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There's an Airport in Knock! A Dream Came Real!

I remember when the seed of a notion about building an airport in Knock was being sown by Monsignor James Horan! From the first moment it was mentioned, we never doubted that it would happen. It was an incredibly welcome plan as most young people of my generation emigrated. It was a time of great poverty and lack of opportunity in both the west and in Ireland in general. Knock airport made it possible for people from the west to return home to visit parents at a reasonably priced rate and without wasting time traveling from Dublin, so that free time wasn't wasted.



However, looking down at the airport from the air, the sight that presents is of a wonderful runway gouged into the poorest of a boggy hillside as one drops out of the inevitably cloudy and foggy sky. It seemed like the craziest idea to anyone who didn't understand that Monsignor Horan made dreams come true with determined grit, hard work and teamwork. He brought people with him – he was a most compelling personality. Monsignor Horan's concept of pastoral ministry was very broad, yet there was a clear connection between linking the most hopeful, inspiring, and theological aspect of the Eucharistic Apparition with the living God who continues to live actively among us in one another. Monsignor Horan truly believed that we had what we needed to bring about what was needed in our time. He had passionate belief in God and the dreams that God makes real through our decisions and actions.

Monsignor Horan didn't entertain despair! He demanded the very best of himself and gave himself whole-heartedly. He loved life; he loved his vocation as a priest and lived every minute of it fully and with energy. He knew that flying was ill advised by his doctor at the time, but as the flight to Lourdes was part of the shared parish inaugural dream, well.... While Monsignor Horan was busy with the business of building the Basilica and the airport, it never came before his celebration of the sacraments or care of the parish. He knew every family in the parish, even though it was spread over several miles.

I am massively proud to have been part of the happenings in Knock at that time, over forty years ago. Watching the celebrations of the 40th anniversary lifts the heart. It puts the challenge before us to continue to dream and to make dreams come true! It takes passion to make anything happen! When we find the place of passion within ourselves, we can really play the amazing part that God dreams for us. Life is a short journey, so let's tap the passion and live it to the fullest!

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

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) is a payment to help families with the cost of school uniforms and shoes.

BSCFA 2026

Many families get the BSCFA automatically. If you are paid automatically, you don't need to apply for the BSCFA. You will get notified on your MyWelfare account or by post in June 2026.

The Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) opens for applications in June 2026. The closing date is Wednesday 30 September 2026.

You can get the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance (BSCFA) if you have a child that qualifies, and:

You are getting a qualifying social welfare payment, or are participating in an approved employment, education or training support scheme. See a list of qualifying payments and schemes on Gov.ie

Your household is within the BSCFA income limits (see 'Income limits' on our website)

You and each child you claim the BSCFA for are resident in Ireland.

If you are getting a social welfare payment, you must be getting a Child Support Payment (previously called an Increase for a Qualified Child or IQC) with your payment. There are some exceptions to this.

To get the BSCFA, your child must be:

Aged between 2-17 on 30 September in the year you apply.

Aged between 18-22 and returning to full-time second-level education in a recognised school in the autumn of 2026.

Your child must be resident in Ireland.

Foster children

If you are getting the Foster Care Allowance, you can apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance for each foster child. To qualify for the payment, you must satisfy the conditions of the scheme.

How to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance

If you don't get the payment automatically, you can apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance online at MyWelfare.ie. You need a verified MyGovID account.

If you don't have a verified MyGovID account, you can call the BSCFA contact centre on (071) 919 3318 or 0818 11 11 13, and they will help you to set one up.

You can also download an application form post it to the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance Section, Department of Social Protection, College Road, Sligo. F91T384

You should apply for the BSCFA before the closing date if:

You have applied for a social welfare payment and are waiting for a decision on your application, or

You have appealed a decision not to award you a social welfare payment

Your BSCFA application will be decided when you get a decision on your social welfare payment application.

More information on our website.

You always pass failure on the way to success.

Mickey Rooney, Actor

Lucan Drama

Lucan Drama completed another successful evening of One Acts last week where 3 new plays, all written by members of Lucan Drama had their World Premières.



From all the cast and crew, the light and sound, the front of house all involved really enjoyed bringing these new plays to our brilliant audiences.

We would like to thank the whole team at Courtney's who, as always, pulled out all the stops to help us get the shows on the stage.

And, of course, to everyone involved with the Lucan Newsletter for all their help and support.

We are working on lots of plans for the next few months and we look forward to bringing more drama to your Doorstep.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

Garden Open Day Fundraiser



@ 43 Beech Grove
Sat 13th June 2026
10.30am – 4.30pm

Support a very worthy cause

Stroll around our colourful garden.

Bring a friend

Tea/Coffee served

Donation on leaving

Contact: Joe & Aine 086 0561497



Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:

June 13th 2026

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Next 2026 date: July 11th

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 10th June – Club Closed.
Club open again on **Wednesday 17th June**, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, in St. Mary's Parish Centre.



Fund Raiser

A very enjoyable evening was had last Friday night in Carroll's Gastro Pub.

This was a fundraiser for Lucan Tidy Towns generously hosted by manager, Donal Walsh. We were delighted with the amount and quality of sponsorship which was donated. We wish to thank all our sponsors, both local businesses and public representatives. We also want to thank the many people who supported our raffle. And a big thank you to Michael Harmen and his team, 3 lovely nieces, who organised the fundraising raffle, including obtained prizes.

We raised just short of €500 on the night. We are still in discussion as to how to put this to the best use. Be assured that all funding will be used to enhance our village and surrounds.



*Kevin O'Loughlin
Chair*

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.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster June 2026:

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

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.

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.

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

Baptisms in St Mary's:

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

Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

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 husband, family and friends of *Geraldine Delaney*, Cherbury Park.
May she rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 8th June

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

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 at 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:

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

Communion for the Homebound:

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

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Tea/Coffee:

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

All welcome.



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.



St. Joseph's Vocations

Divine Mercy Branch

Pilgrimage to Knock
on Saturday June 27

To secure a seat on the bus from Divine Mercy, please contact any of the following:
Mary McClelland 087-7866855

Parish Office: 01- 4572900

Parish Mobile: 089-4519959.

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

Legion of Mary:

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass.

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

Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

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

Acknowledgement

Harry Gibbons

Chapel View, Lucan.

The family of the late Harry Gibbons sincerely thank everyone who supported us following Harry's death. We are deeply grateful to all who attended the wake and funeral, sent Mass cards and condolences, provided food, and offered help and support.

Our heartfelt thanks to Dr. Collins, Main St. Clinic, Kinirons Pharmacy, Dr. Sheehan, and the staff of Connolly Hospital for their care of Harry. We also thank the St. Mary's Parish team, Fr. Ubaldo Muhindo, Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, Sr. Geraldine Smyth, Sr. Margaret Abbott, Deacon John Gormley, and the sacristy team for their visits, prayers, and for officiating at Harry's funeral and burial. Special thanks to Margaret Brennan and Seamus Brett for the beautiful funeral music.

We are grateful to Cunningham Funeral Directors and the Esker Lawn Cemetery staff for their care and professionalism.

As a mark of our gratitude, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

Harry's Month's Mind Mass will take place on Sunday 21st June at 12 noon in St. Mary's Church, Lucan, Co. Dublin.

May Harry's soul rest in eternal peace.



John McDonagh

1st Anniversary

In loving memory of special husband

The day you left and gained your wings
My heart just broke in two
I wish you could have stayed with me
But Heaven needed you.

You left me with the memories
And I love you dearly still
No matter how much time goes by
You know I always will.

You were a very special person
With kindness in your heart
And the love we had together
Grows stronger now we're apart.

I know I cannot bring you back
Although I wish it every day
But a piece of me went with you
The day you went away.

Cemetery Sunday

Esker, Lucan

Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on
Sunday 30th August at 3pm

(Weather permitting)



Anniversaries

John (Johnny) Griffin

10th Anniversary, 2nd June

"Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us every day,
unseen, unheard, but always near,
still loved, still missed and very dear"

Still greatly missed and always remembered by his wife Lil, children - Anne, Claire, Ed and John, his brother Eddie, sister Nancy and all his extended family and friends with lots of love especially from his grandchildren - Saoirse, Finn and Molly who miss their Grandad up in Heaven xxx

Also, remembering Johnny's brother **Joe** who passed away last year, may he rest in peace. United now to tend Heaven's garden.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallagt.**

This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

For more information visit www.anamcara.ie.



Exams! Our thoughts are with all the students, both Leaving and Junior Certs, who are in the thick of their exams at the moment. Just remember, you'll always come out at the end of it!



The Weather! What would we do without it? At least things are a bit cooler, and very bearable despite the few heavy showers. It would be brilliant

if they could just come at night time – save watering the flowers!

Ruaille Buaille this Saturday at Lucan House! Do make an effort to visit with the kids. If last year's event is anything to go by, it will be super!

Congratulations to Scoil Mhuire G.N.S who are celebrating 130 years as a National School this week, with lots of activities planned, including a concert and art exhibition among other things. Those pupils from 1896 could never have imagined the school as it is today!

Acacia Tree! Lovely to see the white blossom on the old Acacia tree at St. Mary's. Hopefully, the wind and rain won't wash it all away.....

Wishing Mary D.
a speedy recovery!

Great to see you
hopping about again!



CAR BOOT SALE
PARISH FUND RAISING

COME ALONG, JOIN THE FUN AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

SATURDAY, JUNE 13 10:30am - 4pm

Lucan South Parish, Church of the Divine Mercy
Balgaddy, Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 NH05.
ENTRANCE - Gate along Balgaddy Road

A Car Boot Sale & Parish Fair will take place in the church grounds on Saturday, June 13th | 10:30am - 4:00pm. This will be a fundraising event for the parish. The fee to sell items is €25 per car and €35 per small van. To book or volunteer, please contact the Parish Office.

FAMILY FUN DAY ACTIVITIES	REFRESHMENTS	DONATIONS WELCOME
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Games Treats Raffles Music Face painting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tea Coffee Sweets Baking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any unwanted clothes, gifts, shoes, books, items useful to others.

REGISTER AT PARISH OFFICE
For full registration and general enquiries, Church telephone number: 011 810 2612 or a website, website: 011 810 2612 (after numbers only)

COLLECTION Contact: 011 810 2612 for collection arrangements only	DROP OFF Mon - Fri 9am - 1pm Wednesday - before or after Mass
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FÁS FASHION
PASSATS

CHILDREN & BABY CLOTHES SWAP EVENT
AT LUCAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
ON 13TH OF JUNE
1PM-4PM

Climate Ambassador, Lara, with An Taisece, is holding a clothing swap event for local parents to trade children and baby clothes in Lucan Library, on the 13th of June, from 1pm-4pm.

Further information (tickets are free) -
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator>



St. Mary's and St. Patrick's Parish Pilgrimage to Knock

Pilgrims had a very enjoyable day on last Saturday's outing.

What do you think of the new Demesne entrance?



It looks welcoming, despite one row of seating facing the wall – could it be the ‘bold seat’?



Anyway, when you get a chance, have a look and proceed onwards taking in the beauty of Lucan Demesne.

And what about all those young Oak Trees! Seems no length since they were all planted, and they now blend in beautifully with the ancient Oaks along the way.



And on the day, a big splash of colour of a different kind was provided by the canoeists.....

No doubt, by next week, there'll be more colours – watch out for the beautiful tall pink Rosebay Willow Herb, coming very soon.

Lots of colours to be spotted these times –
From top L-R: Lesser Celandine, Comfrey, Common Vetch, Cranesbill, and the tall white Cow Parsley is all over the place, as well as lots of Red and White Clovers, making it a great spot for the wild life!

There certainly is a lot to take in in this area. If you can at all, make a visit, bring the kids, show them this old magical world in the heart of Lucan.....

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The Elizabeth Vesey's of Lucan

by Aoife Tierney -Published by Society for Old Lucan (SOL) on May 4, 2026

Elizabeth Vesey 1715-1791

Elizabeth Vesey was the daughter of Rt. Rev. Sir Thomas Vesey, 1st Bt. and Mary Muschamp. In 1731 at 16, she married William Handcock, (son of William Handcock and Susan Warburton) who died in 1741. In 1746, she married her cousin, Agmondisham Vesey, (son of Rt. Hon. Agmondisham Vesey and Jane Pottinger). They had no children.

The Vesey's spent the summer months in London socialising and the winter months in Dublin where Elizabeth worked on their new residence, Lucan House, designed by her husband. They also had a townhouse in Molesworth Street in the city as well as an estate in Hollymount, Co. Mayo and a residence in Allenswood, Co. Kildare.

Elizabeth Vesey of Lucan House, Bluestocking co-founder. As described by her friend Elizabeth Montagu 'She has been very busy in embellishing the Elysian fields of Lucan, so the inside



decorations will be reserved for her winters amusement'. The house had been designed by her husband with assistance from architect William Chambers.

Elizabeth co-founded The Bluestockings society with Elizabeth Montagu in the 1750's. She was a member of high society in London and held salons where they discussed literature and arts. They lived in the fashionable area of Mayfair, specifically Bolton Row and later Clariges Street. She had a nickname of 'The Sylph' and was described as impulsive and impractical and seemed to have quite an anxious and nervous disposition, however, as a hostess she put her guests comfort first and tended to stay in the background of conversation to ensure everyone was included.

Although her husband was shamelessly unfaithful, Elizabeth took care of him during his periods of illness as he suffered from epilepsy (or as they called it 'The falling sickness') and probably gout. When he died, he left her next to nothing. The Lucan estate was left to his nephew, Col. George Vesey (who had a daughter-in-law called Elizabeth Vesey). To add insult to injury he had even made provisions in his will for a generous allowance to his mistress. This took a serious toll on Elizabeth. Elizabeth had a constant companion in Miss Handcock who was a sister of her first husband. From correspondence with her friend Elizabeth Montagu we know a lot about her life at the time, even down to the fact that she and Miss Handcock had a combined income of £900. We also know that it was the generosity of her nephew that provided them with a carriage.

After Agmondisham's death, the two ladies went to live in a Chelsea villa belonging to Lord Cremorne (Thomas Dawson – who also had a mother called Elizabeth Vesey!) There, Miss Handcock looked after Elizabeth in her declining mental state. Miss Handcock died in 1789 plunging Elizabeth into a deep depression and eventually dementia, she died 2 years later.

[To read an academic discussion of Elizabeth Vesey's books in her library, and correspondence, <https://oajournals.fupress.net/index.php/bsfm-sijis/article/view/7198/7196>]

An etching of Lucan House from 1782, featuring a landscape scene with a house, trees, and a stone bridge, depicting countryside life in the area near Dublin.



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Viscountess Elizabeth (Vesey) Pery c 1733 to 1821

Our second Elizabeth Vesey was born circa 1735. She was the daughter of John Denny Vesey, 1st Baron Knapton and Elizabeth Brownlow. In 1751, she married Robert Handcock, son of Gustavus Handcock and Elizabeth Temple. She was also a niece of the socialite Elizabeth Vesey.



Edmund Sexton Pery by Gilbert Stuart
National Gallery of Ireland

Portrait of Edmund Sexton Pery, painted by Gilbert Stuart, showcasing a man in 18th-century attire with a light blue wig and a thoughtful expression.

In 1762, she married Edmond Sexten (Sexton) Pery, 1st and last Viscount Pery of Newtown-Pery, son of Reverend Stackpole Pery and Jane Twigge. Pery was a barrister, MP and Speaker of the House. They had 2 daughters, Diana Jane and Frances. Unfortunately, we don't have a portrait of this Elizabeth.

Both of our Elizabeth's would have crossed paths in London and Dublin as they were neighbours, as well as aunt and niece.

Elizabeth Pery lived in a villa next door to Lucan House estate named Edmundsperry after her husband, better known today as St. Edmundsbury. Pery built the house at Edmundsbury in the late 18th century from his own design as he was involved in urban planning and architecture. His architect of choice was Francis Bindon whose style may have influenced his design. It is likely he would have consulted with William Chambers

as he had worked with Agmondisham Vesey on the design of Lucan house next door.

The Pery's had a residence at Park St., Mayfair, approximately 1km from the Vesey's home and during the height of his political career they also had a house on Sackville St. (now O'Connell St.) In one of her 1782 letters, Elizabeth Montagu mentioned that the Vesey's were returning to Mr Pery's house in Dublin. In another entry, this time in a diary by Mary Hamilton, on May 11th 1783, she mentions going to Claridges St and meeting the Pery's and their two daughters at the Vesey's home as well as (amongst others) Elizabeth Montagu and Horace Walpole.

Both Elizabeth's were hostesses, and while the Bluestocking Society meeting were about art and literature, Countess Pery's role was more focused on entertaining the political high society of the time.

Both ladies were twice married and their first husbands were a Handcock of Waterstown, Co. Westmeath. Elizabeth (Vesey) Pery outlived her husband by 15 years, passing away on 4 April 1821 at 88 years of age.



Front view of St. Edmundsbury House, showcasing its architectural features and landscaped surroundings.

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EVENTS**



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



Coláiste Phádraigh

Continued from last week.....

Transition Year: The TY Graduation Ceremony, held in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 20th May, marked the culmination of a truly memorable year for the TY Class of 2026. Attended by students, families, staff, and friends, the evening celebrated a year filled with friendship, growth, leadership, and unforgettable experiences.

TY Coordinator Mr. Dunne opened proceedings with a heartfelt address reflecting on the purpose of Transition Year — encouraging students to grow in confidence, embrace new opportunities, and develop important life skills. He praised the students for the enthusiasm, maturity, and positivity they displayed throughout the year and acknowledged the strong support of school management, staff, and families.

Throughout the evening, students reflected on many of the highlights of the programme, including work experience placements, Community Week, fundraising events, driving lessons, hospitality training, rowing, photography, and numerous educational trips and outdoor activities. The wide range of experiences allowed students to develop confidence, teamwork, communication, leadership, and organisational skills while also creating lasting memories and friendships.

A number of students delivered excellent speeches describing their personal TY experiences, while musical performances by Michael Cooney and Callum O'Neill added a touching and emotional atmosphere to the celebration.

The Student Choice Awards and subject awards provided plenty of laughter and recognition, while special awards acknowledged achievement in areas such as inclusion, leadership, sustainability, CPR training, and work experience.

One of the highlights of the evening came with the presentation of the TY Student of the Year Award. Following thirteen nominations, Calum Mackey was announced as the overall recipient in recognition of his outstanding contribution, positivity, and leadership throughout the year.

The evening concluded with refreshments prepared by TY Home Economics students, bringing a fitting close to a hugely successful and rewarding Transition Year programme for the Class of 2026.



TY Graduation 2026



TY Student of the Year Callum Mackey with TY Co-ordinator Mr. Dunne and Programme co-ordinator Ms. Hunt



Lucan Library – June Events

Adult Events in Lucan Library. Regular Events:

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



Monday 8th June at 6.30pm: Adult Chess Club - all levels welcome, even complete beginners, meets once

monthly.

Every Monday 10am - 12noon - Knitters Club, new members welcome.

Thursdays 11th and 25th June from 10am – 12pm: Lucan Library Creative Writers Group. New members welcome.

Saturday 20th June, 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.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club. Tuesday 23rd June from 5.30. All welcome

Additional Adult Events

New: English Conversation Group Tuesday 09th of June at 11am – 12.30. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers. Please register with your email address at the desk or email lucanlibrary@sdblincoco.ie if you would like to attend.

Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Friday 19th June 12:00 – 1:00pm 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. All are welcome.

New: Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Drop in from 6.00pm -7.00pm on 15th and 29th June. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL!

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle Wednesday, 10th June 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.

3D Design for Adults. Tuesday 16th June at 10.30am Booking on Eventbrite from Tuesday 09th.



Children's Events in Lucan Library

Please book events on Lucan Library / Eventbrite.

Wednesday 10th June 10am Reflexology for Babies and Parents. Book on Eventbrite.

Saturday 13th June 1pm – 4pm. Clothes Swap Bring 3 items to swap, meet other local parents, and learn about the circular economy together. Book at Fás Fashion on Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fas-fashion-children-and-baby-clothes-swap-at-lucan-library-tickets-1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

Tuesday 16th June 4-5pm New Teen Book Club Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Register at the library desk.

Tuesday 09th June 3-3:35pm Library Crafts for Crafty Kids (Ages 3-6.) Book on Eventbrite

Tuesday 30th June 6pm: STEAM Session: Kids Coding (Scratch). This is a beginners coding session. Suitable for ages 8+. Book on Eventbrite from 23rd June.

Thursday 11th June, 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena for 9–12year-olds. A fun arts and crafts session. Book on Eventbrite

Thursday 18th June, 3.30pm 3D Design Workshop for 9–12year-olds. Book on Eventbrite from 11th June.

Saturday 20th June at 10:30am Musical Tots. Book on Eventbrite from 13th June.

Monday 22nd June 6:30pm Pride Badge Making Workshop. Book on Eventbrite from 15th June.



Neurodiverse Events:

Friday 26th June from 12noon-2.00pm: Sensory Space. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Suitable for babies and young children. Booking on Eventbrite from 19th June.

Friday 12th June at 10am: Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Booking on Eventbrite from 5th June.

Book Clubs:

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

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 29th June at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 24th June at 7.00pm

Read and Eat Cookbook Club: Thursday 18th June at 10:30pm.



June Exhibitions

From Hedge Schools to CAO Points:

Education in Ireland since the 19th Century 2nd-29th June

Proudly funded by **SDCC**

Cruinniú na nÓg @ Ruaille Buaille Music Village
Lucan Children's Music Festival 2026

Appearing as part of
Ruaille Buaille Music Village
Lucan House, Lucan Village
 will be

Tadhg Kinsella Premiere - 12 min
The Sound Lab

Kenneth Edge Premiere - 1.15pm
Breath In Breath Out

Cathal Abairt Premiere - 2.30pm
Aibhneacha Leambháin: A Tale of Two Rivers

Aisling Smith Premiere - 2.00pm
Crossing Paths: Sounds of Lucan Village Green 2026

Ta Tum Tum! Brazilian
Sounds in the Village!

Ceol In Colour: Mosaic and Music

Kylemore Early Music
Youth Ensemble

Mobile Library at Cruinniú na nÓg

ASTRAL STRING QUARTET
The Astral String Quartet

WONT BE TOLD!
Tumble Circus

Ruaille Buaille
Trad Village

The Whistleblast
Quartet

FROM PARIS TO THE JUNGLE
From Paris to the Jungle

Little Folk - On The Road

Spotlight on Whistle (2026 - 2029)

Dew Drops

For full programme content & information visit our website www.ruaillebuaille.ie or find us on

Saturday 6th June 2026 (gates open at 12noon)
 Lucan House, Lucan Village • 12.15pm - 4.30pm

Irish Saints Feast Days in June

St. Kevin of Glendalough, 3rd June.

Patron of the Archdiocese of Dublin along with St. Laurence O'Toole, also of crows, ravens, blackbirds, and longevity.

Although born in the 6th century, Kevin was only canonised in 1903.

St. Jarlath, 6th June.

Patron of the Archdiocese of Tuam. Born around 450, he spent his early monastic life on the Aran Islands, before he founded a monastery near Tuam. His students included St. Colman of Cloyne and St. Brendan of Clonard.

Folklore has it that St. Brendan returned to visit Jarlath in old age, and told him to leave the monastery and drive until the wheel of his chariot broke, as that would be the place of his death. Jarlath did so, and was found dead at the spot where the wheel broke off, aged in his 90s.

Hence a broken chariot wheel is the emblem of Tuam.

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.

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays,
 in St. Mary's Parish Centre,
 from 9.30 to 11.30am.
 All Welcome!



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Booking is essential
 Scan QR Code

OR [Click Here To Book](http://www.nosp.ie/training)
 visit www.nosp.ie/training
 email: triona@breakingthrough.org

Suicide Alertness for Everyone

A half-day suicide prevention programme. This training is FREE to attend and funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention.

Learn four basic steps to recognise when people have thoughts of suicide and to connect them to suicide first aid resources

Location:
 Terenure Enterprise Centre, 17 Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, D6W X921

Date:
 Friday, 5th June 2026

Time:
 10am – 1.30pm

Note: There is no parking at this venue, you can park close by at the shopping centre which is a short walk away Or Use Public Transport

SafeTALK 'suicide alertness for everyone' prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources.

This training is for anyone over the age of 18, it is not suitable for anyone bereaved by suicide within 12 months.

Training is free of charge



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 28th May lotto jackpot of €12,600. The numbers drawn were **9, 18, 24 & 28**. **Lucky dip's** go to Pdraig Dodd, John Maguire, Avril Mullins, Ciaran Keane, Patrick Quinn | Nuala Geraghty, Graham Forde, Pdraig Dodd, Mick Roche, Liam Kavanagh. This week's Lotto on Thursday 4th June will be for a jackpot of €13,000. This draw is sponsored by Rugs by Design and will be led by Mary Flannery. Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Junior and Leaving Cert Exams

Best of luck to all our Junior and Leaving Certificate students as exams get underway this week. This is a big milestone in your journey, and we know how much time, effort, and dedication has gone into getting to this point. Balancing schoolwork with training, matches, and club commitments is no easy task, and you've all shown fantastic discipline and commitment both on and off the pitch. We are incredibly proud of the way you represent the club in everything you do. As you head into each exam, remember to stay calm, trust in your preparation, and take it one paper at a time. Make sure to look after yourselves!!!! From everyone in the club, we wish you the very best of luck. We've no doubt you'll do yourselves, your families, and the club proud.

Mini All Irelands

The countdown is on for our Mini All Ireland Series, and excitement is building fast around the club. Team numbers are now confirmed, squads are being finalised, and preparations are well underway. This promises to be a fantastic week of hurling, camogie and football. The week will all lead up to our big Saturday finale where you can expect plenty of action, fun, and a great atmosphere throughout the day, followed by celebrations in the clubhouse that evening. It's set to be a brilliant occasion for players, families, and supporters alike. Make sure to come down, show your support, and be part of what is sure to be one of the best weeks in the club calendar.

Dublin Hurling – Leinster Final

Everyone in Lucan Sarsfields would like to wish our three representatives Chris, John and Cathal the very best of luck in this weekend's Leinster Final. It's a proud occasion for the club to see you



take to the field in Croke Park — we will all be cheering you on. Best of luck lads!!!

World Cup Goal Rush

Support the Lucan Minor teams ahead of championship with our World Cup Fundraiser Entry is just €10 and the game is simple: Pick 1 nation from each pot and score points based on goals scored throughout the tournament. The more goals your teams score, the more points you earn! Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be confirmed once entries are in.

Register now via the link on our ClubZap or website. Join the WhatsApp group for leaderboard updates (link also on ClubZap & website)

Entry deadline: Thursday June 11th at 11am

Payment via Revolut:

Dermot Coakley (details available via ClubZap & website)

Best of luck everyone, and thanks for supporting the lads

New LGFA Rules

Applying instantly for all adult intercounty championships at provincial and national levels. In 2027 for juvenile intercounty championships as these competitions have all commenced for the current year of 2026.

In 2027 for the All-Ireland Under 20 Championship as this is commencing in the coming week. Counties do not need to implement the new playing rules for any competitions already commenced in their counties but they have the option to do this if ratified at their county board meetings.

The new playing rules must be implemented for all U18 club championships that have not already commenced or that will commence within this month and for all adult club championships in Britain and Europe.

From 2027, the new playing rules must be implemented across all competitions from Under 13 to adult. The new rules must be implemented from the 2026-2027 academic year for Post Primary Schools

Bereavements

The death has occurred of **Christopher Finnerty**, brother to PJ (Manager - Junior A Hurling), Uncle to Luke, Adam (Junior A Hurling) and Calum (Minor Hurling & Football). The club would like to extend our deepest sympathies to PJ, Luke, Adam, Calum and the extended family at this difficult time.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Political Notes

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ASB – Griffeen Valley Park:

A recent clean up within the park where I was a volunteer, lifted a lot of drug paraphernalia amongst the litter removed. I have written to An Garda Síochána in Lucan Village and will continue to request increased patrols into our parks and off-street areas ahead of the summer months. Unfortunately, there was also significant graffiti damage last Bank Holiday Monday. I have submitted a request to have this removed through our constituency office.

Vegetation - Griffeen Bridge:

9 months ago, there were works carried out to remove significant vegetation from within the stonework of Griffeen Bridge. This followed a representation I made in Nov 2023. However, only one side of the bridge received attention at the time. I have now submitted a similar request, asking that the east (park side) of the bridge is inspected, with a view to scheduling any necessary works here too.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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Griffeen Bridge at Courtney's:

I raised damage to the bridge with the council and am pleased that the repair works are now complete, the bridge is in good condition, and looks very well.

Dodsboro / Paddocks Junction:

Residents report ongoing difficulty exiting both estates at peak times. The Council confirmed a full yellow box will be installed at The Paddocks Drive / Dodsborough Cottages / Tandy's Lane junction, subject to resourcing, programme and funding.

Meadowview Grove:

I raised residents' request for a peak-time right turn ban from the Dodsboro Road. The Council did not support this because of enforcement challenges and the risk of diverting traffic through Hillcrest. A driver feedback sign was installed on Meadowview prompting drivers of their speed and to slow traffic, and HGV restriction signage will follow. I also raised enforcement directly with Lucan Garda Station.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Sports Capital Grants:

I will be hosting an information evening on the Community Sports Facilities Fund (formerly the Sports Capital and Equipment Fund) with the Minister of State for Sport, Charlie McConalogue TD. It takes place on 9 June at 7.30pm in St Finian's Hall in Newcastle. We will be providing an overview of the application process and the criteria for sports clubs in Lucan and Dublin Mid-West. If your sports club is making an application, it will be of interest!

Loneliness:

In the Dáil recently, I raised the need for policy initiatives to address the issue of loneliness. Loneliness is a social issue that pervades across all age groups, and I will be advocating for the need to address it through policies over the coming months.

Clinic:

My next set of clinics takes place on Monday 8 June between 1 and 5pm.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Best of Luck:

With the Leaving Cert and Junior Cert exams now underway, I wish all students the very best of luck. Remember, while these exams are important, they do not define who you are or limit what you can achieve in the future.

Community Sports & Facility Fund 2026:

Formerly known as the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme, the Community Sports Facility Fund introduces a simpler application process and increased grant thresholds, making funding more accessible for sports clubs and community organisations. For more information or assistance with an application, please contact my office.

Lucan House:

Delighted to see Lucan House open for a fantastic family day out as part of Cruinniú na nÓg on Saturday, 6 June, from 12.00pm to 4.30pm. A wonderful opportunity for families to enjoy this historic local landmark and celebrate creativity.

Political Notes continued over....

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

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Issues Around Lucan?

The next Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin Area Committee Meeting will take place on 23 June. If you have any local issues, concerns, or suggestions you would like me to raise, please contact me by 9 June.

Save St. Edmundsbury – Peaceful Protest Walk:

The Save St. Edmundsbury campaign group, which I am a member of, is planning a peaceful, awareness-raising community walk, ahead of SDCC vote on potential rezoning 19 June.

Provisional Details 3.00 pm Tuesday, 16 June 2026 Main entrance to St. Edmundsbury (the entrance with the eagles)

Residents and supporters are encouraged to join the walk to Lucan Village to demonstrate community support for protecting St. Edmundsbury for future generations.

Updates and any changes will be posted on the Save St. Edmundsbury Facebook page; follow for more.

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LCSP Public Meeting for Lucan:

I requested that Lucan be considered for a public meeting under the new Local Community Safety Partnership LCSP structures. I am pleased that the Council has confirmed that additional public meetings and engagement events across the County including more localised approaches will be considered as the new Community Safety Plan is developed. For many years I have advocated for stronger local policing and community safety forums in Lucan. The LCSP provides an opportunity to bring community safety discussions closer to residents and address issues at a much more local level.

Castlegate Adamstown Tree Update:

Following concerns raised by residents I sought an update on the proposed footpath works and the future of the mature tree at Castlegate Adamstown. An arborist survey is underway with works planned for late Q3. Updates to follow.

Airport Link

With the Airport Hopper discontinued for quite a while and no sign of the NTA restoring it.

It's the one area that could support a new bus route from Adamstown rail station to the Airport.



This would facilitate the Airport and a wide catchment area along the route for work and to other areas as well. There is a Sligo bus going to the Airport five times a day and stops at Lucan. This bus is not allowed to take on passengers at Lucan, and there are several seats available on each bus. This route should be allowed to serve the Airport as there is no extra cost. I also discovered the X buses are not allowed to take on passengers at Lucan. An example X32 serving Leixlip Hewlett Packard won't take on passengers at Lucan on outward evening trip. This is an area that had its bus serviced removed with Bus Connects and this bus has less than ten passengers when it reaches Lucan Village. The big question is do the planners really want people to use public transport.

Tom Newton 086 3127364

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Castletown House – Celbridge

- **Chamber Concerts:**

Recitals and performances frequently take place in the historic Long Gallery June at Castletown.



- **Castletown Park**

Run: Every Saturday morning throughout June, you can join the free 5K Park Run on the beautiful historic parklands.



- **June Lectures & Talks:** Throughout June 2026. Castletown House is hosting a free cultural programme, including illustrated lectures such as Dr. Deirdre Cullen's talk on the Long Gallery's painted decorations (occurring later this month). While these talks are free, some may require advance booking.

- **Outdoor Exploration:** Even without a guided tour or special event, the 18th century estate is free to wander, with acres of parkland's, walking paths, and the river Liffey to enjoy.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Members of our group like to travel. In the past two months we have had photographs from France, Spain, Taiwan and Iceland. Our newest member, Nuala, has shared some photographs taken in Peru last December when she was there volunteering. They are from Machu Picchu in southern Peru, the location of a 15th-century Inca citadel, an iconic symbol of the Inca civilization and referred to as the "Lost City of the Incas". It is believed by some scholars that the citadel was occupied from around 1420 to 1530 and that it was abandoned in the mid-16th century, around the time of the Spanish conquest, likely due to the collapse of Inca rule and the spread of disease following European contact.



Irene found a Tulip Tree in bloom in Griffeen Park. The external resemblance of its flowers to tulips gives it its name. However, in their internal structure the flowers are quite different.

Frances sent us a photo of the flower commonly known as "Love-in-a-Mist" which belongs to the buttercup family.



Joe sent us a photo of a beautiful rose in his garden.



Returning to the subject of new members we would welcome some more. We are not a formal camera club but a small group of people who like to take photographs and discuss how we might improve our photography. If interested drop in to the Parish Centre any Friday between 10.30 and 11.30 without commitment.

Stay safe until next week!