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What a Difference a Week Makes!

As I considered what I would write this week, I found myself resisting wanting to write about the war as we are bombarded with coverage about missiles, etc currently. We cannot ignore what is happening in the world either around us or at a distance from us as it all impacts on us directly or indirectly. The most immediate effect is the increase in fuel costs, which will hurt those who are already struggling to balance tight budgets. Many families in our country are worried about friends and relatives who are living in war torn places or who were in transit through the middle east when the war broke out. Many families living here, who are from middle eastern countries, may be in a situation of wondering if their relatives are alive or safe if communication has been cut.

The anxiety with which any of us live currently pales into insignificance compared with what was experienced by the many hundreds, if not thousands, on whom ballistics rained at the weekend. Their homes were destroyed, some of their loved ones disappeared below rubble and the skies above were lit up for all the wrong threatening reasons. The people in these regions have always lived with a fear of being at the centre of war and disruption and often with a fear of those who were charged with their political care.

One of the worst parts of the current situation is the fact that there is a very clear lack of world spirit and community where we are all one and responsible for one another! The United Nations and the international elders have done wonderful work in recent decades to increase the level of dialogue with all so that wars might be prevented. The difficulty about dialogue is that it is and always will be slow. Dialogue requires a quality of listening that goes against the self-centredness of a person or nation to really hear what the other person or nation is hearing or experiencing. Effective dialogue takes times as it requires a change of mindset for both parties and a building of a fresh track on which to move together as the older tracks may be too narrow or weak. This has worked well in the north of our own country, even if it means that there will be a certain fragility evident while we move tenderly and carefully together. Such change requires humility and determination with genuine openness to the value of one another.

May those who have the power and skills bring the powers of the world together around a table that will lead to peace.

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

New rules on renting from 1 March 2026

Are you signing a new tenancy agreement?

Since 1 March 2026, new rules apply to tenancies in the private sector.

The new rules affect:

How inflation is measured for the purpose of rent increases.

[How rent can be increased in newly built apartments or student accommodation.](#)

How often a landlord can re-set the rent (and the steps they must follow to do this).

[How long you can stay in your rented home.](#)

The valid reasons why your tenancy can end, depending on whether you have a smaller or larger landlord.

[The ways in which you can get a notice of termination.](#)

The new rules apply to you if you sign a new tenancy agreement for:

A private rental, including if you get the Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) or support through the Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS).

[Student-specific accommodation.](#)

An approved Housing Body (AHB) home.

[A cost rental home \(below market rent\)](#)

However, the rules about rent increases don't apply to AHB or cost rental housing, and they're slightly different for tenancies in student-specific accommodation.

If your tenancy was created before 1 March 2026, or if you live in local authority housing, the new rules don't apply.

Fuel Allowance and Working Family Payment

From 1 January 2026, if you are getting WFP, you are considered to satisfy the means test for Fuel Allowance. This means you will get the Fuel Allowance payment if:

No other member of your household is getting the Fuel Allowance.

Your heating needs are not included in full as part of your accommodation.

You do not need to apply, it is paid automatically.

What is the General Data Protection Regulation?

Many organisations, both public and private, hold information about you. This can be as simple as your contact details or may be more detailed information, such as your online browsing history. You may have concerns about privacy, or about the accuracy and the further use of the information by the collecting organisation and any other organisation it decides to share that information with.

Such concerns have led to the development of data protection laws around the world. In the EU, this area is generally governed by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Specific EU laws also deal with matters such as criminal investigations. There are additional laws in each EU member state. In Ireland, these laws include the Data Protection Acts and other regulations.

These data protection laws mean that your personal data should generally only be stored where there is a lawful basis, such as your consent, or where there is a legal obligation.

You have a number of rights under data protection laws, like the right to access the personal data held and the right to have it corrected or erased in certain circumstances.

You are entitled to have your personal information:

Protected.

Used in a fair and legal way.

Made available to you when you ask for a copy.

Corrected if you ask for the information to be corrected.

See our website for more information.

Original Pack Dispensing

Dear Editor,

Does anyone know of a pharmacy in the Lucan area which does not use the so-called "Original Pack Dispensing" system. This appears to be based on a belief that every month has only 28 days.

Mattie Lennon.

mattielennon@gmail.com

www.mattielennon.com

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Will members going to see "Oklahoma" on 27th June, please pay by Thursday, approx. €74.

Chair Aerobics are being checked out. A trip to Fairyhouse House Racecourse and a trip to the Dáil are also in the planning.

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

Lots of activities to enjoy - Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.



Tickets will be available at the door on the night! All support on the night would be greatly appreciated as we step outside our comfort zone. This performance will not disappoint! Full bar at the venue – **Leixlip GAA Club**, for anyone who is feeling thirsty!

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 11th March: Musical Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, and also celebrating St. Patrick's Day – a **Green Day!** 10.30 – 12.30.



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 9th March: The Crafty Ladies will be busy bees working away on their various items.

Tea Hostesses are: Patricia and Mary Rudden.

Nine members taught crochet to T.Y. students in St. Joseph's College on Thursday last, 26th February. The young girls were so eager to learn and a pleasure to teach. It is amazing how quickly they pickup the "know how". They now have ten weeks to finish their blanket which will be displayed at their end of year work exhibition.



We are so proud of our member Mary Coyle who represented us and the Dublin Federation on Monday last at the final of the "Gempack" Cherry Cake Competition in An Gránán.

Well done, Mary!



Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday:
March 14th, 2026
2pm – 5pm
St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2026 dates: April 11th, May 9th (later start),
June 13th and July 12th.

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,
Monday to Friday: 7.30pm

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com



Best Wishes to the pupils of

Gaelscoil Naomh Padraig

who will be Confirmed
this Friday 6th March

Please keep them in your prayers



St. Mary's Readers' Roster March 2026: The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of March has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

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 Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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.

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

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 01 621 7041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

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.

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.

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.

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



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Anthony (Tony) Murray**, Esker Lawns and to the family and friends of **Mary Josephine Sheridan**, Beech Park,

May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 9th March

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

During Lent Weekday Evening Mass will be in St Mary's Church at 7.30pm. Covering both St Mary's and St Patrick's.

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: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Best wishes to the pupils of

**Scoil Mhuire and
St John the Evangelist**

who will be Confirmed
this Friday 6th March.

Please remember them in your prayers



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

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

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

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

Tea/Coffee: Coffee Morning every Wednesday after the 10am Mass. Do drop in. *All welcome.*

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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

MEDJUGORJE 2026

Depart 13th May for 7 Nights
Dublin to Dubrovnik at 7.30am

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Insurance: €35.00

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087 223 8911
or call Marian Pilgrimages on
01 878 8159

(AND SAY YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH PAT'S GROUP)
Spiritual Director: Fr. Ray Kelly

Anniversaries

Bridget (Ciss) Behan, 14th Anniversary, 1st March

Late of Dodsboro Cottages
You are not just a memory Mam,
Or part of the past
You are ours to remember
As long as our life lasts
*Loved and remembered always Ann and Mary
and all your family xxx*



Orla Carey, 27th Anniversary, 8th March

Of my much loved daughter, sister, aunty
and grand aunt Orla, forever missed.
Late of Beech Park
Forever Young
We think of you Orla as living
In the hearts of those you touched
For nothing loved is ever lost
And you were loved so much
It's lonely here without you Orla
We miss you more each day
For life will never be the same
Since you went away
To your resting place I visit
Place flowers there with care
But no one knows the heartache
When I turn and leave you there
My Orla with a heart of gold
*Love you forever, your heartbroken Mam,
sisters, brothers, nephews, nieces,
grand nephews and nieces. xxxxxx*



Mary Fox, 14th Anniversary, 23rd February

Late of Church Street, Kells
Mother, If we had bottled up your laughter
It would brighten every day
The world was such a brighter place
Before you went away.
Now we hold you in our lonely hearts
As we continue on our way,
We know that when the time is right
Your laugh will guide our way.
Love and miss you every day Ma,
*Your loving son Desmond and late
daughter-in-law Jean.*

Nanny Fox

*Loved and missed every day by your
grandchildren. Karen, Lisa and Kevin,
partners Rachel, Breda and Andy. great
grandchildren. Laurajane, Daniel,
Craig, Nikki and Kelsie.*



Pat Keane, 2nd Anniversary

You are never too far away Pat
And as long as the music plays
It's as if you were here dancing here with us
Music keeps us going with you in mind
*Love from Mary, Michael and Sarah, Mark and
Bernie, grandchildren Aishling, Eimear, Eoin,
Rachel and Nathan and great grandchild Levi.*

William Arthur Morris, 13th Anniversary, 4th March

Dad, Thirteen years ago today
You closed your eyes and slipped away.
We often talk to you to say
You're loved and missed every single day.
*Always in our hearts your late daughter Jean,
sons Joseph, Billy, Harry and sons-in-law
Dessie and Gerry*

Granda Bill

Loved and missed every day by your
grandchildren Lisa, Karen and Kevin, their
partners Andy, Breda and Rachel. Your great
grandchildren, Laurajane, Nikki, beloved Daniel,
Kelsie and Craig.

Birthday Remembrances

Jean Fox, 2nd away from home, 10th March

Happy Birthday to my lovely wife
In heaven high above
I'm sending birthday wishes
To remind you of my love.
And on your very special day
My thoughts will be of you
The kind and gentle one I loved
My soulmate through and through
Always in my heart.
Your loving husband Dessie.

Happy birthday to our little Ma

*Adored and missed beyond words
Karen, Lisa, Kevin, Breda, Andy, Rachel,
Joe and Jerry. xxxxxxxx*

Nanny Jean

*Forever loved by your heartbroken grandchildren
Laurajane, Daniel, Craig, Nikki and Kelsie. xxxxxx*

Tom Weldon, 100th Heavenly Birthday, Dad, 6th March 1926

May the Angels sing to you the Joyous Chorus of
" Happy Birthday "
*Loved and always in our hearts Ann, Larry,
Geraldine, Jackie, Paul, Breda, Kara and
families.*

COMMUNITY CONNECT DRIVE & DROP

DONATE TO HELP FAMILIES IN
NEED! **SUNDAY MARCH 8th**
10PM-13PM - Church Car Park



ITEMS THAT CAN BE ACCEPTED

(NEW ITEMS ONLY):

Nappies – size 1 to 2, baby wipes, Nappy Sacks.
Baby Wash/Shampoo, Nappy Cream, Baby
Sponges, Baby Cotton Wool. Packs of sleepsuits
and vests (newborn to 3 months). Packs of baby
hooded towels, Baby cellular blankets, Packs of
baby bibs, Baby bottles. Hospital bag items -
maternity nightdresses, slippers/fluffy socks,
toilet bags, sanitary towels, breast pads, nipple
cream, shampoo, conditioners, body wash,
toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant.

Financial donations also accepted on the day.

For more information see:

www.communityconnect.ie/driveanddrop/



Best Wishes

to our grandson **Eoghan** who will be
making his Confirmation in St Patrick's
Church on Thursday 12th March. Hope
you have a lovely day,

Love from your Nanny and Granddad Cummins



**Spring is sprung - The grass is
riz!** Great to hear the lawn-
mowers roaring away these
days, and uplifting to see people
out tending their flowers and
shrubs, which have endured a
very wet winter.

**From old
days to new
ways!** The
new Solar
Bins arrived
in Lucan this
week –
apparently,
they can
store up to 10
times more
litter, due to
compacting,
than our old
bins.

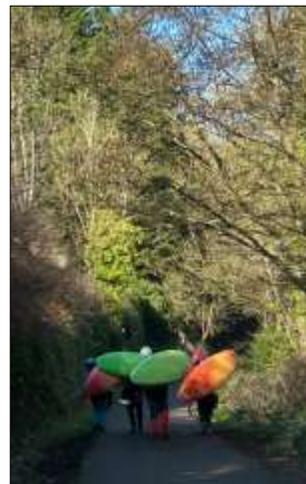
So, they
won't need
emptying as often.....



A nice feature of the new instalments, are the
local scenes on the sides, though it must be said
that some are out of date, given recent
development around the village.

Double take!!! We
thought we had
spotted turtles
going up the
Demesne this
week!

**On the sporting
scene** – we're
keeping our fingers
crossed for the
Rugby team this
weekend, as they
take on Wales, and
our Girls in Green
were unlucky to
lose to France this
week.....



A Lifetime of Service: Liam Cullen to Lead Lucan Parade as Grand Marshal

A lifelong commitment to community service will be honoured at this year's Lucan St Patrick's Day Parade, with the appointment of a Grand Marshal whose quiet dedication has been felt for generations. Liam Cullen of the Lucan Red Cross has been part of every parade for more than three decades, always focused on keeping others safe.



Members of the Lucan Red Cross pictured at the 2025 St Patrick's Day Parade, led by Liam Cullen (front), who has delivered First Aid and Emergency Red Cross response at every parade since 1991.

This year's Lucan St Patrick's Day Parade will be led by someone who has quietly supported the community for decades. Liam Cullen of the Lucan Red Cross is named 2026 Grand Marshal, recognising a lifetime of service and a remarkable record of having attended every parade since 1991.

For almost 55 years, Liam is at the heart of the Lucan Red Cross. Generations of volunteers have been trained by him in first aid and emergency response, and his calm, reassuring presence has become a familiar sight at parades, festivals and local events throughout the year.

Liam's commitment goes beyond emergency cover. He plays a key role in sustaining Lucan Red Cross initiatives, including the much-loved Senior Citizens Christmas Dinner, with the 75th dinner taking place last Christmas, continuing a tradition that brings companionship, care and dignity to older members of the community.

Honouring Liam as Grand Marshal is a fitting tribute to a man whose dedication helps make Lucan a safer, stronger and more connected place.

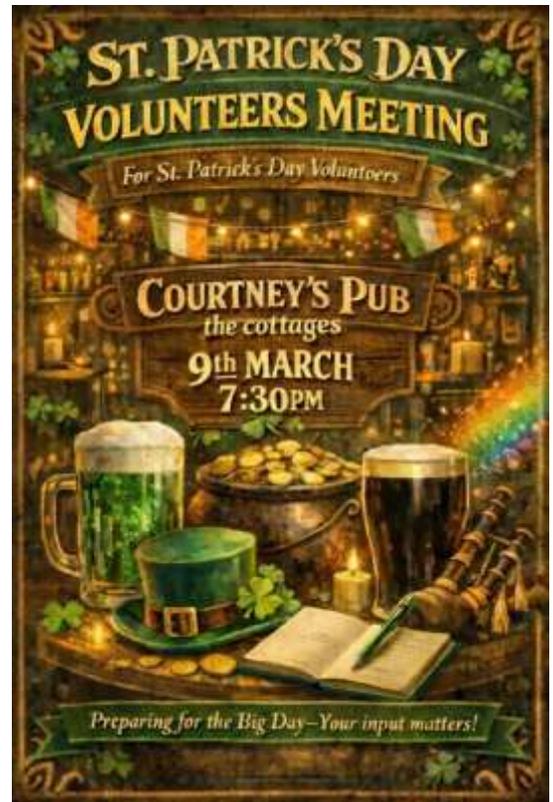
Lucan St. Patrick's Day Parade

The Lucan St Patrick's Day Parade returns at 3pm on St Patrick's Day, Tuesday 17th March, as the community comes together to celebrate a very special milestone — 35 years of the Lucan Parade.

This anniversary year is particularly meaningful for the parade committee. Parade Chairperson Sam Cummins, daughter of founder Barbara Cummins, and Parade Organiser Caroline Brady, daughter of founder Peter Brady, both mark 35 years with the parade this year. Creative Officer Emma Kirwan, granddaughter of founder Mary Meehan, is celebrating 21 years with the parade. Their continued involvement highlights the multi-generational commitment that has sustained the Lucan Parade for over three decades.

The parade committee sincerely thank South Dublin County Council, whose support through the Community Grants Fund has helped sustain the Parade over 35 years, and Lucan Garda Station, whose continued support and partnership is central to the safe and successful running of the parade. Warm thanks are also extended to the businesses of Lucan for their generous funding and continued involvement, and to the many community organisations whose participation year after year is truly at the heart of the parade.

The parade running order will be announced at the end of this week.





CHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraigh

Table Quiz: The Parents Association Table Quiz, held last Wednesday evening in Kenny’s Pub, proved to be a fantastic success. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended, supported, and contributed to such an enjoyable community event. The atmosphere on the night was lively and welcoming, with plenty of friendly rivalry and competitive spirit on display as teams battled it out across a wide range of challenging questions. There was no shortage of fun, with laughter echoing throughout the venue as participants put their knowledge to the test. A wonderful selection of spot prizes and raffle prizes added to the excitement and ensured that there were plenty of winners on the night.

Importantly, the funds raised will go directly towards the purchase of new school laptops, supporting students’ learning and access to technology. The generosity and continued support of the school community is greatly appreciated.

Basketball: Well done to our 1st yr basketball team who qualified for the East Boys Shield “A” Final on Tuesday after an impressive 41-30 win against Templeogue College. Nathan Adjinakou (11), Billy Gogarty (18), Alfie Donohue (4), Aidan Forster (4), Daniel Breen (2), and Jack Collins (2) got the team’s scores.



1st Years Basketball Team

Our 2nd yrs were beaten by Templeogue in their Shield semi-final, going down 49-42 in a competitive and high-quality encounter. Nathan Adjinakou impressed again with 23 points, with Daniel McDevitt (6), Elliot Reilly (5) and Sam O’ Brien (2) and Max O’ Neill (4) and Daniel Kavanagh (2) getting the other scores.

Fundraising: Last Friday was a day of colour, community spirit and generosity as 23 Transition Year students volunteered their time to support the Oesophageal Cancer Fund by selling lollipops in Lucan. From 9am until 3pm, students were stationed outside Centra in Lucan Village and Spar on Dodsboro Road, proudly representing both the school and this very worthwhile cause.



Dressed in bright pink and white Oesophageal Cancer t-shirts, our volunteers were certainly hard to miss! Their enthusiasm, friendliness and good humour made a wonderful impression on everyone they met.



We would like to sincerely thank the managers and staff of Centra Lucan Village and Spar, Dodsboro Road, for so kindly facilitating our students. Their support and cooperation made the day run smoothly and ensured our volunteers were warmly welcomed.

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A very special word of thanks must go to Ms. Casey for her fantastic work in organising the event and securing permission from both shops. We would like to extend our sincere thanks also to Muintir na Tíre Hall in Lucan Village for their very generous donation of €200 towards the fundraising event. Ms. Casey, who is involved in running the Hall, arranged the contribution.

The fundraising efforts were not limited to Friday alone. Throughout the week, students eagerly purchased lollipops in school to support the cause. A particular mention must go to our 1st yr students, who were especially kind and generous — although the delicious strawberry-flavoured, fruit lollies may have helped boost sales!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the local community for their phenomenal support throughout the day. The final amount raised will be known next week.

Hurling: Our 1st yr hurlers produced an outstanding performance last Thursday to secure their place in the next stage of the Dublin League with a commanding 4-14 to 2-3 victory over Clonkeen College. Eoghan Ware (1-6), Eoin McKenna (0-1), Luke Whelan (0-1), Will Keane (1-6) and Noah Buck (2-0) got the team's scores.

From the throw-in, the team showed great determination, skill and teamwork, setting the tone early with some excellent points before clinically taking their goal chances. Their work rate throughout the pitch was impressive, with strong defending, sharp passing and intelligent movement creating numerous scoring opportunities.

Eoghan Ware, Eoin McKenna and Daniel Breen were the standout performers on the day, each making a significant contribution to the team's success. However, this was truly a squad effort, with all 25 players seeing valuable game time and playing their part in a well-deserved win. Well done to the entire panel on a fantastic team performance, and best of luck in the next round of the league.

Our 2nd yr hurlers faced a very strong challenge last Friday as they took on Maynooth Community College in their second and final group stage game of the Dublin League. Despite a determined effort, they were beaten on a score-line of 10-12 to 1-5.

There were some well-taken scores on the day, with Rory Dowling (0-2), Liam Whelan (0-1), Finn Brunton (1-0) and Daniel Kavanagh (0-2) all contributing to the scoreboard. The team will now compete in the Shield competition.

Kishoge Community College

Kishoge Community College presents Grease - The Musical: We are delighted to present Grease! A fun, energetic musical filled with iconic songs and big dance numbers. It promises to be an amazing show.



Everyone is welcome. You don't need to have a student attending the school to come along. Tickets cost €10 per person and are available via [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com), or via the QR Code on the attached poster. Some tickets will also be available at the door on the night.

Kishoge Community College, Thomas Omer Way, Lucan, K78 DC89.



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 9th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel**, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

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

St. Joseph's College

Hockey: A massive well done to our junior hockey team. They won the Leinster League – Group C semi final 2–1 against Loretto Dalkey. The winning goals were scored by Aimee Sheriff and Nina Tomlinson. Congratulations to them on their excellent performance. With this victory, the team has qualified for the final, a fantastic result.

Under 14 Gaelic football: Well done to the under 14 Gaelic football team who won their first match yesterday. They had a fantastic comeback win against Portmarnock Community School.

Athletics: Well done to the athletes who competed in the Leinsters today in Navan. They ran superbly. Lucy Cassidy. Siofra Gough. Moya Reilly, Claire Guest and Isabelle Mullarkey.

Lucan ICA Visits St Joseph's: A huge thank you to the ladies of Lucan ICA who visited our TY students this past week for another crocheting workshop. There was a great atmosphere of creativity, chat and calm business as our 23 TYs set about learning the craft of crocheting from the wonderful ICA Ladies from Lucan Guild. We look forward to this year's set of baby blankets, to be completed in 10 weeks' time.



Bronze and Silver Gaisce Trip ready for the off: Best wishes to our Bronze and Silver Gaisce students who will be taking to the Wicklow Mountains on Thursday, Friday and Saturday to complete their Gaisce Adventure Journey. We are delighted to have 93 TYs, ten 5th Year and three 6th Year students taking part. We are predicting that the rain gear will be put to use on Thursday but look forward to sunnier days on Friday and Saturday to complete the challenge of hiking 25km for Bronze students over two days and 50km for the Silvers over three days. Thank you to all the staff for coming along – we look forward to the fresh air, beautiful scenery and the many, many steps we will take.



Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino de Santiago? Breakthrough Cancer Research are taking on the final 100KM of the 'French Way', Sarria to Santiago from the 13th – 20th of April 2026 and would love for you to join them. Many people choose to walk the Camino with Breakthrough Cancer Research for deeply personal reasons. Some take part to honour a loved one, others to fulfil a bucket-list dream, and many simply wish to share a meaningful experience with a friend or partner - all while helping to raise vital, life-saving funds for cancer research. Starting in the charming town of Sarria, experience camaraderie and reflection as you walk toward Santiago de Compostela, creating lasting memories on this historic pilgrimage.

For more information, please contact Edel, edel@breakcancer.ie or phone 021 422 66 55 for more details.

Breakthrough Cancer Research is the leading cancer research charity in Ireland, supporting more than 200 researchers at 13 institutions across the

Island. We focus our research on developing new diagnostics and better treatments for poor prognosis and currently incurable cancers.

In 2023, we launched a brand-new All Ireland Cancer Network (AllCaN) which brought together all of the stakeholders in oesophageal cancer for a €1M collaborative project to significantly improve the survival rates of people diagnosed with this cancer.

The second AllCaN will focus on Pancreatic cancer and will imminently. Your support will help accelerate our research of these and other difficult to treat cancers such as lung, brain, liver, stomach and ovarian.

BOOK CLUBS

Enquire at the desk about joining one of our book clubs - new member's welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club:

Monday, 23rd March at 12noon.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 25th March, 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book Club Thursday 19th of March at 10.30am



Seachtain na Gaeilge

Eventbrite will open exactly a week before the event at the same time as the event starts.

Tuesday 10th at 6.30: Mo Chrátúr Gaelach/ My Gaelic Creature: Art workshop as Gaeilge for families, invent and build an original mythical creature reimagined for today! Book on Eventbrite from 03rd at 6.30.

Wednesday 11th at 6pm: Irish Myths and Legends/ Finscéalta na hÉireann: Imaginative bilingual storytelling event for all ages with Roisin Murphy. Book on Eventbrite from 04th at 6pm.

REGULAR ADULT EVENTS

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

Monday 09th at 6.30pm:

Adult Chess Club - all levels welcome, meets once monthly.



Every Monday 10am - 12noon –

Lucan Library Knitters Club, new members welcome.



Thursdays 12th and 26th March from 10am – 12noon: **Lucan Library Creative Writers Group**

Saturday 21st March at 12noon:

NEW “What’s the Story” Writing Club! Email Aine at Creativelucan@gmail.com to book your place or look up Creative Social on Eventbrite.ie



ADDITIONAL ADULT EVENTS

Tuesday 24th March from 5.30: Lucan Library Classic Film Club- all welcome

Friday 27th March at 11am.

Book **Felting Workshop** with Martina on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 20th at 11am. Monday 23rd at 6.30pm:

A Talk by the Irish Astronomical Society. Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 16th at 6.30.

Thursday 02nd April at 6.30pm:

Let’s Talk About Fast Fashion! Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 23rd March at 6.30

YOUNGER CHILDREN EVENTS

Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite Friday 6th and 20th at 10.00am:

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets twice monthly.

No need to book. Wednesday 11th of March at 10am: **Reflexology for Babies and Parents.**

Book your place on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Wednesday 25th of March at 10am.

Little Wiggles for Preschool Tots! Book

on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 18th at 10am. Saturday 14th of March:

Musical Tots with Karen! Book on

[Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) from 18th at 10am.

Every Monday at 3pm: Storytime – Changing to Mondays. Stories in English and Irish with a small arts and craft included! Please book your space on Eventbrite from each previous Monday at 3pm.

OLDER CHILDREN EVENTS

Thursday 12th March for 9-12 at 3.30pm:

Art and Creativity with Elena 9-12.

Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Saturday 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th at 2pm:

Illustration Workshop with Olla for ages 8-12.

4 Week course, participants are kindly asked to attend all 4 days.

Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)

Neurodiverse Events: Thursday 12th March at 10am:

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School

Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner.

Book on [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com)



Exhibitions

From Darndale to New York Aer Lingus Exhibition.

Swinging Sixties Fashion Exhibition



Lucan Drama

We have had a great response to our Open Mic so far with lots of people putting their names forward to perform on the night. Drama, music and poetry aplenty



Why not start off the St. Patrick's Day celebrating a little early by joining us upstairs at Courtney's on Monday March 16th, doors open at 7.15 with the evening's entertainment starting at 8. Entry is Free and all are welcome.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

People's Art & Craft Fair

March 2026

Open call for artists and crafters to participate in this year's **"People's Art & Craft Fair",** **Sat 28th and Sun 29th March**

The venue is **Canon Despard Centre,** Chapel Hill, Lucan.

The fee for the 2 days for artists is €60 per stand, and €60 per 6ft table or €40 per 4ft table for crafters.



Please contact us at peoplesartlucan@gmail.com for a booking form as soon as possible as places will fill up quickly and we have limited space.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Conversational Irish

in
St Mary's Parish Centre
10.30-11.30a.m.
every Wednesday.
All are welcome



First Came the Wind

First came the wind,
Then the tempest,
Blowing into a gale.
Down on the earth,
Fell the raindrops,
Giving life to the world
in a storm.

Out of the soil,
Came the snowdrops,
The first of the
flowers
to be born.
Leading the first days,
of springtime,
With the promise of Roses
and sunshine,
In the long days,
Of summer to come.



By Stephen Byrne



ADVERTISING RATES

- Line ads of **15 words or less** cost **€2.00**
- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost **.20 cent** for every word in the **entire ad**.
- **Block/Display adverts 6cm wide x 4cm high, cost €10 for one insert.**
- **No Business Ad.** will be carried for two consecutive weeks, with only **ONE AD.** per person or business
- **Lost & Found ads.** – No Charge
- **WEDNESDAY 10pm is the DEADLINE**

Ads should be **placed in an envelope** containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:
St. Mary's Parish Centre, Church Grounds, Lucan
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.

Please do not ring doorbells when leaving in items for the Newsletter!

While Lucan Newsletter accepts items for publication in good faith, we cannot be held responsible for the reliability of our advertisers.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,400. The Numbers were **19, 23, 25 & 32.**

Lucky dips go to Mary Flannery, Karen Boylan, Declan Lee, William Eakins and JJ Hegarty. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,800. This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care

Services and will be led by Gerry McAndrew.

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



Membership

2026 membership renewal is open at Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club! Membership runs from January 1st to December 31st, so let's get everyone set up for another great year. Please see previous notes on ClubZap for procedures on how you can renew.

Easter Camps

Our Easter Camps which will run from 7th to 10th April 2026 are now sold out!!!



Camogie

Our Under 15A Camogie team played out an entertaining draw against St Maurs on Saturday with the score finishing 3-06 to 2-09. Best of luck for the year ahead girls!!

Academy

Our academy is back and is open to all boys and girls aged between 4-7. The academy runs every Saturday – no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try.

Age group times are as follows; 2021/2022 - 9am, 2020 – 10am and 2019 – 11am.

Club Pitches

The grass pitches remain closed, including the surrounding areas. We kindly ask everyone to stay off these pitches to help protect the surfaces and ensure they are ready for play once conditions allow. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support on this matter.

25 Card Drive

Date: Fridays until 8th May 2026.

Time: 8.00pm Sharp.

Prize: 1st €50 (if 12 or more players),

Entry: €5 per player.

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar).

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play. Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information.



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

Political Notes

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 618 3013. Insta: @emerhigginstd

Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

Major improvements in Student Grant Scheme will benefit students in Lucan:

I am pleased to see that students across Lucan will benefit from improvements to the 2026 Student Grant Scheme. Changes to the means test mean more students will be eligible for grants, alongside a permanent €500 reduction in the student contribution and a permanent increase in the Postgraduate Fee Contribution Grant.

Key changes to the 2026 Student Grant Scheme include:

- An increase in the €500 student contribution grant threshold from €115,000 to €120,000.
- A permanent decrease in the Student Contribution charge from €3,000 to €2,500.
- An increase of €200–€430 to grant rates for students whose normal residence is 30km or more from their institution.

East Village Lucan now open!

I was delighted to visit East Village Lucan recently and sample their food and coffee.

Wishing them every success.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD

Email: hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Tel: 087-2794936.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwrjR>

Greenway & Boardwalk Update:

I asked SDCC for an update on the Greenway project: they say it's moving forward in stages. Phase 1a, running from Grand Canal to N4, is nearly complete: construction of parklands and school links will finish February 2026. Most of the €3.18 million cost was paid in 2025, and remaining €445,000 funding for 2026 will cover final invoices. Improvements to paths within Clonburris Grounds will come later.

Phase 1b, from the N4 into Lucan, on hold because of staffing pressures and slow progress on land transfer.

Phase 1c, covering the bridges and boardwalk, is paused. The bridges are waiting for a construction tender to be issued in Q4, while detailed design for the boardwalk is currently on hold due to resourcing constraints.

Reminder: Look at the Lucan rezoning proposals here: <https://helenfarrell.com/2026/02/04/rezoning-2026/>

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

“Not just at election time”

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St Edmundsbury, Foxhunter, Finnstown, Adamstown and other Lucan Rezoning

Reminder, the deadline for submissions is closing on March 13th, so physical documents will need posting by the 11th. Links to the consultation portal and other information is on my website and Cllr Helen Farrell's.

As you will see, there's massive rezoning proposed on a cumulative basis, including the highly sensitive St Edmundsbury lands beside the special amenity area. Other areas of Lucan have numerous reasons to oppose also, not least the lack of any infrastructure or facilities or guaranteed public transport tied in.

For people who bought this Newsletter on Friday, Helen and I are holding a drop-in information session in the Spa Hotel on **Saturday morning 7th March 9-12pm**. Call in any time. We will have printed templates available.

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

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Proposed Variation Public Information Sessions:

I attended both information sessions in Tallaght and Lucan. It was a good opportunity to meet residents and listen to concerns directly. Thank you to everyone who spoke with me, and I remain available to meet residents.

Proposed Variation Postal Submissions:

Concerns were raised in the newsletter last week and to me directly that postal submissions were not allowed. The opposite is the case — postal submissions may be made to: Senior Executive Officer, Forward Planning Section, SDCC, County Hall, Tallaght, D24 A3XC.

Proposed Variation Deadline:

The deadline for submissions is Friday 13.03.2026 at 23:59.

Pothole repairs:

Following resident reports, I escalated the pothole outside The Orchard, Lucan Road, and pleased to report it was filled promptly. I also reported a pothole forming at the manhole at the Ardeevin junction and await an update on repair timelines.

Political Notes continued over.....

Cllr. Vicki Casserly PC – Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner. Tel: 0858317982.

vcasserly@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Proposed Rezoning & Housing Growth –

Lucan Area: I have made a formal submission on Proposed Variation No. 2 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022–2028.

While national housing targets must be planned for, I have raised concerns regarding further intensification in Lucan, Adamstown, St Edmundsbury and the Foxhunter area without clear evidence that infrastructure is keeping pace. Current pressures include traffic congestion, school capacity, healthcare access and delays in transport upgrades. The Development Plan requires that growth is infrastructure-led and aligned with environmental protection and quality placemaking. In my view, this must be clearly demonstrated before additional zoning or density increases proceed. I won't be supporting the variation to the current development plan.

Residents can make their own submission online through the South Dublin County Council consultation portal or by post to the Forward Planning Section at County Hall, Tallaght.

Submissions close on Friday 13 March 2026.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent –

PC. Tel: 0872795274.

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County Development Plan Variation No. 2

Update: The deadline to make submissions on Variation No. 2 to the County Development Plan is Friday 13 March (midnight)

A huge turnout at the recent workshop in Lucan Library with strong engagement from residents asking questions and seeking clarification.

A great effort by all.

A large number of submissions have already been lodged and I cannot stress enough the importance of making an observation if you wish your views to be considered. All submissions will be reviewed by councillors and will form part of the Chief Executive's Report expected about six weeks after the consultation closes.

Lucan now has a population of approximately 60,000 people so please share this consultation widely. I will continue to keep residents updated.

Link to consultation :

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

Link to HGV public consultation:

<https://consult.sdublincoco.ie/en/consultation/proposed-hgv-restriction-routes-2026> deadline 11th

March (midnight)

Metro Link Underground Flaws

There are several flaws with Metro Link underground. Not linking up with all the east coast area and it is so near the Dundalk rail line. Using a different rail gauge prevents three existing rail lines with trains from being used and leaves two double lines four tracks idle, this is massive waste of vital rail infrastructure. It draws all existing rail lines via the centre adding up to two extra hours to travel day for users accessing work on the outskirts of the city, one hour out and one back, no good to anyone.



If from Lucan or on local trains users must change at Glasnevin so near the Airport, if from the country areas users must change twice, this adds to travel time, undermines rail for work. The very high cost of building this unnecessary major rail interchange at Glasnevin. Costs of Metro underground extremely high for covering such a small area of Dublin, mainly the city centre and the extra cost for it to become a full Metro with future extensions. All these problems addressed with Metro Dart overground by using standard mainline rail gauge. Many more people can live at home in the countryside if the rail network in Dublin is linked for full use for work and college. Another major advantage of Metro Dart overground, as being orbital it provides two access to all areas including Dublin Airport.

If one is out of order the other is available, this is very important for rail maintenances to keep the service operating, not available with Metro Link underground. More positive news about the Metro Dart overground soon.

Tom Newton 086 312 7364 @ acratu.com

**DODSBORO GOLFERS
ANNUAL OUTING**

Venue : Lucan Golf Club
Date : Friday 15th May 2026
Tee Time : 14:00 - 16:00
Entry Fee : €45 Per Person (Golf & Food)
Members & Visitors Welcome
Contact Joe Curtis (089-425-4684)

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Soirée's photography exhibition has been taken down and the Library has indicated that there was lovely feedback from those who viewed it.

This week we begin with a photograph taken by Donal a while back to refresh our memories of what was once our beautiful Village Green. One wonders if the present works will ever be finished.

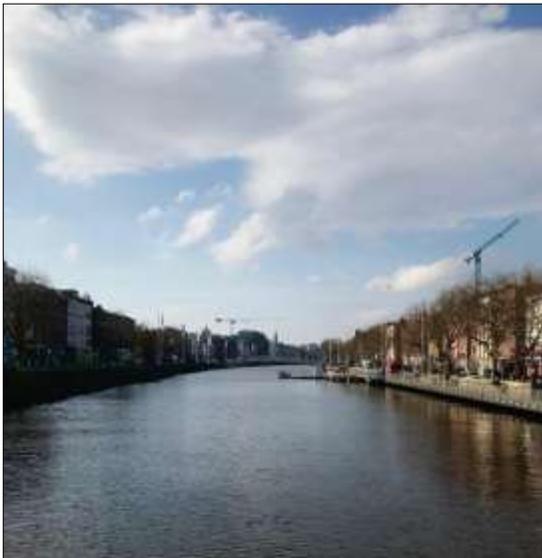


Donal was also in Trim and sent us photographs of Trim Castle. According to the Heritage Ireland website the castle is the ultimate symbol of Norman glory being the largest Anglo-Norman fortification in Ireland. Following his participation in the Anglo-Norman invasion of Ireland Hugh de Lacy was granted the lands of the Kingdom of Meath by the Anglo-Norman King Henry 11 in 1172. Hugh de Lacy and his successors took 30 years to build the castle.

Joe was wandering around our village and spotted some new and rather attractive street furniture.



Don sent us a beautiful photo of a thatched cottage. The craft of roof thatching is categorised as endangered with about 35 thatchers practising on the island of Ireland.



Finally, Michael G sent in a photo taken from O'Connell Bridge looking west on the river Liffey. The photo includes the Ha'penny Bridge which was constructed in 1816. Its official name since 1922 is the Liffey Bridge. The builder of the bridge had the right to charge a ha'penny (a whopping €30 in today's money!) to anyone who crossed the toll but was abolished in 1919.

Stay safe until next week!