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Sunday 29th June 2025

Farewell Fr Philip.....

This July we at the parishes of St Mary's and St Patrick's bid farewell to our parish priest Fr Philip as he goes to pastures new and takes up an appointment as parish priest of Celbridge/Straffan.

Fr Philip arrived to serve the parish of St Mary's eleven years ago from Saint Kevin and Killian's parish in Kilnamanagh. Three years ago, he was appointed joint parish priest of both St Mary's and St Patrick's parishes. We in Lucan have been truly blessed over the years by his ministry.

One of the first things many of us noted about Fr Philip were his homilies. Insightful and engaging, they revealed a deep knowledge of the scriptures, an enthusiasm for God's message, good humour and an encouraging word for all. They always left you a little more knowledgeable of the scriptures but also they gave you something to ponder, a challenge to take up. They revealed a man who studied and prayed the scriptures, was very much aware of the complexities of peoples' lives and was deeply committed to sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

Over the years we have seen how Fr Philip's commitment to the gospel message extends way beyond the words said at the altar. He is a man not just of ideas but of practicalities, aware that parishes are run by real people with real issues: they require finance, upkeep, maintenance and above all faithful, committed people. The beauty of the churches of St Mary's and St Patricks are a testimony to his commitment and work. Fr Philip has quietly and consistently encouraged many people to become involved in their parish. The staff and the teams of volunteers who generously serve are a testimony to his ability to bring out the best in people. We were blessed to have a priest who is both a man of prayer, ideas and also a "doer".

In reflecting on the role of the priest, Pope Francis once remarked that the priest – as shepherd – should have "the smell of the sheep." By that he meant that just as a shepherd is so much among his sheep that he in a sense "smells of them", a priest should be among the people, spend time with them, listen to them, be aware of their concerns, mourn and rejoice with them and lead them to pastures of hope. By this measurement, Fr Philip could certainly be described as a pastor among his people. He has guided generations of schoolchildren through the sacraments; presided at occasions joyful and sorrowful; celebrated the seasons of the church year from Christmas, Easter and in the ordinary days; consoled people in their grief and celebrated with them in their joy; prayed, chatted, listened; presided at liturgies for all occasions; led pilgrimages to holy sites where travel, adventure, fun and prayer were shared. Fr Philip is the good shepherd, dependable and there when needed: a shepherd with a keen "smell of the sheep." (Though let me add he is always impeccably turned out!)

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Fr Philip's concerns extend beyond the boundaries of parish or denomination: A keen ecumenist, he has fostered ties of friendship with the pastors of all Christian denominations in Lucan. Under his stewardship, the Lucan parishes have continued as a beacon of hope and joy in ecumenical relations. Fr Philip your prayerful and good-humoured presence will be missed among our Christian confreres.

Fr Philip is a priest also of considerable technological expertise. If there is a piece of technology out, he probably acquired – and mastered – it last month! He is an IT and tech genius. Our parish websites are relevant, up to date and very user friendly. The cutting-edge sound systems, lighting, electronic doors are examples of technology at the service of God and his people.

It is not all tech or serious issues though. He is also a man of good humour who could probably write “The book of clerical (and non-clerical) jokes if he put his mind to it. If you have overheard a hearty laugh in the sacristy over the years you can probably blame one of Fr Philip's jokes!

Fr Philip, we are grateful for all you have done for us and we will miss you greatly. You are now enthusiastically embarking on a new mission. Our loss is Celbridge/ Straffans's gain. With trust in the providence and guidance of the Holy Spirit we will welcome Fr Bill to be our new parish priest and to begin a new chapter in the lives of our parishes. We trust and pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and accompany you Fr Philip in your new appointment, and that you will be blessed in every way in the years to come.

John Gormley

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



Older people need your support!

ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support & Befriending service for older people.

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

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan I.C.A.

ICA Ladies had their last Monday before holidays with a party and Best Dressed Ladies competition.



We had lovely food provided by Pauline and Mary and goodies were baked by the members.



The best dresses ladies were Kathleen, Abigail and Miriam who each received a nice arrangement of flowers.

Ann Byrne provided us with a few rounds of Bingo which we all enjoyed some of us still waiting on our numbers to come up. We sang happy birthday to Kathleen May who celebrated a significant birthday also.

Farewell to Fr. Philip – the man who brought colour to Lucan Newsletter!

We bid a fond farewell to Fr. Philip, as his time with Lucan Newsletter comes to an end.

Apart from contributing many interesting pieces for publication, he was our 'go-to' IT man, being able to sort out computers and printers, and even our mobile phones from time to time.....

He is indeed the man who brought colour to our weekly publication. Back in 2017, on the occasion of our 50th anniversary, he introduced colour printing to the Newsletter, and so we have all those beautiful photos from the various groups.

We're sorry to see him go, and will miss his chats and helpfulness on Thursday mornings. Nonetheless, we wish him every blessing in his new abode, which is only up the road.

Fr. Philip celebrating his birthday at St. Mary's Parish Centre, this week.



We are now closed for summer holidays and will return on 1st of September.

Hope everyone has a nice enjoyable and restful summer holidays.

Pauline

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 **Thursday 10th July 2025**

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm.

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10am.

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Celebrating Fr Philip's Final Mass in St Mary's Church

Fr Philip has given 11 years of faithful and generous service in Lucan.

We gather to give thanks for the gift that Fr Philip has been in our parishes.

We pray God's blessing on Fr Philip as he goes to his new mission in Celbridge/Straffan.

Mass THIS Sunday 29th June at 12 noon.

Refreshments for all in Parish Centre afterwards.

ALL ARE WELCOME AND INVITED!

Summer Mass Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule will come into effect from **THIS Monday 30th June**.

The only change to Sunday Masses is that there is **NO** 7pm Mass.

Weekday Masses: 10am on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster July: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, the 10.30, 12 noon Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of July 2025 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 meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Registration for Religious Education Classes for Children who are attending non-Catholic schools

Children from first – sixth class must register for classes in advance of September.
All details accessible via QR code.



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

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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.

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

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

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Deirdre O'Shea**, Marymount Care Centre.
May she rest in peace.



Peter Pence Collection

The **2nd Collection** at all Masses this Sunday in all parishes is in aid of Peter Pence.

This will replace the Share Collection.

Please **DO NOT USE** the card machines in the porches for this special collection.

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



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

Weekday Masses: **Tuesday, Thursday** and **Saturday** at 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Summer Mass Schedule

The Summer Mass schedule will come into effect from **THIS Monday 30th June**.

There is no change to Sunday Masses.

Weekday Masses: 10am on **Tuesday, Thursday** and **Saturday**.

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.

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

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



Wednesday's Coffee Morning was special this week, as Mass goes bid a fond farewell to Fr. Philip.

St Patrick's Prayer Meeting: Every Monday night in the Pastoral Centre, (Side of St. Patrick's Church) from 7.00pm to 7.45pm.

Aontas Choir

CAKE SALE

THIS Sunday 29th June

**Following the 9am and 10:30am Masses
in St Patrick's**

There will be lots of lovely treats on sale.



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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: **Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration. **Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle. **Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje: **Every Thursday. 7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions. **7.30pm:** Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50m** Benediction. *All welcome*

Vocations Society of St. Joseph: We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members. All welcome.

Anniversaries

Frank Donnelly

4th Anniversary, 3rd July

No matter how life changes
No matter what we do
A special place within our hearts
Is always kept for you.

*Paula, Bren, Andrew, Rachel,
Freya and Harry x*



Christy McCormack

14th Anniversary

*Always remembered by Kathleen,
Neil and Alan.*

**Anniversary Mass Sunday June 29th
at 12 noon at St Patrick's Church, Esker**



Micheál O Doibhilin

3rd Anniversary

**3rd Anniversary Mass is on
Saturday 5th July**

at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Lucan.
"Death has a finality that is hard to process"



Esker Cemetery Lucan

Annual Mass for the Deceased

will be celebrated on

Sunday 31st August 2025

At 3pm

(weather permitting)

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

Looking for Wool

Our Apostolic Workers continue to knit hats and scarfs for the children of North Albania through the Heart and Hand Foundation. So if when doing your Spring Cleaning who came across any wool you do not want anymore, please leave it into St Mary's Parish Office and they will contact us to collect.



Thanks to all those who have already donated.

St Mary's Apostolic Workers.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2025



	October	All Pilgrimages
Depart:	M	Booking Deposit €200
Nights:	E	Single Room Supplement:
Normal Price:	D	9 Nights: €220
Pat's Price:	J	7 Nights: €150
	U	
Depart:	G	22 nd October
Nights:	O	7
Normal Price:	R	€875 pps.
Pat's Price:	J	€780 pps.
Spiritual	E	Fr. Ubaldo
Director:		

Tour Operator: Marian Pilgrimages
Fully Bonded - Fully Licenced
Professional Guides

To Book, Please Contact:

Pat on 087 2238911 or
Marian Pilgrimages on 01 8788159
And say you are travelling with Pat's Group



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St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Fundraiser Lotto



Your support makes a real difference
Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

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Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay

1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4
or 3 Lines for €5
Maximum 3 lines per person

Win

Match 4 numbers to win the jackpot

Join now.

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For more information email: info@ourfundraiser.ie





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

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

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

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

LOST

Diamond Ring in a plastic bag.

If found please contact Bridie on 0868566788

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

It's all go this week with our Summer Party on Thursday 26th June, and our Annual Day Trip to Co. Down on 3rd July with various stops for Tea & Cake, a visit to the Linen Museum, and other stops, and Dinner on the way back.

Why not come and join us. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.

Lots of activities to enjoy.

Bowls, Scrabble,

Cards, Choir, and the chat.

Coffee break at 1pm.

New members always welcome, come and join us

in a friendly atmosphere and meet new friends.



Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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



Baby & Toddler Group: We would like to thank all the Parents, guardians and lovely children that came to our group, it was wonderful getting to know you all. We will have a break for the summer and return in September and hopefully see some new and familiar faces.

Active over 55's: Our Active over 55's will have a break for the summer and return in September. We have had some great fun and lovely chats this year look forward to hopefully seeing everyone return in September for some new activities.

Summer Project: We are delighted to announce the centre we be holding our first ever Mini Summer Project for ages 5–10-year-olds. It will run 14th - 17th July, cost is €25 per child and activities include Art, Crafts, Dance and Football.

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



Whether the weather.....

Well, that's more bearable weather which we are having this week – we're not made for those scorching hot days!

Happy Days - Didn't the Dubs do brilliant last

weekend, with their hurling and football wins. Let's hope it continues to be a blue summer.....

A Big Welcome.....

By this time next week, new P.P.

Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy will be in residence, replacing Fr. Philip.

It will be interesting to

hear what he makes of Lucan Village these days – he might well run away.....

We look forward to meeting him!



Capitulum Novum

By Anita O Kearney

It was a shock to the system
is what I would say
just getting used to him day after day
It's time to move on someone would say
buy hey wait a minute, not now

Dependable by nature, professional to the core
Delivering his Mass and never a bore
A homily to hear for us with blocked ears
Confessions to tame our sins and our fears

This man of the cloth, once brought,
woven into the very fabric of Lucan
cherished by many if not by all
Thank God he answered his call

A quiet presence and humble tone
A listener
A leader
A caring soul

A life full of service
of service to others
from the very young to the old
Been moved to Celbridge and Straffan we
have sadly been told

Sure can't they leave him alone
Sure he's grand where he is
I'm not turning up for goodbyes (I hate them),
Perhaps when he gets there he'll not
relate well and be back home to us to
escape them

But all joking aside
You'll be remembered far and wide
and your presence will be surely missed

I know there's a new Priest to take your
place and we also can't wait to greet him

But it's hard to let go of someone we love
so soon and with such swiftness

The parish that gets you will be so lucky
and I guess it will be good for the soul,
A change is as good as a rest, they say,
or so I've often been told

A Godly man you surely are and we thank
Our Lord for that
To look upon the chair once more
of where you once sat
and miss you walking into the Church
wiping your feet upon the mat
Books or a missal under arm
Catching faces, subtle charm

So it's not goodbye
It's see ya later
as I prefer to say

"May the road rise up to meet you", I've
copied it from somewhere
and wrote this poem for you today to
show you how we care

Benedicat tibi Dominus et custodiat té,
I wish I knew what it meant
But at least we know this for sure
you were definitely Heaven sent.

*Written for Fr Philip on behalf of the
people of Lucan (and surrounding areas).*
The title means: **A New Chapter!**

Primrose Hill Gardens

is an old-world garden with
many different plants in
flower

Open until July 4th
and also **Heritage Week**
16th August – 24th August

Open daily from 2pm – 6pm

Adults €6.00. Children Free.

[Top of Primrose Land, Lucan.](#)
[Post Code K78L1W9](#)



1975 - A dip in the archives from 50 years ago.....

The Holy Year of 1975

Lucan consisted of just one parish – St. Mary’s, and there were 8 Masses every Sunday – 8, 9, 10, 11, 11.45, 12.30, 5.30, and 8pm.

Baptisms 1pm every Sunday, and Bingo at 8.50 (after evening Mass!)

Daily Masses were at 8am and 10am.

The new church extension with a very modern altar was generally welcomed – took a bit of getting use to for some.

Parish Debt – “At present the Parish debt is £75,000, of which £34,000 is due on the church extension and car park, £39,000 is due on the building of the Boys School, which have been completed last November.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome organised for October, on the occasion of the canonisation of St. Oliver Plunkett.

Planned Giving for first week of 1975 - £354.00.

The Priests: Fr Donal Coughlan was Parish Priest, and Fr. Con O’Herlihy was the Curate, joined by a second Curate, Fr. Belton in August – the first time Lucan had two Curates!

Altar Boys Outing - The boys were treated to “The Man with The Golden Gun, with Roger Moore as 007, and High Tea afterwards!
The Team: Noel Geoghegan, Leo Egan, Ronan Kilroy, Donal Griffin, Fergus McMahon, Brian Buckley, Ronan O’Flynn, Colman Dungan, Owen Mullarkey, Morgan McStay, Joseph Furey, David Farmer, Ian Gibson, Stephen McStay, Tony Gale, Pat Toolan, Niall Doyle, Thomas McCarthy, Kieran Fahy, Brian Doyle, Paul Condron, John Glennon, Thomas Murtagh, Diarmuid Butler, Michael Egan, Bill Minnock, John B. Hurley, Aidan Fleming, Fergus McMahon, Paul Crumlish, John O’Kelly, John Reidy, Tom Doody, Brian Roberts.

The Schools

Only two Primary Schools in St. Mary’s Parish, Scoil Mhuire Girls, and St. Mary’s Boys School, and of course St. Andrew’s School in the Church of Ireland Parish.

The second level schools were St. Joseph’s College, and Coláiste Phádraig CBS, and Lucan – extra accommodation being provided at both of these, and we also had a Vocational School – the forerunner to Lucan Community College.

Changes in School Management were announced. Boards of Management would be formed.

School Sites in Lucan

“One such school site has been designated for the Newcastle/Lucan Road at Beaumont, right opposite the present entrance to Hillcrest Estate. The second school site is designated for Dodsboro near the present Woodview Estate”.



DeValeras

Bean De Valera passed away in January of that year, and was followed by her husband, Eamonn De Valera, former President of Ireland in September.

Politicians

Cllr. Micheál Gannon, Labour, was the local Councillor, and the only local representative sending any political notes to Lucan Newsletter that year.

Lucan Co-Op

The Co-Op was still open to new members – membership being £1 for life!
Mr Joe Walsh was the Manager, and we were urged to “Save money by shopping at the Lucan Co-Op Stores”.

Course in Boat Building

“Enjoy the Waterways this Summer by building your own BOAT at evening classes in Lucan Vocational School. Enrol now. Classes commence in May.”

Unemployment

By March there were concerns of rising unemployment countrywide. Several factories had closed down and people were on short time, on three-day weeks. Inflation was also troubling us.

Retirement do!

Hills Mill ran a function in Springfield for retired employees who enjoyed the night spinning and weaving many a yarn!!! A 'Thank You' note was signed: Invisible Mender!

Traffic Lights

Provision in Estimates was made for Traffic Lights at Lucan Road/Celbridge junction and at the Chapel Hill / Lucan Road junction. A proposal that traffic lights be installed at the Dodsboro Road / Lucan Road junction was rejected.

Street Lighting

At the end of the year, arrangements were being made with the ESB to install 6 new lights at Ballyowen.

Lucan Red Cross

The local branch were busy raising funds for the children of Vietnam – “chaos and confusion shrouds the children of Vietnam and contamination covers the wanton land in both North and South Vietnam”.



Lucan ICA Outing 1975

This happy group were pictured while awaiting the bus for their Summer outing in 1975. Sad to say though we recognise the faces, we can't quite put names on many of them.

The three ladies sitting at the very front are l-r: Molly Somers from the Low Road, Phil Burchael

from Sarsfield Park, Josie Ennis from Weir View, and the lady 5th from right, behind Josie Ennis, is Mary McCormack from Weir View.

Somehow, a gentleman got into that group! There he is sitting among all the ladies – Cé hé?

The picture was taken in the old Bus Shelter, which was just across the road from the Muintir na Tire Hall, at the Village Green, and as you can see, graffiti was around Lucan even back then.

Lucan Community Council

The Community Council were an umbrella group for many things going on in Lucan at the time - Tidy Towns, Planning Applications, Bus Shelters, RTE Relays in estates, Cemetery Vandalism, Illegal Dumping, Playing fields and leisure activities. Community Week was 20th – 27th. Joe Byrne was the P R O for the group.

Dublin Public Libraries

“The existing library is unsuitably housed and inadequate to the needs of the area. In the 1976 estimate provision has been made to replace it with a temporary pre-fab building from which a full time service can be given. Approval for grant purposes has already been given by An Chomhairle Leabharlanna for the acquisition of a site on which it is proposed to build a permanent 4,500 sq. ft library for Lucan”.

Lucan Drama

The group produced ‘The Field’ in April, with 3 nights in the Convent Primary School Hall raising funds for various charities, and at the end of the month, they played to full houses in The Hitchin’ Post, Leixlip, and in May the venue was Palmerstown Assembly Hall.

The Hatchery

In April, Planning Permission was

refused to Lucan Green Homes for residential development at Lucan Poultry Farm, Dodsboro, known locally as *The Hatchery!*

(This is where Woodview Heights is now!)

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Lucan Credit Union

The local credit union accepted member number 905 in the week ending 17th January.

Local Sports Star

Young Martin Murray from Sarsfield Park was selected to play with Home Farm in the F.A.I. Cup Final.

Petrol

Petrol was very scarce in the spring of 1975, with queues forming at all service stations – most operating a ration system.

Summer of '75

July saw a long spell of hot weather.

Lucan Festival was a great success.

There was **Motor Racing** on grass at Fonthill, raising funds for St. Patricks Hospital.

The **Youth Club** at the Hollow got a make-over.

Community Games, looked after by the Community Council, involved many local children.

We had a **Mini-Budget!** “We are all liable to meet with stringent economic measures in the near future...”

Lucan Community Council discussed forming a ‘**local Bank**’!



Regular advertisers from 1975 – the businesses all long gone!

Call for Volunteers for Kids & Karers

‘Kids & Karers’ started in The Methodist Church, Lucan in the early eighties as ‘Mother and Toddlers’. This ‘pop-in play and meet facility’ has been going since, with the help of volunteers.

The Friday mornings have been/are a pleasure for scores of pre-playgroup children and their carers over more than 40 years. 27th June 2025 will be the last morning of this school year.

Unfortunately, because of personal circumstances, 2 of the 3 volunteers currently in charge, will not be able to return in September. However, the third member of our team hopes to continue the Friday mornings from September. She cannot do so unless some dedicated volunteers can join her.

What we are looking for is 3 or 4 Adults who have an interest in and have time to dedicate to this playful undertaking. This number would provide flexibility for the team members as well as continuity for Kids & Karers group.

If you, or somebody you know, would be interested and have time to run the Kids & Karers group between 9 and 12 o'clock on Friday mornings, in tandem with school holidays, we will be delighted to hear from you.

Please contact Fíona Armstrong: 087 923 6172



Adult Education

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

The following subjects are available this term: Spanish for Beginners; Introduction to Microsoft Excel (Spreadsheets); Career Preparation / CV and Interview Skills; Business English Language Skills; Data Entry – Improving Keyboard Skills; Office Skills; Business Administration; Word Processing (Advanced); Social Studies (Introduction to Sociology); Payroll Using Sage Software.

For more details, call (01) 6283557

Or email lorrainekavanagh@ddletbaes.ie

Lucan Library – July Events

Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to the absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

My Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

Lucan Library has introduced extended opening hours. With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.

My Little Library Bag 2025

Have you a child in the house who is starting primary school in September? If so, bring them to the library to collect their Little Library Bag! The bag contains a book and a sticker book along with some useful information for parents. If your child is not already a library member, we would love them to join them up so please bring your own photo ID and proof of address.

Summer Stars Reading

Adventure! Summer Stars is back for all our junior library members! Ask at the library desk for a Summer Stars Activity Booklet which includes your reading card. Return your completed card when you have read 8 books and receive rewards for your summer reading! Remember all completed cards will be entered into a draw for a prize at the end of the summer!

Summer Activities for Children

Wednesday 2nd July, 11.30am-12.30pm
Active Lego with Rebecca McDermott, Sensory Explorers (families with children aged 5-9 years)
Join us for a Lego Session with a twist! Sometimes children feel unsure or unable to attend Lego Sessions as they find focusing or staying seated the entire session too difficult. In this session there are floor stations with STEM sets to play with, and gross motor skill obstacle courses available whilst our Lego session takes place too! This session is fun for all of the family, so parents/guardians and children should attend together. Booking essential from Wednesday 25th June at 11.30am -one ticket per child (includes parent/guardian): <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/active-lego-for-5-9-year-olds-with-rebecca-mcdermott-tickets-1407511999279?aff=oddtcreator>



Thursday 10th & 17th July, 3.30pm

Pottery Workshops with Elena Butter (children MUST attend both). Suitable for children aged 9+ A fantastic opportunity to use a Pottery Wheel with Elena. In the first workshop, the children will create their piece at the pottery wheel. In the second workshop they will return to paint their pottery piece. Booking essential via Eventbrite from Thursday 3rd July at 3.30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/pottery-for-kids-2-week-course-tickets-1374386249269?aff=oddtcreator>

Friday 18th July, 11am and 12noon

11am: Anyone 4 Science Workshop for 8 yrs+: Winnie The Pooh Bee Habitat Workshop. Booking essential from Friday 11th July at 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/winnie-the-pooh-bee-habitat-workshop-with-anyone4science-tickets-1407515780589?aff=oddtcreator>
12noon: Anyone 4 Science Workshop for 10yrs+: Make a Beeswax Lip Balm (children must be aged 10 year or over)
Booking essential from Friday 11th July at 12noon: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/lip-balm-beeswax-workshop-with-anyone4science-tickets-1407537906769?aff=oddtcreator>

Wednesday 23rd July, 4pm - 5.30pm

Board games - Join staff for board games fun at the library. We will have a number of options including Cluedo, Catan and other classics! Suitable for ages 8-12.

Friday 25th July, 11am

Let's Explore Music with The Mobile Music School for ages 6-10 years.
Together with interactive games and hands-on learning, the children learn new musical skills and explore the world of music together.
Booking essential from Friday 18th July at 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/music-with-the-mobile-music-school-tickets-1410173068609?aff=oddtcreator>

Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults
Tuesday 1st July, 6.30pm. All levels welcome.

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children

with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Wednesday 2nd July, 10am. Play session for pre-school children led by Rebecca. Please book a ticket for each pre-school child attending. Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian. Booking essential from Wednesday 25th June at 10am: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/sensory-play-sessions-for-pre-school-children-tickets-1328465679609?aff=oddtcreator>

St. Joseph's College



St. Joseph's PAL Team are bound for Chicago! We are delighted to announce that our TY Public Access to Law Team qualified for the International Mock Trial Competition, to be held in Chicago in November 2025!



The team of 28 students will have a busy summer ahead preparing their cases to compete against schools from all over the world in the Empire International Mock Trial Competition in Chicago Courtrooms – what an exciting opportunity ahead! Students will take on the roles of attorneys, witnesses, court staff, researchers legal alternates & will have four cases in total to prosecute and defend. The cost of the trip will be funded by both the students and the fundraising initiatives that will begin in earnest from July to November!

If any local business, individual or community group would like to support the team in their fundraising, we would be delighted to hear from you! All sponsors will be included in our social media posts, will be listed on our PAL Team T-Shirts & in our promotional posters and publications.

Please contact cblich@stjosephslucan.com if you would like to support our fundraising efforts! www.stjosephslucan.com / 01-6281160.

Ethics is knowing the difference between what you have a right to do and what is right to do.....

LUCAN FESTIVAL

On Saturday evening the last band promenade of the season took place in the grounds of the Spa Hotel, Lucan, at which upwards of 500 persons were present. In addition to the musical programme there was an excellent fireworks display, the tableau piece of which was "Prosperity to the Spa Hotel." The new Hydropathic was well filled with visitors, who expressed admiration of the excellence of the building and its appointments. The tramway arrangements were first-class, and the evening throughout was very enjoyable. Much of the work of supplying the bands for the past season fell on the shoulders of Mr A. McClelland, J.P., who for the past eight seasons has been indefatigable in efforts on behalf of musical evenings for Lucan.

Irish Society
10th October 1891

Well, well a fireworks display in or near the Lucan Demesne grounds back in 1891. That's a long time ago but in Sept 6th in the grounds of Lucan House (permission by SDCC) during our usual fund-raising day. we will have a spectacular **Fireworks Display from around 9pm.**

This year we will have an extended event with the grounds open from 1pm up to approx. 9.30pm. More details later in future issue of the Newsletter.

Joe Byrne



Know Your Sport



Table Quiz



(All questions on 21st Century Sport)

Saturday 28th June

At 9.30 pm in Clubhouse House

Entry €40 for Team of 4

All proceeds to support our Senior & Intermediate Hurling Teams preparation for upcoming Championships.

- Sponsorship Opportunities €100 sponsor a round
- Raffle on the night – Donations for Raffle prizes appreciated.

Contact Paul Stapleton 087 205 8572 for more information.



Ladies Football. A huge congratulations to our minor ladies' footballers who won the Division 1 league title, the first time in our club's history!! Well done to the girls & management and we wish them the best of luck and hopefully continued success in championship. The future of Lucan Sarsfields Ladies Football continues to look bright!

Summer Camps.

Our summer camps and campa samhraidh trí ghaeilge are open for registration, but spaces are filling up fast. Our July 7th and August 11th camps are already at 70% capacity. Open to all boys and girls starting primary school in September or just finishing primary school this year. We welcome both members and non-members of all abilities. All our camps are dual football and camogie/hurling, hurls and helmets can be provided if needed. This year alongside our camp jersey each child attending will also



receive a Lucan Sarsfields Camp sliotar! We would like to thank Keane Windows for their continued support of our camps. Bookings can be made via clubzap, the QR code in the poster or the following link;

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

Golf Classic. We had a great day out on this sunniest day of the year for our Annual Golf Classic. Thank you to everyone who took part on the day and all of our sponsors to contributed, including our main sponsor Colm Corrigan Builders. A huge thank you to Sara, Maggie, Ruth, Pat our wonderful committee who put in trojan work in the months leading up to this event to make it such a successful day.

Please see list below for competition winners

1. Paul Sloan – Stephen Barrett, Mark Moran & James Mulhern - (91 pts)
2. Anthony Doody (91 pts)
3. Ideal Standard (89 pts)
4. O'Neills Pub – Simon O'Neill (88 pts)
5. Marymount Nursing Home (87 pts)
6. Navi Group (87 pts)
7. Paul Stapleton/Senior Hurlers (86 pts)
8. M & P Construction (86 pts)
9. McCaffrey Family (85 pts)
10. APCOA – Neil Cunningham (84 pts)
11. Charlie Mulqueen – Montanum Advisory (84 pts)
12. HollyMill Dimple Dads (84 pts)
13. Total Solutions (84 pts)
14. Chadwicks (83 pts).



LONGEST DRIVE

1st Hole Gents - Colm Keenan Ladies - Peg Coyne. 18th Hole Gents – David McGrath. Ladies – Peg Coyne. 2s

COMPETITION

Duncan Cusack. Willie Prendergast
Jim O'Reilly

NEAREST THE PIN

9th Hole Sean Slaughter. 12th Hole
Damian O'Brien. 17th Hole Warren

Wallace

Raffle prizes

1. Liam Mulhall.
2. Catriona Graham.
3. Matilda Coyle
4. Fergus McNulty.
5. M O'Toole Dodsboro.
6. Lee Tormey.
7. Prize Collected.
8. Lorna and Shane Lyons
9. Prize Collected.
10. Hannah (Eir code and phone number provided).
11. David Byrne.
12. Charlie Dobson.
13. Warren Wallace.
14. Bernard Dunne
15. Jim Quinn.
16. Bernard Dunne.
17. Connie Grealy
18. Prize Collected.
19. Tracey Walsh.
20. Killian Sullivan.
21. Moya Dalton.
22. Philip McDonald

Lotto. We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,000. The Numbers were **5, 26 & 27.**

Lucky dip's go to Cillian Canavan, Kieran Durkin, Aidan Roche, Aoife Mckearney and Lee Tormey. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,400. This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy.

County. Congratulations to Chris, John and the Dublin Senior Hurlers on their All-Ireland Quarter final over Limerick!



Na Gaeil Óga CLG

Ár gCailín Gaelach -
Máire Ní Shúilleabháin
Bhí an-áthas orainn go
raibh Máire Ní
Shúilleabháin mar Cailín
Gaelach Na Gaeil Óga i

mbliana.

We were also honoured to have Máire Ní Shúilleabháin represent us as our Cailín Gaelach at Comórtas Peile na Gaelachta 2025.

Nach bhfuil sí gleoite ar fad agus í ár gCailín Álainn Gaelach.



Máire Ní Shúilleabháin. Gleann Fleisce, Co. Chiarraí.

Cailín bródúil ó Ghleann Fleisce í Máire a bhfuil grá aici don Ghailge agus don pheil. Is breá léi teangacha a fhoghlaim agus tá sí ábalta cúpla teanga a labhairt. Is iad David Clifford agus a chuid scileanna peile a thugann spreagadh di ar an bpáirc. Dá mbeadh sí in ann lá amháin a chaitheamh i mbróga duine cáiliúil, roghnódh sí Nicola Coughlan.

Ceardlann Scileanna le Naoise de Bhaldráithe

Bhí na ceardlann scileanna árdleibhéal ar an Aoine an rathúileach.. D'éirigh go hiontach le gach éinne buíochas mór le saineolas CLG Naoise!!

Our Friday evening Advanced Skills Workshops in Tandy's Lane have been a fantastic success, thanks to the brilliant coaching of Naoise Waldron.

Campaí Samhraidh 2025

CÚL CAMPA - AOIS 6-12
7ú - 11ú Iúil/July 10-2pm

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

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

Páirc Naomh Cairtriona

Campaí Samhraidh – Spraio na Laethanta Saoire!

Beidh ár gcampaí samhraidh ar siúl ar na dátaí seo:

Our summer camps this year will be on the following dates:

Cúl Campa: 7ú - 11ú Iúil/July

Campa an gClub: 11ú - 14ú Lúnasa/August

Campa an gClub: 18ú - 21ú Lúnasa / August

Seo deis iontach dóibh na scileanna a fheabhsú agus cairde nua a dhéanamh!

A great way to stay active, improve skills, and make new friends.

Cláraigh anseo: Cúl Campa -

<https://www.kelloggsclubcamps.gaa.ie/booking/?county=Dublin+South&venue=1297&week=3>

Campa an gClub -

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

**Go raibh míle maith agaibh go léir!
Buíochas ó chroí lenár gcóitseálaithe,
tuismitheoirí agus oibríthe deonacha go léir.**



Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Phone: 01-6184128. Find me on Facebook,

Instagram, X and TikTok.

Build for the Boys: I raised the need to implement early access programmes for drugs for rare diseases on the floor of the Dáil recently, such as givinostat for Duchenne's Muscular Dystrophy, which has been highlighted by the Build for the Boys campaign.

Bollards at Kew Park: Thanks to residents who contacted me about obstructed access resulting from erection of bollards at Kew Park. I have contacted South Dublin County Council about this matter and asked for this to be addressed as soon as possible.

Clinics: I am holding an advice clinic in Ballyowen Community Centre on Monday 30 June at 1.30pm and on Monday 7 July at 1.30pm in Adamstown Community Centre. Please feel free to call 01-6184128 to make an appointment.

Join Fianna Fáil: We are always looking to welcome new members into our local party.

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

(085)2551602. CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Doddsboro Shopping Centre: I've received several queries regarding Doddsboro Shopping Centre. The Council confirmed that the contractor is responsible for a 12-month maintenance period for planting. They are aware of issues and are pursuing a deduction from the contractor's retention to fund replanting. This process may take several weeks. Regarding the kerb height, I raised this with the Council and suggested solutions such as wheel stoppers. On litter, community members and Spar staff have carried out cleanups. I've requested further cleaning and action on overflowing bins. I'll continue to follow up and keep you informed.

Flooding Pedestrian Lights Lucan Village: Flooding at the pedestrian lights near Courtney's obstructing safe crossing of the Lucan Road is reported and the issue is now under investigation by the Area Roads Inspector. I will keep you updated as information becomes available.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

Email: hfarrell@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie

Tel: 087-2794936. Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwriR>

Castle Road /Colthurst Pedestrian Crossing:

Following my highlighting of safety issues, sending representations, motions for safety audits and follow up questions, flashing beacons **will** be installed at the pedestrian crossing within the next two weeks. A safety audit has yet to be carried out at the beaconless pedestrian crossing at Esker Manor.

Somerton Park: Construction of a new pedestrian crossing near Tandy's Lane will begin shortly. This was on foot of your requests to me, which I passed on to SDCC, plus a resident petition calling for speed in implementation.

Village Green: following requests from constituents, SDCC have sent me drawings of the finished village green facing South towards Courtney's. This is available on my Facebook page and website.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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WhatsApp: 0892364871.

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Dáil report: This week, a week where we saw a regrettable increase in reported incidents of domestic abuse in Ireland, I raised the issue of the need to end the in-camera rule in the Children's Courts, where coercive control is exercised in an adversarial system by abusive ex-partners with deep pockets, I also mentioned the huge delays in parents waiting for court dates and then to be faced with regular cancellations. I made a further contribution on Housing, adding to suggestions made previously. In the Enterprise and EU Affairs Committees I contributed to the scrutiny of industrial policy from an environmental and sustainability perspective. I attended several presentations from organisations in the healthcare and youth sectors. I also liaised with Cllr Helen Farrell on a number of local issues.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

P.C. Ph. 0872795274. "Always working"

lotoole@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie www.lotoole.com

Labyrinth Feature in our Parks: I'm glad to report that my motion to explore a labyrinth-style feature in Lucan was passed. While Vesey Park may not be suitable SDCC has committed to exploring other park locations. This feature would offer a calming reflective space that promotes mindfulness and gentle use something different and meaningful for our growing community.

Public Transport: I'm glad to report that my motion on Adamstown's transport was passed. While Adamstown's public transport is gradually developing it's now happening at Lucan's expense. Instead of standalone infrastructure Adamstown is feeding off Lucan's existing services never the SDZ vision. I've asked SDCC and the NTA to urgently commit to a direct city route and better north-south and R120 connectivity without further undermining Lucan's already stretched public transport network and growing commuter population.

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

Phone 087 392 0931

Email jtuffy@cllrs.sdblincoco.ie

All social media links at linktr.ee/joannatuffy

Mayor's Award for Lucan Red Cross:

Lucan Red Cross received a Mayor's Award this year for their long record of service to the community. They were presented the award by the outgoing Mayor Baby Pereppadan. It was great to see the community service of Lucan Red Cross being acknowledged with a Mayor's Award. I was very pleased to introduce them at the awards and to outline their record of providing aid and support to others in Lucan and South Dublin County.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree finished up in the Parish Centre this Friday with tea and cakes. We will resume in September.

This week Joe gave us a photo of the dining room in Farmleigh House. The 17th century embroidered panel that can be seen above the fireplace is thought to depict a personification of Africa and is one of a set of four such panels for which the room was designed that were purchased by Edward Cecil Guinness in London in 1874.



We also have some photos from Anna taken during her recent trip to Helsinki in Finland. She provided us with shots of the altar and of the outside of Uspenski Cathedral in that city. The cathedral is claimed to be the largest Greek or eastern Orthodox church in western Europe. Anna explained that the twelve pinnacles represent the 12 apostles and the central pinnacle represents Christ.



Anna also submitted a photo of some precarious looking houses hanging onto the cliff face in west Cork.

Josie submitted a photo of the Poolbeg Lighthouse located on the South Bull Wall. Established in 1767, it initially operated on candlepower. It was converted to oil in 1786 and was re-designed and rebuilt into its present form in 1820.

The reason it is painted red is that, as with all navigational aids marking a channel, the port side as one heads upstream is indicated by red markers whilst the right-hand side or starboard of the channel is green.



*Until next week
stay safe!*

