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## Every Good Wish and Blessing to our State Examination Candidates!



For those of us who have some miles on the clock, the arrival of exam time each year can begin to feel like Groundhog Day! However, for each new cohort who arrive at this threshold in life, it is a great moment in life where the larger world beckons, boundaries of life expand and so many yet unknown opportunities are before them. It is also a time where anxiety as it takes some form of leap to go from being a student in secondary to school to whatever first step is being taken from this point. The state exams are moments of standing at the threshold and gathering what one has and is to take the next step. The exam results are only a measure of some of anyone's skills and abilities.

No one forgets their Leaving Certificate exam! At the time it seems like the most important event in time! Yes, it is important, but the plans that one makes for oneself are nothing compared with the breadth of opportunities which life throws up for us all. We find our best, not just in exam results, but in how we deal with the people we meet, the challenges that arrive in our lives along with the great surprising opportunities.

The world into which the young people are moving, is as ever-changing now as always. There is anxiety about the effects of Artificial Intelligence. However, there was anxiety about the advent of computers in the world in the 80's! We adapted and have integrated IT into our lives in ways we could never have imagined. I expect that AI, if used well, will do the same and while it may close some doors, it may open many others consequently! We are constantly evolving in relation to how to live in the world of our time.

I think that the young people are going into a world where change will be an increasing constant and where each one will have many different occupations in life or many generations of a particular occupation. They will have opportunity to dig into their own many personal strengths and interests to add to the world and the people among whom they find themselves.

To those who are in the final days awaiting exams, may you believe in yourself, apply what you know as best you can and trust that you have to live a truly wonderful and fruitful life. Life is a wonderful adventure!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

[www.citizensinformation.ie](http://www.citizensinformation.ie)

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto: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

## Domestic Violence Travel Supplement

Since 5 May 2026, you can get a travel supplement if you are fleeing domestic violence.

The payment can be paid for 3 months without a means test. After that, you may be able to get it for another 3 months, but it will be means-tested.

Your payment rate depends on your individual needs. It can help with fuel costs for essential journeys.

You can apply for this payment at your local Intreo Centre or Social Welfare Office.

To be eligible, you must be habitually resident in Ireland and have one of the following:

- A referral from a Cuan-funded service provider [www.alwayswhere.ie](http://www.alwayswhere.ie)
- A copy of a court order

Or, written confirmation of your situation from one of the following:

- A Garda
- A healthcare professional
- A registered social worker
- A legal advisor
- A family support worker

If you don't have immediate access to any of these and you need financial support with your immediate travel needs, a Community Welfare

Officer can provide you with an Additional Needs Payment.

## Read more about the Domestic Violence Travel Supplement on our website.

### Buying a Used Car

*I want to buy a second-hand car. Does it matter who I buy it from?*



Yes. Your rights depend on whether you buy the car from a car dealer or a private seller.

If you buy from a car dealer, you have similar rights to when you buy a new car. This is because consumer law covers sales between a consumer (the person buying) and a trader (a person who sells goods or services as part of their profession).

You can expect a used car from a trader to meet certain conditions of quality and durability, which are set out in your contract. The price you pay should reflect the standard of the used car.

If there is a problem, you may have the right to a repair, replacement, refund or price reduction.

If you buy from a private seller, you have fewer legal protections because consumer law generally doesn't apply to private sales.

#### *What should I check before buying a used car from a car dealer?*

You should inspect the car carefully and ask about the car's history and previous owners. The car dealer should point out any problems to you before you buy.

Ask to see the NCT certificate and compare the odometer reading (mileage) on the car with the most recent NCT reading.

You should also check if a written warranty or guarantee is available, and ask for 2 sets of keys and a signed receipt for payment.

#### *Do warranties affect my legal rights?*

No. A warranty gives you extra protection if something goes wrong with the car. However, it does not replace your legal rights.

Before buying, check what the warranty covers and how long it lasts.

Read more about your rights when buying a used car at

[https://bit.ly/Buying\\_a\\_used\\_car\\_your\\_rights](https://bit.ly/Buying_a_used_car_your_rights)

or call us on 0818 07 4000

(Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm)

or in Lucan CIC.

## Lucan Active Retirement Association

Last week we were invited to the Dáil by Shane Moynihan TD. There we saw the Dáil in session and had a grand tour of the Oireachtas, where all our laws are passed.



We also saw pictures of all the past Taoisigh and Senators and Women who had participated in shaping our great Nation.

Then we went on to the Seanad and saw the splendour of the magnificent Ceiling, Chandeliers and Fireplaces. It was all very moving and enjoyable.



We continue every week with our Bowls, Scrabble and Whist Card Game.

Importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 am.

Most importantly New members always welcome.

## Genealogy Sessions Notice

RE: **Ad-hoc Genealogy Sessions in St. Mary's Parish Bungalow**

Just a note to mention that I have to postpone the next session until Thursday 11 June 2026 (*after Mass*).

I apologise for any inconvenience.

*Mary (Jackson)*



## Lucan I.C.A.

*Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:* As this is a Bank Holiday, we will not be open. We wish everybody a lovely long weekend, hope the sun shines!

*Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June:* Crafts 10am – 12.30pm.  
**Tea Hostesses:** Patricia Harding and Marie Trunk.



## Lucan Senior Citizens

*Wednesday 3rd June:* Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

*All welcome!*



A local resident has generously organised a fund raiser for Lucan Tidy Towns. Local businesses and other supporters have donated some very nice spot prizes. These will be raffled on this Friday night, the 29th in Carroll's Gastro Pub.

Please come along for a fun night, and maybe come away with a nice prize. The event will kick off at 8 pm and there will be live music.

Hope to see you there.

*Kevin O'Loughlin*  
*Lucan Tidy Towns*

## Parish Notes

### St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://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.

Masses live-streamed on [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)



#### Summer Mass Times from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Weekday Masses:**  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

#### Sunday Mass Times:

Vigil: 6.30pm, 10.30am and 12 noon.

**NO 7PM MASS.**

Best Wishes to the boys and girls of  
**St Andrew's and the  
Educate Together National Schools**  
who will be Confirmed this  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

Hope you all have a rememberable day.

*Please keep them in your prayers*



#### 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.

#### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:secretary@lucanparish.com)

**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.

**Deepest Sympathy** to the husband, family and friends of **Breda McGonagle**, Ashville Close and to the wife, family and friends of **Harry Gibbons**, Churchview.  
*May they rest in peace,*



**ARE YOU AGED 18 - 35?  
AND WANT TO EXPLORE A  
RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST?  
SOCIALIZE WITH OTHERS YOUR AGE AND  
DEEPEN YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF  
THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?**

**YOUNG  
ADULTS  
LUCAN**

*FIDES. COMMUNIO. FORMATIO.*

**JOIN US FIRST  
THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH IN  
ST PATRICK'S CHURCH ESKER, LUCAN  
@ 7.30PM FOR AN HOUR OF CATEC-  
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## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

[www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

### Sunday Mass Times:

9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.

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



### Summer Mass Times from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

**Weekday Masses:**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

**Sunday Mass Times:**  
9am, 10.30am and 12 noon.

Masses livestreamed at [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://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](mailto:secretary@stpatrickslucan.ie)

Tea/Coffee: After 10am Mass will be held on **Tuesday mornings** for the Summer, starting on **Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup>**. All welcome.



**Invitation -  
Date for your Diary**  
The Members of  
Aontas invite you to a  
**Special Mass of  
Thanksgiving**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 7pm. St. Mary's Church Lucan. **Celebrant:** Bishop Paul Dempsey

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

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

[www.lucansouthparish.net](http://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](http://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.

**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.*

## Anniversaries

**Michael Balfe**

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

We know you are watching over us.  
*Always loved and remembered by your loving family.*



**Kathleen Durkin,**

**12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 28<sup>th</sup> May**

*Always remembered and greatly missed by her loving family*

**Bridget Finn**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 31<sup>st</sup> May**

In loving memory of a dear wife and mother **Bridget**.

There is no night without a dawning  
No winter without a spring  
And beyond death's dark horizon  
Our hearts once more will sing  
For those who leave us for a while  
Have only gone away  
Our of a restless care worn world  
Into a brighter day.

*Always loved and sadly missed by Eddie, Angela, Edward, Les, Ken and families x x*



**Jonathon Heffernan**

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 29<sup>th</sup> May**

Dearly loved and always missed through all these long years.  
*Mam and Chris.*



## Birthday Remembrance

**Sandra Corrigan Whelan RIP**

**Birthday 1<sup>st</sup> June**

Happy Heavenly Birthday  
To our angel in the sky  
Nothing will ever be as hard  
As having to say goodbye  
We love you more than  
You will ever know  
And can't bear that we are apart.  
We miss you each and every day,  
You're always in our heart.

*Forever loved and missed from your family.*



## Cemetery Sunday Esker, Lucan Mass for the Dead

Will be celebrated on

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August  
at 3pm**

*(Weather permitting)*



**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 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](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

For more information visit [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie).

## Totus Tuus 2026 Fatima Pilgrimage

Totus Tuus annual pilgrimage to Fatima will take place from **28<sup>th</sup> August to 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

Learn about the Fatima Message, the Rosary, the First Saturdays, the lives of the three visionaries, and visit the tomb and home of Blessed Alexandrina Da Costa, who lived solely on the Eucharist for 13 years.

The cost is €915 which includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent.

## Quote:

There are very special people in our lives that will NEVER leave us...  
Even after they are gone.

*From the Divine Word Missionaries Calendar*



**Good luck** to all the Leaving and Junior Cert candidates who begin their exams this coming week – they will be over before you know it!

**Typical Exam Weather!**

With brilliant sunshine all week, we've gone from one extreme to the other. Let's hope it's still nice and warm when the exams are complete!



**Lucan Demesne Park** looks nearly ready! Still haven't figured out what the arch is doing there, but Birdie reckons that some Mayo can must be involved given the red and green colours.



Wonder what colour the steps at the Weir will be!

**Over hanging branches!** Now that SDCC have taken charge of Lucan Demesne, perhaps they'd manage the low hanging branches along the footpath near the Demesne entrance opposite McDonalds. Quite a bit of ducking involved when walking along here!

**Lucan Newsletter Archives**

Readers may be interested to learn that South Dublin Libraries are in the process of digitising past copies of Lucan Newsletter, almost 60 years of them, and will carry same on their website for local studies etc.

*More anon.....*

**Up, up, and away.....**

There was great excitement at Weston Airport on Wednesday morning last, as the Iolar recreated the Aer Lingus first commercial flight from Dublin to Bristol, as part of the airline's 90th Anniversary Celebrations...



This wooden-framed plane was piloted by Captain Brendan Bruton, and Captain Mark Dolan, and the expected flight time was 2hrs 40 mins, all going well.

The original aircraft carried a total of 6 people including the pilot, at a time when passengers and bags had to be weighed!



A very strange looking machine by today's standards! Aer Lingus staff were on hand to wave it off, along with many local enthusiasts, including *Alfie* who preferred the safety of his car!

## Heavenly Harpers!

Anne Tuite and her *Heavenly Harpers* provided a wonderful treat at Lucan Library on Saturday last.

Their music was very enjoyable, and it was very interesting to learn about the history of the harp.

Well done to the group, and also to Lucan Library for facilitating such an event!



**Garden Open Day**  
Fundraiser



**@ 43 Beech Grove**  
**Sat 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Festival



## 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](http://alone.ie/volunteers) for more information.

**Lucan Dairies** founded in 1893 in Finnstown House by Richard Nash. Later expanded to Parkgate Street, and literally all over the country to become one of the biggest dairies in the country. Newspaper ad is from the 1930s.

**Learn all about Lucan Dairies during Festival Week 1st to 6th September.**

Notice on a farmer's land:

**Walkers can cross the field for free, but the bull charges!**



## Scoil Mhuire Girls' National School – Celebrating 130 Years

Scoil Mhuire Girls' National School was founded by the Presentation Sisters in 1896, and this year proudly celebrates 130 years of education in Lucan. The original school building consisted of three classrooms and *Our Lady's Room*, which has continued to serve as the school hall up to the present day.



Today, the school has grown to include twenty-four classrooms, learning support rooms, a sensory room, exercise room, GP area, staffroom, and administrative offices. The current enrolment is 560 pupils.



On June 4th, we will celebrate 130 years of Scoil Mhuire with a concert at 1.45pm, followed by an Art Exhibition in the original school hall. Past pupils are warmly invited to visit the school from 1.20pm and join us for this special celebration of our school's rich history and role in the Lucan community.



Signatures on the **Bond**, dated the “Fourth day of August one thousand eight hundred and ninety four”

James Baxter was the Parish Priest of Clondalkin, and William S. Donegan was the priest here in Lucan. At that time, Lucan was in Clondalkin Parish.

David Latouche Colthurst has his signature witnessed by J.A. Hanbury – Hanbury Lane in the village is called after the latter.

Edward Quigley who had previously given land for the Convent, also played a part in the beginnings of the National School.

Other names mentioned within the document are Margaret Anthony Julia Kennedy, (Sr. *Conception, Foundress*), and Mary Mulvin, who was another Presentation Sister. Joseph Fisher Shackleton also had associations with the site.

## Coláiste Phádraigh

**6<sup>th</sup> yr Graduation:** Coláiste Phádraigh celebrated a proud and memorable occasion on Thursday, 21st May, as 111 6<sup>th</sup> yr students graduated during a heartfelt ceremony attended by almost 600 students, families, staff, and friends. The evening marked the culmination of years of hard work, friendship, resilience, and achievement for the Class of 2026.

Following a Graduation Mass in St. Mary's Church, beautifully celebrated by Fr. Ubaldo as always, the evening continued in the school Sports Hall, where students gathered together one final time as a year group.

Deputy Principal Mr. Canning welcomed everyone in both Gaeilge and English before inviting Tommy Brennan Student of the Year, Dara O'Reilly, to deliver the Valedictory Address on behalf of the graduating class. Dara's speech perfectly captured the spirit of the year group as he reflected on beginning secondary school during the Covid-19 pandemic, navigating Zoom classes and remote learning, and progressing through six unforgettable years together.

He fondly recalled highlights including Transition Year activities, school trips, talent shows, sporting successes, and winning the Dublin Senior Hurling Final during sixth year. Dara also spoke warmly about the friendships formed along the way and thanked teachers, staff, parents, and grandparents for their constant support and encouragement throughout their school journey.

Year Head Ms. Farrell delivered an emotional and inspiring address centred on resilience, self-belief, and personal growth. She reminded students that each individual possesses unique value and encouraged them to approach the future with confidence and courage.

Principal Mr. O'Meara also congratulated the graduates, praising their resilience and reminding them that success is not defined solely by examination results but by character, determination, and kindness.

One of the most emotional moments of the evening came when the school choir performed Green Day's *Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)* alongside a slideshow featuring photographs and memories from the students' years in Coláiste Phádraigh.

The ceremony concluded with students being called to the stage to receive their graduation certificates, 6<sup>th</sup> yr class photographs, and

commemorative cufflinks to mark their time in Coláiste Phádraigh.

Refreshments provided by the Parents Association brought a fitting close to a wonderful evening of celebration and reflection.

Best wishes are extended to all members of the Class of 2026 as they prepare for their Leaving Certificate examinations and begin the next exciting chapter of their lives.



*Darragh Kane receives his From Each His Best award from Deputy Principal Mr. Canning and Guidance Counsellor Ms. Hunt*



**Hurling:** Congratulations to our 1<sup>st</sup> yr hurling team on their superb victory in the Dublin League "C" Final on Friday, 15th May in DCU. The team delivered an outstanding performance to defeat Clonkeen College by 2:15 to 1:3, showing tremendous skill, teamwork, and determination throughout. Will Keane scored 1:08, while captain Eoin McKenna led by example with a dominant display. Sean Mariner also impressed with 1:3 as Lucan controlled the game from start to finish.

*Coláiste Phádraigh report continued next week!*

## Lucan Community College



### Scifest

The Scifest@School event took place on Wednesday 20th May in the school hall and was a great success. Our 1st Year Science students were highly commended by the judges for the high standard of their projects, their creativity, and their excellent presentation skills throughout. A special thank you to Ms. Brennan, Ms. Flynn and Ms. Healy for all their hard work and support in preparing the students for the event. Their guidance and encouragement helped make the day such an enjoyable and successful experience for everyone involved.

### 5th year Trip to Alive outside

5th years had a fantastic trip to Alive Outside, where they took part in a challenging and exciting obstacle course packed with activities. From crawling through muddy tunnels and along the ground to attempting to climb a huge wooden fence, the course tested their teamwork, determination and resilience every step of the way. Despite the heat making the challenge even tougher, the students showed great spirit, encouraged one another throughout the day and gave every obstacle their best effort. It was a brilliant day full of fun, adventure and plenty of memorable moments for everyone involved.



Climate Ambassador, Lara, with An Taisce, 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>

### Upcoming Sol Events

**Booking Now: June Sol Historical Guided Tour of Lucan Demesne!**

You can book your spot on the June 17th SOL volunteer historical guided tour of Lucan Demesne starting at 11am sharp, details here: with Guide Eugene McGrattan  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1988787805864?aff=oddtcreator>



**Make Sure You Don't Miss Any Future Sol Events**  
Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>

# Lucan Library – June Events

Closed for the June Bank Holiday from  
Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May until Monday 1<sup>st</sup>  
June inclusive.



## Ruaille Buaille and Cruinniu na nOg

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

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 5-7pm. Create a Festival Canvas with Bennery.** Join artist Bennery Quinn to create a number of colourful canvases which will be used as stage backdrops, festival banners and even some pop-up festival installations. All Welcome  
**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2pm & 3.15pm. Little Folk – Music for Babies, Toddlers and Young Children** an early year's music class for children aged 5 months – 5 years (6 or even older) and their adults. Featuring 45 minutes of live music, playing percussive instruments and movement with scarves... a good time is to be had by all. Booking on Eventbrite Two sessions – 2pm & 3.15pm

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 11.00am – 11.45. South Indian Classical Dance workshop for ages 6-9.** Take part in this workshop with Niranjana from Kirti Dance Ireland  
**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 12.30pm- 1.30pm. Pass the Dance** (ages 9-12) Bring your favourite dance moves, learn some new ones, and be part of creating a new dance! Each group will film their section and connected with young dancers across SDCC libraries, all dancing to the same music, with a shared linking move that connects each group's dance into one.



## Adult Events in Lucan Library. Regular Events:

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

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 11:30 – 4:30pm and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2 – 4:30pm. Extra Exam Study Space available for students.** First come first served

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30pm: Adult Chess**

**Club** - all levels welcome, even complete beginners, meets once monthly.

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

**Thursdays 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> June from 10am – 12pm:**

**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group.** New members welcome.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 6pm: Poet's Perch – Monthly Poetry Circle for Adults.** All levels welcome.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> June from 5.30.** All welcome



## Additional Adult Events

**New: English Conversation Group Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> 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@sdublincoco.ie](mailto:lucanlibrary@sdublincoco.ie) if you would like to attend.

**Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 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, 10<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am** Booking on Eventbrite from Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup>.

**Children's Events in Lucan Library Please book events on Lucan Library/ Eventbrite Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June at 10.00am: Cuidiú**

**Breastfeeding Group** meets twice monthly. No need to book.

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10am Reflexology for Babies and Parents.** Book on Eventbrite from 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 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-](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fas-fashion-children-and-baby-clothes-swap-at-lucan-library-tickets-1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true)

[1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator&keep\\_tld=true](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/fas-fashion-children-and-baby-clothes-swap-at-lucan-library-tickets-1985987125955?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true)  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June 4-5pm New Teen Book Club** Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Register at the library desk.

**Tuesday 09<sup>th</sup> June 3-3:35pm Library Crafts for Crafty Kids (Ages 3-6.)** Book on Eventbrite from 02<sup>nd</sup> June.

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

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June, 3.30pm – 4.30pm Art and Creativity with Elena for 9–12year-olds.** A fun arts and crafts session. Book on Eventbrite from 4<sup>th</sup> June.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 3:30pm 3D Design Workshop for 9–12year-olds.** Book on Eventbrite from 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 10:30am Musical Tots.** Book on Eventbrite from 13<sup>th</sup> June.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 6:30pm Pride Badge Making Workshop.** Book on Eventbrite from 15<sup>th</sup> June.

## Neurodiverse Events:

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> June. **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> June.

# The Moss That Haunts My Lawn

by Paddy Mulhern

Friends tell me they are worried,  
That I look pale and drawn,  
It's this never-ending struggle,  
With the moss that haunts my lawn.

Many the nights I lie awake,  
Toss and turn 'til dawn,  
Trying to think of ways to fight,  
The moss that haunts my lawn.



Fantasies of flawless green,  
Overtaken in the morn,  
By a mottled patchwork pattern,  
Of the mosses in my lawn.




Raked and spiked and dusted,  
Muscle, sweat and brawn,  
But every time I turn around,  
There's more moss in my lawn.


Studied weighty journals,  
Did research 'till I yawn,  
Hired a horticultural guru,  
But the moss still haunts my lawn.


I've come to the conclusion,  
That I am just a pawn,  
In some game between the grasses,  
And the mosses in my lawn.

Or else I am the object,  
Of some wicked leprechaun,  
That has been sent to torture me,  
Spreading mosses in my lawn.

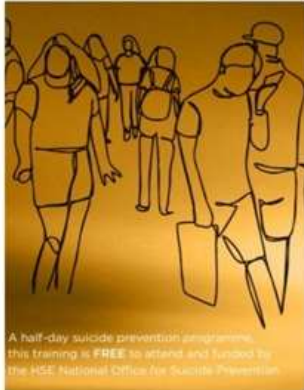
When my worn rake is stilled,  
Please pray my soul to save,  
And kneeling, take some comfort,  
From the moss that haunts my grave.

Connecting for Life  
Dublin South, Kildare  
and West Wicklow






### 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.

**Booking is essential**  
Scan QR Code 

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

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

**Date:**  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## 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.

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

For stall registration and general parish inquiry. Church telephone number: 01 452 3522 (or a suitable, reliable Dublin contact number).

**COLLECTION**

Contact: 01 452 3522 for collection arrangements only.

**DROP OFF**

Mon – Fri: 9am – 1pm  
Weekends: before or after Mass.



**Carers & Toddlers Group**  
Thursdays,  
in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**,  
from **9.30 to 11.30am**.  
All Welcome!



# Political Notes

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

*Working with Cllr Helen Farrell*

*“Not just at election time”*

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### **Question your local Councillors, TDs and Dáil Candidates on Rezoning:**

There is a lack of clarity as it stands regarding how Councillors plan to vote on all the major rezoning proposals in Lucan and then whether local ones will push their party colleagues to do likewise. Mark my words, this is the biggest threat in years to an already damaged area. SDCC officials are trying to make the process as complex as possible, but in many cases, it's a straightforward "delete" proposal, yes or no, and possibly further public consultation.

### **Dáil Report:**

In the last two weeks I have spoken on transport deficits, energy security, cost of living for people with disabilities and multiple other issues. My time is taken up a lot outside of this focusing on planning proposals.

## Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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### **Bike Rental /Share Scheme:**

At this month's Area Committee meeting I called for an examination of a public bike rental and bike-share scheme linking Lucan Village, Adamstown, parks, greenways and transport hubs to support active travel and more sustainable transport options.

### **Litter Bin / Adamstown:**

I also raised concerns regarding litter bin provision in Adamstown and requested a full audit of existing facilities. Management confirmed an audit will now take place which I welcome.

### **Lucan Village Green / Community Events:**

In addition, I sought engagement with the Lucan Festival Committee, Lucan Tidy Towns and other stakeholders regarding future Christmas tree and seasonal event arrangements for Lucan Village Green. I welcomed the positive responses received and will continue advocating for practical improvements that support cleaner public spaces, stronger community events and improved connectivity across the wider Lucan area.

## Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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### **Proposed Variation No. 2 to the South Dublin County Development Plan 2022-2028:**

CE Report. The CE's Report issued last week, with a councillor briefing held this week, and a further briefing scheduled next week, 14th June. I continue to review the 16 proposed variations documented in the CE's Report. Motions must be submitted by midnight on 18<sup>th</sup> June, and a County Council meeting will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> June to consider the proposed variation.

### **St. Edmundsbury Proposed Amendment Ref. No. 6:**

I submitted a joint motion, in collaboration with cross-party colleagues, to retain the high amenity status of the St. Edmundsbury lands identified in the amendment.

If you wish to discuss this or any other matter, please contact me.

## Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent Peace Commissioner

*Working with Paul Gogarty, TD*

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### **More on the Rezoning Proposals for Lucan:**

The new rezoning proposals from SDCC Chief Executive under "Variation No. 2 of the County Development Plan..." has reduced the Edmundsbury area from 9.67 hectares to 5.31 hectares, following strong public lobbying. However, any rezoning of these lands remains 100% unacceptable due to their environmental sensitivity, their role as a buffer between N4 and Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area, and their value as an ecosystem.

I will all Lucan rezonings **at this time**, due to insufficient infrastructure. This is not "NIMBY-ism." I strongly support housing in appropriate locations, such as the proposed Liffey Valley Shopping Centre site, with access to public transport, shops and potentially a new school. The final vote will take place at a special council meeting Friday, 19 June.

### *Political Notes Continued over....*

*With freedom, books, flowers, and the moon, who could not be happy.*

*Oscar Wilde.*

# SPORTS

## Want to try Kayaking?



Lucan Kayak Club in collaboration with Canoeing Ireland Training Centre, is running an evening beginner kayaking course for adults this June. The course features a Level 2 Kayak Skills assessment, which you'll need before joining a club.

**For more information, check out the Lucan Kayak Club Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100057363584766>

## Lucan Roads Congestion

All roads around Lucan are heavily congested at peak times. This trend is set to get even worse with all the extra houses been built in the Lucan area. A solution is needed to cope with the new influx of additional cars from the extra house numbers. The Newcastle Road is at near full capacity. Many users must use Hillcrest Estate to avoid delays to access the N4 towards the city. There is one solution that can address this problem, open Tandy's Lans onto the N4. As this road is not a motorway at this point allows this to be done. This junction is opened twice a year with no problem for car vehicles accessing this road junction onto N4. There is no problem crossing the existing bus lane. Why not look at this idea to solve the growing traffic problem in Lucan.



**Tom Newton 086 312 7364**  
**Lucan Planning Council**

## Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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**Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald.**

**DART+ South-West:** I have been consistently of the view that DART+ SouthWest needs to happen sooner rather than later. I raised the need to bring its delivery forward with An Taoiseach in the Dáil this week and I was pleased to see his support for looking to accelerate its provision. I will continue to fight to see it delivered, to address the need for urgent rail capacity for users of Kishogue and Adamstown stations.

**Clinic:** My next Lucan clinic takes place in Adamstown Community Centre on Monday 15 June at 1pm.

**Fianna Fáil Centenary:** Do you have any memorabilia from past Fianna Fáil campaigns which you would like to provide to an exhibition? Please get in touch if you do.

**Joining Fianna Fáil:** Would you like to get involved in shaping our community? If so, please consider joining Fianna Fáil. Contact me if you would like to know more.

## Castletown House – Celbridge

- **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 18<sup>th</sup> century estate is free to wander, with acres of parkland's, walking paths, and the river Liffey to enjoy.
- **The Irish Wolfhound Championships Show (June 11):** An exhibition of Irish Wolfhounds competing in the estate grounds June at Castletown.
- **For exact dates,** booking tickets for the upcoming talks, or checking times for the Saturday Parkrun, visit the Castletown House Events Update or browse Eventbrite Celbridge.



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May lotto jackpot of €12,200. The numbers drawn were 1, **8, 11 & 44.**

**Lucky dips** go to Carol & Cathleen, Michael, Kavanagh, Nicola Courtney, Murphy, Luke



Murphy. This week's Lotto on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May will be for a jackpot of €12,600. This draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

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

### Lucan Sarsfields Golf Classic

Our Golf Classic is officially sold out!

A huge thanks to everyone who entered — 64 teams are now set for what promises to be a brilliant day on the course!

We're creating a waiting list for any additional entries.

Want your name on the course without swinging a club? Sponsor a tee box for €100 or two for €150 and join those club members who have been long-time supporters of our Golf Classic fundraiser. If any members or local businesses would like to get involved in sponsoring the Classic in any way, please get in touch with a member of the committee.



A special thank-you to our main Golf Classic sponsor – Colm Corrigan Builders for their fantastic support.

This event is the Club's main fundraiser for 2026, and your support makes all the difference!

Sara Hickey 086-8187070, Maggie Mulqueen 087-2866581, Ruth Langton 086-823 1139, Darren Lancaster 087-21345.



### Summer Camps

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

**Cul Camps are fully sold out!!**

### Dublin Hurling

A huge congratulations to Chris Crummey, John Bellew, Cathal Kennedy, and the Dublin senior hurlers on their historic victory over Kilkenny in Parnell Park on a sun-soaked Sunday afternoon.

The win secures a place in the Leinster Final, where Dublin will face Galway in Croke Park on Saturday, 6th June. The last meeting of these sides in a Leinster Final came in 2013, when Lucan's own Johnny McCaffrey captained Dublin to a famous victory.

Here's hoping history can repeat itself, with another Lucan Sarsfields man, Chris Crummey, climbing the steps of the Hogan Stand to lift the Bob O'Keeffe Cup.

### Job Opportunity

Clubhouse Cleaning Role – Paid Opportunity.

We're currently looking for a reliable club member for clubhouse cleaning duties.

**Details: Days:** Thursday to Monday

**Hours:** A few hours each day. Paid position

If you're interested, or know someone who might be, please contact Ronan Foley via WhatsApp.

Contact details available on request.

Please share with anyone in the club who might be a good fit.

### 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.**

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

Day	Date	Time	Venue	Team	Competition	Opposition
Tuesday	2-Jun	19:30	Pitch 1	Senior Camogie	CSL D1	St. Judes
Tuesday	2-Jun	19:30	Away	Junior A Camogie	CJL D3	Round Towers
Tuesday	2-Jun	19:30	AGP3	Junior B Hurling	AHL 7	Erins Isle
Tuesday	2-Jun	19:30	AGP0	Minor D LGFA	Div11W	Na Fianna
Thursday	4-Jun	19:30	Away	Inter Camogie	CIL D1	Cumann Baire Caoimhi
Thursday	4-Jun	19:30	Pitch 1	Junior B Camogie	CJL D4	Raheny

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

Pride of place this week must go to the great photograph Frances managed to take of the de Havilland Dragon aircraft, registration EI-ABI and named "Iolar", the Irish word for "eagle" shortly after take-off from Weston Airport on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 on its way to Bristol marking the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural flight of the newly established Aer Lingus. This is the original aircraft, that was used 90 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> May 1937, for that inaugural flight which actually departed from Baldonnel. There were five passengers, who were weighed along with their luggage, and the pilot on board. Today Aer Lingus has a fleet of more than 50 aircraft. Dublin Airport, then known as Collinstown Airport, opened on 19<sup>th</sup> January 1940.



Other photos this week included flowers in full bloom from some of the members' gardens, and one by Michael B of on interesting cloud formation over Newlands Golf Course.



Joe was in the Zoo and caught the elephant cooling himself off in the hot weather.

Anna continues to tour the world and this week we had some photographs of the Icelandic countryside and of part of the Blue Lagoon, a geothermal spa in the southwest of the country. The lagoon is man-made. The water's milky blue hue is due to its

high silica content and the water temperature in the bathing and swimming area of the lagoon averages 37–39 °C



*Stay safe until next week!*