wine growers, shepherds, those suffering from rheumatism, gout and diseases of the eye.

A statue of St. Kilian in Wurzburg.

Wurzburg is a city in the northern Bavarian region of Germany, and the Cathedral dedicated to St. Kilian is there for all to visit.



St. Kilian's Heritage Centre, at Mullagh, County Cavan, also welcomes pilgrims looking for information about the saint.



Where does the time go?

Into July already!
The lovely weather continues..... Make the best of it while it lasts.....

Things are getting serious in the World Cup now with

England just scraping through, and so many others gone home.....

And what about the Dubs! Didn't they do well against Galway on Sunday last. It's looking like it could be a blue summer....

Who's that in the long grass?



Looks like those Jacob Sheep are around again! Not always easy to spot them in the long grass of St. Catherine's....

LUCAN Festival



See the Battle of the Dinosaurs and the Chinese Lions on Saturday 5th September, in the grounds of Lucan House.

The Birds of Prey will also be there.

International Food Fair with lots of free samples to taste.

Great day in the grounds of Lucan House from 12.30pm to 10pm.

Admission €5. Children 12 and under free.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Last Friday, we were saddened to say goodbye to our friend, Martha O'Toole.



Martha was a valued and long time member of our Senior Citizens Club. She was a kind and stylish lady who enjoyed all the club activities.

We will miss her lovely smile and lovely colourful scarves.

May her gentle soul rest in peace.

Why Complicate Life?

Missing somebody?	Call.
Want to meet up?	Invite.
Want to be understood?	Explain.
Have questions?	Ask.
Don't like something?	Say it.
Like something?	State it.
Want or need something?	Ask for it.
Love someone?	Tell them.

CHARITY CAKE SALE

Sweet treats for a great cause!



**Join us at 1 Meadow View Grove
on Saturday 11th July, 11am–4pm**

Charity Cake Sale in aid of
The Gavin Glynn Foundation
and the incredible work they do for
children with cancer and their families.

**In memory of James Mulligan
Redmond**

Monster Raffle & Refreshments

Return to Education Programme

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 (with the exception of Spanish for Beginners). This can lead to QQI qualification.

The following subjects are available this term:

[Spanish for Beginners \(Afternoon 2-4pm\)](#)

[Irish for Beginners](#)

[Introduction to Computers Internet and Email](#)

[English and Communications](#)

[Career Planning](#)

[Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills](#)

[Web Design](#)

[Payroll](#)

[Customer Service](#)

[Bookkeeping](#)

[Behavioural Studies](#)

[Work Experience](#)



For more details, contact

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or call (01) 6283557.

A dip in the Archives - 1976

Population of Lucan was 12,451

St. Mary's Parish

(Still only one Lucan Parish)

In the first week of January, the Church collections were as follows:

Campaign Collection £470.95

Share Collection £45.25

St. Loman's Hospital for December £18.00

Editorial 11th January

Join the Planned Giving Campaign: As a consequence of the rapid growth in housing and the influx of many new families, the Church and boys Schools have been extended in the past two years; the work was just done in the nick of time. The cost has been moderate: the result is that there is a debt of £79,000. Almost at once a new school must be built at Beaumont to provide for the existing boys and girls who go to school from Hillcrest and Arthur Griffith Park: the site alone will cost over £40,000 and so the debt will be £120,000. With 3,500 families living here now, it is possible to get this debt down to tolerable interest rates. But every family should join in and aim at knocking out the debt in a five year period.

Lucan Priests were Very Rev. Donal Coughlan P.P., Rev Con O'Herlihy C.C., Rev. Tommy McCarthy C.C., and Rev. Liam Belton C.C.

Lucan Schools

St Mary's Presentation Convent N.S.

St. Mary's Boys N.S.

St. Andrew's Church of Ireland N.S.

St. Joseph's College Secondary School

Coláiste Pádraig CBS

11th Jan: There was very slow progress on the acquisition of a site for a 'Comprehensive School' in Lucan. A site at Willsbrook was being considered but there were drainage problems to overcome which could take up to five years to put right.

20th June: New Schools – Enrolment for the new Esker Schools will take place on 1st and 2nd July from 10am in the Parish Hall. Mrs. McKiernan is the Principal of the new

school. It will begin this year with three infant classes. The building this year will be a temporary one while the permanent 16 classroom school is being built.

Local Matters

Jan 11th: Graveyard - Dublin County Council "has acquired 5½ acres to extend Esker Cemetery".

18th Jan: Linear Park - There was an objective to "develop a linear park from Lucan Village to Leixlip Bridge between the River Liffey and the Lucan / Leixlip Road.

Playgrounds - Arthur Griffith and Sarsfield Park are to have playground equipment and landscaping.

7th Mar: Playing Pitches - "Two permanent playing pitches have now been provided at Dodsboro and it is intended that these be placed under the management of Lucan Community council. Two temporary pitches have been provided on the land at Esker South. The 22 acres of open space at this location which are in the ownership of Dublin Corporation are being maintained by the Council's Parks Department and it is understood that this land will be transferred into the Council's ownership shortly. The lands involved in the Esker North Compulsory Purchase Order are still under appeal to the High Court".

11th April: Traffic lights were ordered for the Celbridge / Leixlip Road junction, and would take 6 to 8 weeks to install. A "small piece of land" was required to facilitate the lights..... After related problems, it was hoped to have the lights running by the end of the year.

Lucan Bypass – Proposal submitted for a £2 million Lucan Bypass.

30th May: Traffic Signals at Chapel Hill - It was decided to take a traffic count during July 1976. Cllr. Gannon pointed out that July was unsuitable as the schools would be closed, and the count was moved to school term.

Over.....

13th June: Traffic Jams in Lucan – Last Friday week, 4th June, there was a traffic jam on the main road to the west: the cars and lorries and car-ferrying caravans were extending away back into Ballydowd. The exodus from Dublin to the country for the Whit weekend added to the confusion.....

20th June: Mass Bus - Dodsboro residents had a problem with C.I.E over the 12 o'clock Mass bus running too late for people going to the 12 o'clock Mass. It was hoped to get the 11.25am changed to 11.45am to enable the people to be in time for the 12 o'clock Mass.

25th June: Information Centre - Lucan Community Council mooted the idea of an Information Centre – where the Town Hall would be an ideal base.

29th August: Lucan Festival Week – all kinds of activities during the week.

26th Sept: Tidy Town results were out – Lucan scored 100 out of 150 marks.

3rd Oct: Hillcrest – as this estate is not yet in charge of the Council, the question of erecting a yield sign on the access road to Dodsboro Road has to be deferred.

24th Oct: Bus Shelter - Dodsboro residents in contact with C.I.E. regarding providing a bus shelter at the terminus in Dodsboro.

14th Nov: Permanent sites for Library in Lucan is not available but steps are being taken to erect a temporary library in Lucan.

14th Nov: Lucan / Newcastle Road – money has been set aside for the creation of a bus turning bay and provision of extra lighting at Hillcrest.

5th Dec: Library Facilities – It has become necessary due to the unsatisfactory condition of the Lucan Library and the inadequacy of the facilities there, to close the building pending the construction of a full time temporary library to serve the area. The existing library will close on Sat 4th December next.

Provision has been made in the estimates for the new building and tenders for the work are to be invited shortly. In the meantime, a mobile library service will be provided as from Sat 4th Dec and on each subsequent Saturday. The unit will be sited in the vicinity of the Church 9near the existing library) and will open from 10.3am to 1pm and from 2pm to 5pm on each Saturday.

Note:

The above items were gleaned from Editorials, Lucan Community Council notes, and from political notes.

Political contributors 1976 were:

Cllr. Michael Gannon Labour,
Cllr. Brian Fleming Fine Gael,
Senator Brian Lenihan Fianna Fáil,
Eamonn Tuffy (Labour),
Liam Lawlor (Fianna Fáil),
Matt Fitzpatrick (Sinn Féin).

Our Dáil Representatives in 1976

Ray Bourke FF, Mark Clinton FG, Justin Keating Lab, Sean Walsh FF.

Local Groups

Lucan Community Council had many hats! Apart from keeping an eye on local developments, which was no mean feat, they did Trojan work with our Community Games events. Joe Byrne, our present Festival Chairman, was P.R.O. for the group back then.

Lucan ICA celebrated their 10th Birthday – celebrating their 50th at the moment!

Lucan Drama Society were well established but experiencing difficulties and unable to produce a play in the past season. Their meeting room was on Main Street – “entrance at rear of new cake shop”. In May they put on “A Crucial Week in the Life of a Grocer’s Assistant” by Thomas Murphy, in The Ballroom of the Spa Hotel. A week later, their premises on Main Street was broken into by schoolboys and vandalised. Props and scripts were destroyed, slogans painted on walls etc. A stern letter from Ewan O’Flynn, addressed to parents of the vandals was published. **Cont’d over....**

Lucan Red Cross were thriving with wins in Inter unit Competitions – names involved were Linda Lowry, Breda McMorrow, Cora Lowry, Angela Finn, Karen Murray, Jaqueline Dunne, Brian Roberts and Joseph Keegan.

St. Mary's Youth Club renovated their premises at The Hollow, and held Discos that are still talked about today. They also had all the usual youth club events of the time.

Scouting – Both the 23rd Lucan Troop and the 48th Dublin (Lucan) Cup Pack had lots of activities reported for young lads.

Lucan Credit Union – registered its 1120th member in October of that year.

Music and Dancing – The Kinclare School of Music under the direction of Rosaleen Handibode taught music and had great success at Feis Maitiú, while The Sweeney School of Irish Dancing under the direction of Imelda Higgins, was in its early days.

The Grove Panoramic Cinema

(Formerly on the site of the present Ulster Bank)

Jaws 2 and The Godfather Part 2 were showing, also Carry on Cowboy. The Railway Children was a popular showing that year. Admission to the balcony was 60pence, and the stall would cost you 50pence.

Lucan Sports

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club – this was before the club had a place to call home, when Dodsboro provided their home pitches.

Dublin won the All Ireland v Kerry in 1976, and Goalkeeper Paddy Cullen was soon out in Lucan presenting medals to lots of little lads.

Lucan Pitch & Putt Club, Lucan Bridge Club, Lucan United, Grade Ten Canoe Club and Lucan Golf Club were the groups sending weekly reports.

Things worth a mention.....

• **Weekly Bingo** in the Parish Hall (old Boys School, now replaced by P.C. bungalow).

• **Non-Stop Draw** run weekly to raise funds for the Girls School. Prizes ranged from £1 to £10.

• **Sr. Michael's Babysitting Service** – Sr. Michael who taught Infant Classes in Primary School, organised a babysitting service minding small children during the 10, 11 and 12 Masses at St. Marys each Sunday. Based in the old Boys School, she was assisted by Gabriel Gleeson, Jacqueline Buggle, Geraldine O'Toole and Denise Brady.

• **Rent or buy your new Bush T.V.** in Colour or Black and White – from Dunne's Celbridge.

• **Tojo's Super Store**, 2 Crowes Corner, Lucan – Fresh Fish Wednesdays and Fridays.....

• **The Spa Hotel** organised a Dinner Dance for a Saturday night in February, 9pm – 1am, for £3.50 a head, with great variety on the menu! Mind you, £3.50 was a lot of money forty years ago!

• **Palmerstown Children's Horticultural Show**, in May, had over 1,000 entries! It would be interesting to see what sort of response a Children's Horticultural Show would get today!

THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Would you like a career in Care?

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland are looking for carers to work in our Homocare team. (South Dublin)

Fetac level 5 desirable but not essential

All hours considered.

If you are interested in this position, please contact Homocare Manager - Adrienne McAvinue 086 838 1215 to find out more.

Together we can make a difference.

Lucan Library – July Events

Summer Stars

The Summer Stars Reading Adventure has launched at Lucan Library. Register to get your reading card to track progress and once completed submit it to get a lucky dip prize.

Book your Summer Stars events here on [Eventbrite](#)

Every Monday in July 3pm Storytime

Every Friday in July 2:30-3:30pm Board Games

Club Suitable for Ages 9+

Tuesday 21st July 4-5pm New Teen Book

Club Meeting the third Tuesday of every month.

Please register at the library desk.



Children's Events in Lucan Library

Please book events on Lucan Library Eventbrite

17th July at 10.00am: Cuidiú Breastfeeding

Group meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Monday 6th July 6-7pm Beginner friendly introduction to Dungeons & Dragons: Learn how to create a character and play the TableTop Role Playing Game. Suitable for 15+

Wednesday 8th July 10am Reflexology for Babies and Parents.

Thursday 9th July, 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs

A fun arts and crafts session.



Saturday 11th July 2pm STEAM Lego Freeplay



Saturday 18th July at 10:30am Musical Tots

Thursday 23rd & 30th July 3pm Pottery session for

children. Must be able to attend both weeks. Summer and the sea hand building pottery.



Tuesday 28th July 5pm: STEAM Session: Circus Skills Run away to the Circus with Aisling. Learn how to juggle, spin plates and ribbon poi. For ages 8+ Booking on Eventbrite essential.

Neurodiverse Events:

Friday 24th July from 12noon-2.00pm: Sensory Space. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Suitable for babies and young children.

Adult Events in Lucan Library. Regular

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

Thursdays 9th July and 23rd July from 10am – 12pm: Lucan Library Creative Writers Group.

Saturday 18th July, 12pm – 1.45pm. “What’s the Story” Writing Club! 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.



Every Monday 10am – 12pm - Lucan Library

Knitters

Club

Lucan

Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 21st July from 5.30.

EXHIBITIONS



Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support

Circle Wednesday, 8th July 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm, will continue the second Wednesday of each month thereafter. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. The group will offer a safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 16th July 6-

7pm Pop in to swap jigsaws, meet and chat with likeminded people. Drop off your used jigsaws and pick up a new jigsaw to take home.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Drop in from **6.00pm -7.00pm on 13th and 27th July.**

Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

English Conversation Group Wednesday

15th July 11am – 12.30 and Thursday 30th at

6.00pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Additional Adult Events

To Ireland with Love: Thursday 16th July 11am a

music show that celebrates integration, culture and community. It features a Ukrainian women's choir, live instrumentalists (piano, flute, and guitar) and a special guest Dutch vocalist. The programme includes a newly composed original piece dedicated to Ireland, alongside songs in multiple languages reflecting themes of belonging, gratitude and shared cultural identity. The event is designed to be accessible and engaging for all ages and encourage connection and inclusion. Booking on Eventbrite

The Blue Max film showing **Saturday 25th July**

11am Film will start at 11:30am sharp. Book on Eventbrite

NEW: Ciorcal comhrá 8th July 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

Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new members welcome! Lunchtime Book Club: **Monday 27th July at 12pm. Wednesday 29th July at 7pm. Read and Eat Cook Book Club: Thursday 9th July at 12pm.**

Edna O'Brien The Life and Times



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 25th June lotto jackpot of €14,200.

The numbers drawn were

2, 5, 16 & 17.

Lucky dip's go to Louise Reid, Catherine Dardis, Neil & Jacinta McKelvey, Sally O'Mahony, Paul Benson. This week's Lotto on



Thursday 2nd July will be for a jackpot of €14,200. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Seamus Clandillon.



Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.

Summer Camps

Our club summer camps are filling up fast, let's not leave it till the last minute and book your spot before it's too late!!!

Cul Camps are fully sold out!!

Campa Samhraidh – 8 spots remain

Mini All Irelands

The Mini All-Ireland Series was a brilliant week of activity for everyone involved. We were lucky with the weather throughout, with plenty of sunshine adding to the great atmosphere across all the pitches each day.

There was some fantastic skill on show over the course of the week, with huge effort, teamwork and plenty of great scores. It's great to see the progress being made by all the players and, most importantly, how much they're enjoying their football, hurling and camogie.

One of the real highlights was seeing new friendships form as players mixed with different age groups. There was a great buzz around the club all week, with lots of smiles, encouragement and support from the sidelines.

A huge thank you to the organising committee for the work that went into planning and delivering such a successful week. Thanks as well to all the mentors and volunteers who gave up their time to help out — it's very much appreciated.

And finally, thanks to all the parents and supporters who came along during the week and helped create such a positive and enjoyable atmosphere for the players.



Paul Lyon's Academic Bursary



Paul Lyons
Academic Bursary

FINAL CALL FOR APPLICATIONS!

Just Days Left...

This is the final call for applications to the Paul Lyons Bursary. Don't forget you can still change your mind on the CAO applications up to July 1st.

You can still make an application for the Bursary, in advance of any pending offers from third level institutions, so for anyone considering this please make an **application now**.

This process will close in July.



PAUL

John Paul Construction

https://johnpaulconstruction.formstack.com/forms/2026_paul_lyons_bursary_app

Intermediate Hurlers



Huge congratulations to our Intermediate hurlers who secured promotion to AHL Division 2 following their win over Cuala at the weekend.

It's a fantastic achievement for the group and a just reward for the hard work and commitment shown by players and management alike throughout the season.

With teams now competing in Divisions 1, 2, 4, 7, 11 and 12, hurling in the club is in a really strong place, with great progress being made across all levels.

Roll on the championship.

Bereavement Notice

The death has occurred of **Sheila Geaney** mother to Mary Kavanagh and son in-law Liam, grandson Cathal (Junior football), Ashling and Brendan (Intermediate hurling). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mary, Liam, Cathal, Ashling, Brendan and extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a hanam.

Senior and Intermediate Hurlers Race Night

The Senior and Intermediate Hurling panels will host a Race Night on Saturday 4th July in the Clubhouse Bar, commencing at 8.30pm. There are plenty of ways to get involved:

- Owner, Trainer or Jockey – €20
- Owner, Trainer & Jockey package – €50
- Race Sponsorship plus Programme Advertisement – €200
- Programme Advertisement – €100



This promises to be a fantastic social night and an important fundraiser for our hurling teams. We encourage all members, supporters, families and friends to come along and support the event. For entries or further information, please contact Paul Stapleton ([087 2058572](tel:0872058572)) or any member of the Senior or Intermediate Hurling panels.

Upcoming Fixtures

Saturday	4-Jul	18:00	Pitch 1	Senior Football	AFL 1	St. Jude's
Sunday	5-Jul	11:00	Pitch 1	Inter Football	AFL 5	St. Oliver Plunketts ER
Sunday	5-Jul	11:00	Páirc Uí Rúairc	Junior A Football	AFL 6	Beann Eadair
Sunday	5-Jul	11:00	AGP3	Minor D Hurling	AHL8	Na Fianna
Monday	6-Jul	19:30	Pope John Paul Pá	Junior B Football	AFL 9	Naomh Fionnbarra
Wednesday	8-Jul	19:30	St. Cathrines Park	Junior B LGFA	Div 9	Eim Go Bragh

Garda Vetting Clinic



The Children's Officer team will be running another Garda Vetting Clinic in the club bar on Thursday 9th July between 9-10pm.

Please print out and bring your GAA NVB1 Identity Document Validation Form for signing along with ID and proof of address.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Problems of Public Transport

Public transport has one main flaw the radial system likes the spokes of a wheel all via centre, this leads to multiple problems. Businesses go where people go. This was OK when cities were small, as cities expanded with housing and businesses setting up outside the centre public transport became a problem to serve these areas forcing users to go into the centre to back out again. As this become greater the car becomes king. Then there were too many cars, and the cities got congested with traffic no good to anyone. Public Transport never adjusted mainly because trains are set on tracks. There is a solution an orbital system that can take people direct to all areas the Newtown solution. This means change, most people resent change, mainly planners, businesses and vested interests. In Dublin we are fortunate and very grateful to the rail planners of the past who designed and laid our rail tracks in such a way that with one rail line in the best place now links up the whole rail network in Dublin in orbital form at very little cost, in a short time benefiting All Ireland. The location of this one rail line meets the three great principles of planning.



1. Direct. The principle of movement, suits everybody.
2. Everything is put in the best place, this applies to everything, including public transport.
3. In solving a problem don't create another. Avoids taking users unnecessary via centre.

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Castletown House Celbridge

- **July 9th – July 19th:** The Swift and Vanessa Festival marks Gulliver's Travels 300th anniversary with a wide range of events including discussions with writers, concerts, art exhibitions, art and writing workshops, crafts and more. It culminates in an event celebrating Gullivers Travels in Castletown House on the Sunday 19th July.
- **July 11th:** "A Virtual Walk Through Donaghcumber", an illustrated talk by Sandra M. Murphy exploring the OPW's newly acquired heritage property

- **July 15th:** A special exhibition tour of "My Friend Picasso" with David Davison at Castletown
- **July 24th:** An evening concert in the Hunting Room by the Ramelli-Savigni-Leathwood Guitar Trio, featuring classical and contemporary guitar music.
- **July 29th:** The Country Market and Craft Fair in the Courtyard, featuring local stalls free music July at Castletown
- **Every Saturday:** The weekly, free community Parkrun taking place around the 5k Castletown parklands July at Castletown



Twelve Commandments for Seniors

1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. "In style" means the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it".
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller.
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
12. You still haven't learned to act your age – and hope you never will.

"One for the road" means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

Political Notes

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

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Anti-Social Behaviour:

I’ve noted the upsurge in antisocial behaviour, thefts and random attacks. This rears its head every summer, but having previously called for real, immediate consequences for offenders as well as measures to free up Garda time and more resourcing for diversion projects, it is disappointing, albeit unsurprising to see the lack of Government action. I will continue to highlight these issues until meaningful measures are implemented.

Presidency of European Council:

As a member of the EU Affairs Committee, I was delighted to attend the launch of Ireland’s six-month Presidency of the Council of the European Union. As I mentioned in my Dáil contribution it was a good start, but there are a lot of issues facing Ireland and Europe that need clear focus in the coming months.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Lucan Community College:

Great to welcome representatives from Lucan Community College, the Parents’ Association and DDLETB to the Dáil for a meeting with Minister for Education Hildegard Naughton. We discussed progress on the school’s extension and the importance of advancing Phase 2 quickly.

St Francis FC New Pitch Opening:

Congratulations to St Francis FC on the opening of their new all-weather astro pitch. This facility will provide year-round opportunities for players of all ages. Well done to everyone involved.

Carer’s Allowance:

I welcome the largest ever increase to the Carer’s Allowance income limits. From 2 July 2026, the income limit for a single person has increased to €1,000 per week and to €2,000 per week for a couple. These changes will help more families qualify for support, while carers on reduced-rate payments will also see increases.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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Smart Town Initiative:

I asked the Council to consider **Lucan Village** for a Smart Town pilot initiative, including digital visitor information, smart football monitoring, QR-enabled heritage promotion, and technology to support local businesses. The aim is to deliver practical, measurable solutions to support economic development. The proposal received a positive response and will be assessed as part of the Smart South Dublin initiative.

St. Patrick's Hospital:

St. Patrick’s Hospital submitted plans to expand the **St. Edmundsbury campus** increasing inpatient capacity from **52 to 214** beds. This is a **Strategic Infrastructure Development**, and the planning decision will be made by **An Coimisiún Pleanála**, not South Dublin County Council or Councillors. The Council will prepare and submit a Chief Executive’s Report, and Councillors may attach recommendations for consideration. Please contact me directly to discuss.

More info at <https://www.pleanala.ie/en-ie/case/324264> or <https://www.stpatrickslucansid.ie>



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree enjoyed some tea and cake in the Parish Centre last Friday before adjourning for the summer break. They will resume on Friday 4th September at 10.30.

After the travels around the world of the last few weeks this week the photographs are all local. Joe got a great photo of a Woodland Ringlet Butterfly earlier this week. This butterfly is common throughout large parts of Europe and Asia.



While in St. Edmundsbury Joe captured a beautiful photo of wild flowers against the backdrop of a ripening cereal crop. Donal gave us a photo of a ripening cereal crop without the flowers.



Josie sent us what I describe as a Chocolate Box photograph – a child exploring the flowers in the garden.



Josie also sent in a photo of the gates to Luttrellstown Castle. Over the past 600 years, the Castle has had only seven owners and takes its name from the Luttrell family, who held the estate for more than 300 years from the 15th century.



We have had photos of full moons earlier in the year and while nobody submitted a photograph of the occurrence June's full moon, known as the Strawberry moon, peaked just after midnight on Wednesday morning last. In the Native American tradition this moon signified the season during which wild strawberries ripened. In Europe, it was sometimes called the Honey Moon or Mead Moon, linking June to marriage and fertility.

Stay safe until next week!