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Survey that will shape the Future Shape of Education in Ireland!

A survey has been launched by the Department of Education regarding three aspects:

- **Would you prefer your primary school to be a co-educational school or a single-sex school?**
- **Would you prefer your primary school to be under a religious patron or to operate under a multi-denominational?**
- **Would you prefer your primary school to provide education primarily through the English language or through the Irish language?**

This survey is for parents and guardians of children in primary school or who will enter primary school in the coming years. There is a separate survey for primary school staff and board of management members.

Parents and guardians will need Eircode to do the survey. The Eircode operates as a PIN for this purpose.

This survey is really, very important and is most significant as a marker that will determine the shape of Primary Schools that exist in the future. It is very important that every single eligible person makes their voice heard as it will make a difference to the next generation of primary school children and each family.

Before completing the survey, give serious consideration to what each question and response really means. If considering the ethos of a school, consider all the implications for you and for your children's children. Consider what would change for you if the ethos were different. It will have impact that will drive towards whatever shape parents, teachers and members of Board of Management determine in this survey.

- **What practical and aspirational differences would each choice make in the life of your family now or in the future?**
- **What are the implications of each choice in each of the three questions?** Talk with people in your circle and outside your circle to form an objective opinion.
- **What family values are reflected in the choices offered to you in the choices in survey?**

Your participation really matters!

Your choices really matter! Your answers really matter!

Every single voice matters!

Use your voice for the sake of your children and the children of the nation now and in the future!

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

Bullying in the Workplace

What is workplace bullying?

Bullying is repeated inappropriate behaviour that undermines your right to dignity at work. One isolated incident is not considered bullying. It usually takes place over a period of time. Bullying can be done by one or more people towards an individual or a group.

By law, employers must prevent bullying at work. They must also display a summary of their anti-bullying policy prominently in the workplace.

What can I do if I am bullied at work?

If you feel you are being bullied at work, you should:

Gather evidence: If you think you are being bullied keep copies of any relevant supporting information, such as notes or emails. Check your employer's anti-bullying policy and follow its guidelines.

Get advice: Speak to someone about how you might deal with the problem. This could be a friend or colleague, a designated person at work, a trade union representative or your manager or supervisor. You can also get advice on your options from the National Anti-Bullying Research and Resource Centre or the HSA Contact Centre.

Try to resolve the issue informally: Very often, an informal approach will resolve the issue.

What are my options if an informal approach doesn't work?

If an informal approach does not work, you should follow your employer's formal bullying and harassment complaint process.

This policy on bullying should clearly set out:

What happens when a formal complaint is made

How the complaint will be investigated.

Who will handle the investigation (confidentiality must be maintained).

The appeals process.

You can find out more about the formal and appeals processes in the Code of Practice for Employers and Employees on the Prevention and Resolution of Bullying at Work.

If you feel that your complaint about bullying has not been dealt with properly by your employer, you may make a complaint to the Workplace Relations Commission (WRC). You must use their online complaint form. You must make your complaint within 6 months. This time limit can be increased to 12 months if you can show there was a "reasonable cause" for the delay.

You can find out more about bullying in the workplace at

https://bit.ly/BullyingAtWork_Ireland

or call 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or Lucan CIC.

CAO applications open for 2026-2027

Are you planning to go to college next year? You can now apply to the Central Applications Office (CAO) for the 2026-2027 academic year. Applications will close on 1 February 2026.

If you apply online by 20 January 2026, you can pay the discounted fee of €35. The fee will then increase to €50.



Remember, when completing your CAO application, you may also apply for the:

DARE admissions scheme if you have a disability

HEAR admissions scheme if you're from a disadvantaged background

For DARE and HEAR applications, you must apply to the CAO by 1 February 2026.

Late applications are not accepted.

You can learn more about College application and entrance requirements on our website.



Liffey Sound will begin broadcasting a very special documentary series at 6pm on Thursday the 20th of

November. It's called Arthur Griffith Park, My home and Dodsboro, My home and it features lovely interviews & stories from local residents. The 10-part series is presented by Maria Murphy & Robert Neary.

Thank you to the presenters & all the contributors that made this series possible!

Liffey Sound were delighted to be able to record this important local oral history.

www.liffeysoundfm.ie

or catch up on Facebook or Instagram

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!



Lucan Senior Citizens

On Wednesday 12th, Fr. Bill celebrated Mass for our deceased members, assisted by Deacon John. We also prayed for our members who are ill, or in Nursing Homes.

Thank you to Fr. Bill and Deacon John for a memorable morning. Both were warmly welcomed by all our members and committee.

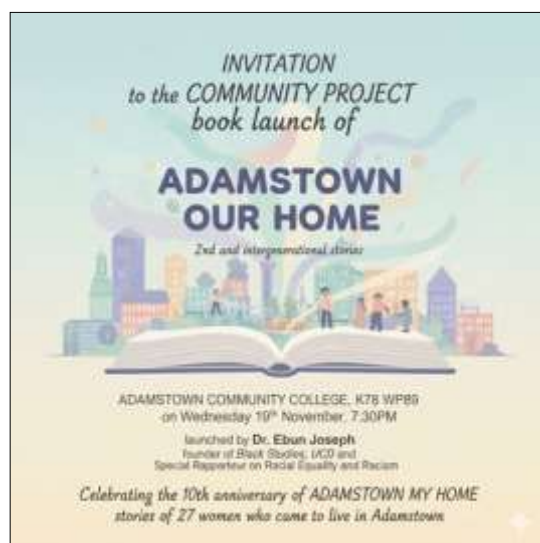
Wednesday 19th: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 17th November: We are having a class on Stitched Cards with Christmas in mind. Our tutor will be Breda Bohan. This is a one-day class, so we ask members to be in for 10am sharp.



Teas Hostesses are: Noreen Doolan and Geraldine Archbold.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



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,

Masses live-streamed onwww.lucanparish.com

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

All are welcome.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

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

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



The Church Gate Collection on November 15th / 16th

is in aid of CASA- Caring and Sharing Association. CASA is a volunteer led organisation developing friendships between volunteers and adults and children with physical, intellectual and sensory disabilities through Social Events, Activities and Lourdes Pilgrimages. All our activities are in a one-to-one pairing, lending strength and support to all that we do, enabling people to get the most out of everything that they do with CASA.

The collection this weekend is in aid of all our activities including our Lourdes Pilgrimage for many adults and children with a disability together with many sick and terminally ill people.

Please support our collection. Thank you.

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

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.

Date for your diary!

***Journeying through Advent
with the scriptures.***



St Mary's Parish Centre

Monday 1st & 8th December at

7.30p.m.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our facilitator will be Dr Jessie Rogers who is
Director of the Centre for Mission and Ministries /
Lecturer in Sacred Scripture.
Jessie will enable us to open our hearts and minds
to the scriptures of the season as we journey
towards Christmas.

Support Gaza's Holy Family Parish

During the war in Gaza, Holy Family Parish opened its doors to over 500 people of all faiths, offering shelter and hope amidst devastation. Today, despite a fragile ceasefire, the parish continues to care for the elderly, the young, and the disabled.

The Sisters of the Holy Rosary, who lost their school in the conflict, and now live in Holy Family Parish, remain steadfast in their mission to serve.

I've created greeting cards featuring my hand-written icons, and 100% of proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need, directed to the Sisters of the Holy Rosary at Holy Family Parish.

Available in St Mary's Parish Office for a donation.

Bernie Martin

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



Mass of Remembrance

**Tuesday 18th November at
7.30pm.**

We will especially remember those who died during the past year. All parishioners are invited to come and light a candle in memory of our deceased loved ones.

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: Every Thursday.

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

7.30pm: Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50m** Benediction.

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 is 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.

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

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

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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **THIS Sunday 16th November**
Thank you for your generosity.

St Thérèse Relics visit to St Thomas the Apostle Laurel Lodge Parish

**Saturday 15th November 12pm - 8pm &
Sunday 16th 8.30am - 1.30pm**

All day long blessings with the First Class relics of St Thérèse on Saturday till 8pm & Sunday till 1.30pm

Exhibition in the Day Chapel with photos and memorabilia on the Life of St Thérèse & The Martin Family

15 min talks with Fr Damian McNeice at 1pm, 2pm, 3pm & 4pm.

Confessions at 4.30pm - 6pm and Vigil of Sunday Mass at 6.30pm

Anniversaries

Michael Anderson

14th Anniversary, 16th November

In loving memory of my brother.
Silent thoughts of times together
Hold memories that last forever
Loved and missed always
Frank and Ann xxxx



May Birnie

8th Anniversary, 15th November

Remembering May and Laddie on May's
eight Anniversary
From All your Family

Philip Galligan

11th Anniversary, 14th November

Late of Woodview Estate
Time cannot steal the treasures
That we carry in our hearts,
Nor even dim the shining thoughts
Our cherished past imparts,
For memories of the ones we loved
Still cast a gentle glow,
To grace our days and light our paths,
Wherever we may go.
*Love you big time always and forever,
Dolores, Karen, Vanessa, Natasha, Amanda and
Lynn*



**Philip's Anniversary Mass will take place on
Saturday 15th of November at 18.30hrs in
St Mary's Church Lucan.**

Dara McLaughlin

1st Anniversary, 19th November

When tomorrow starts without me
And I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes
All filled with tears for me.

I know how much you love me,
As much as I love you,
And each time that you think of me,
I know you'll miss me too.

So when tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart,
For every time you think of me,
I'm right here, in your heart.
*Loved and missed so very much from Mam, Dad,
Kenneth, Johnny, Karen, Sarah, Amy and
grandchildren.*



Title: 15

His features are almost all a blur
Can I have him back once more
I'm sad now just like before
and nothing much has changed
I still go and sit beside your grave
but there's no exchange
15 years it's gone so fast
where did that time go to pass
will I get to see you again
an answer I just don't know
Don't fade away
stay close to me
I need you in my life you see
Give me a sign this day
to show me you are there
leaving us to struggle on
it really was not fair
I hope that Heaven is just like they say
a paradise some miles away
I'd bring you home if only I could
but in my heart you'll stay and should
forever Da
forever 71
Now 15 years gone today.
By Anita O Kearney



Anam Cara will be hosting
an Online Bereavement
Information Evening on
Thursday 20th of November at 7pm for bereaved
parents.

Niamh Fitzpatrick will be our guest speak for the evening, bringing together her personal experience of grief and her professional expertise as a psychotherapist. Niamh has degrees in Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Sport Psychology and is a regular speaker with Zeminar, Shona.ie, Let's Talk Mental Health at Work, Network Ireland, the Psychological Society of Ireland, and The Irish Hospice Foundation.

She will share her learnings and insights as she navigates her own experience of grief, having suffered a traumatic loss in March 2017, when her sister, Capt. Dara Fitzpatrick, was one of the four crew killed when Irish Coast Guard rescue helicopter Rescue 116 crashed while out on a mission. This session may be especially beneficial for parents seeking to understand their children's unique perspectives on grief, and those navigating traumatic or sudden losses.

Register for our Online Bereavement Information Evening T:01 4045378. www.anamcara.ie

Esler Active Retirement Association

Over 60 members back in the club this week. Many had been in Westport for our 4-day autumn trip last week. It was a brilliant trip, we were so lucky with the weather and were able to enjoy Kylemore Abbey, Achill Island and many other beauty spots in the area.



This week we had our usual activities, followed by an hour of Tai Chi and meditation led by Eugene, and sponsored by SDCC.

Extra activities for the next 3 weeks include Yoga next Wednesday.



LUCAN LIONS CLUB FUNDRAISER

QUIZ NIGHT

LIONS INTERNATIONAL

PRIZES
RAFFLE
DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

TEAMS
€40
TABLE OF 4

Entry on the night!

FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER
8pm | Lucan Spa Hotel
Contact Mattie 087 9006999 or Will 086 8047839



Lucan will be a hive of activity over the next week with all the events -

Do drop into the **Photo Exhibition** in St. Mary's Parish Centre over the weekend.

The **Lions Quiz** on Friday 21st, should be good fun.

In Adamstown, they're launching a book next Wednesday night – **Adamstown our home!**

There is an invitation to drop into **St. Patrick's Public Consultation** on Tuesday next.

Lucan Concert Band will be in action with two other bands, in Tallaght next Thursday night.

Waiting for any of the finished articles.....

Mid-way through November, we've yet to see any of the work around Lucan coming to an end. We've noticed the cover going around the 'arch' thing at the Demesne entrance – this particular job into its third week now.....

Water, Water everywhere! Hillcrest and the Dodsboro Road were hit by floods once again, on Wednesday night. What's going on at all? These particular spots are not areas known for flooding!



CHOOL NEWS



Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Wellbeing: Last week, our school community came together to celebrate Wellbeing and Friendship Week, a special event dedicated to promoting resilience, inclusion, and the importance of positive relationships. The week was a wonderful success, with students from all year groups engaging enthusiastically in a range of workshops, performances, and activities designed to support their personal growth and wellbeing.

The week began on Monday, when our 6th yr students took part in an insightful Study Skills and Resilience Workshop facilitated by The Super Generation. This session focused on developing practical strategies for effective studying, time management, and stress reduction, particularly valuable as students prepared for their November exams.

On Tuesday, attention turned to our 2nd yrs, who attended a powerful one-man performance by Mike O'Sullivan. His play, centred on the theme of drug awareness, combined drama and storytelling to highlight the real-life consequences of substance misuse and the importance of making positive, informed choices. The performance was both moving and thought-provoking, sparking meaningful discussion among students.

Later that day, 3rd yr students also attended a performance by Mike O'Sullivan — this time focusing on the theme of anti-racism. Through his engaging performance, Mike explored the importance of empathy, respect, and standing up against prejudice in all its forms. Students responded with maturity and reflection, demonstrating great understanding of the message at the heart of the play.

On Wednesday, our 1st yrs were warmly welcomed with a special Welcome Breakfast held in the school canteen.

Thursday saw our Transition Year students take part in a Resilience and Wellbeing Workshop led by Stephen Kiernan. Through interactive activities and discussions, Stephen encouraged students to reflect on their personal strengths, set goals, and build habits that support mental and emotional wellbeing. TY students engaged fully, showing great interest in learning tools to help them navigate challenges with confidence and optimism.

The week concluded on Friday with another excellent workshop from The Super Generation, this time for 5th Year students. The session focused on resilience, wellbeing, and stress management, offering practical techniques to handle pressure both inside and outside the classroom. Students appreciated the opportunity to pause, reflect, and consider how to maintain balance during their senior cycle studies. Throughout the week, students demonstrated exemplary behaviour and a commendable level of engagement and participation. Their positive attitude and enthusiasm made the event a true success.

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team were beaten 6-2 by Lucan CC in their Dublin Metropolitan League encounter. Evan Gill and Karl Horan scored the goals but, despite hitting the crossbar on two occasions, the team were 2nd best to a very good LCC team, who thoroughly deserved their victory.

The team then faced St. Kieran's College, Kilkenny on Tuesday in the 1st round of the Leinster Cup. It proved to be a dramatic, exciting and memorable game with Lucan winning 3-2 after extra-time after a dramatic, nerve-shredding, and unforgettable contest. Luke Whelan, Harvey Muldowney and Evan Gill scored the goals, with Evan's winning goal coming with just 2mins of extra-time remaining.

Hurling: Our u16 hurling team advanced to the Dublin League semi-finals on Monday after an emphatic 4-19 to 3-7 victory against Coláiste Éanna. Lucan dominated the 1st half, restricting their opponents to just 4 points, while being clinical with their own opportunities. Daniel Godson and the impressive Shane Brennan scored 1st half goals to add to numerous well-taken points from open play from Andrew Kieran, Caoilin Reilly, Hugh O' Neill, Liam Gamble as well as Daniel and Shane themselves. Lucan played with focus and discipline in the 2nd half, refusing to ease off despite having a commanding lead at half time. Coláiste Éanna upped their intensity but the Lucan players matched them in effort, physicality and work-ethic and eventually their superior quality shone through as they eased to a 15-point victory. Shane Brennan scored a superb 2nd half goal as he amassed a brilliant 2-8 in total. Caoilin also scored a fine 2nd half goal to finish with 1-2 in an impressive performance in the half-forward line.

Lucan Community College

Talk by Dr. Richard Hogan: A fantastic evening last week in Lucan CC with Dr. Richard Hogan speaking on some important topics including anxiety, bullying, boundaries, resilience and technology in teens' lives. A very insightful and inspiring talk with lots of tips to take away. A big thank you to the Lucan CC Parents Association for organising the evening.



1st year Boys Soccer: Well done to the 1st year boys football team who had a fantastic 6-2 win against local rivals Colaiste Phadraig. It was a brilliant all round team performance but a special mention to team captain Ryan Breslin who led by example throughout. Goal scorers were Samuel Varzevicious 2 goals, Scott Kinsella 2 goals, Harry Walshe 1 goal and Adam Murtagh Walsh 1 goal.



Silver Gaisce Awards: This prestigious President's Award recognises months of dedication, effort, and community spirit. Our 10 students completed a two-day adventure journey in Glendalough, hiking over 50km, as well as 26 weeks of personal skill, physical activity, and community involvement. This group is especially notable as they are the last to receive

certificates signed by President Michael D. Higgins. A brilliant achievement and a testament to their hard work and commitment, well done everyone. Pictured are Shane Vaughan, Abel Joseph, Matthew O'Brien, John McAndrew, Ben Heffernan, Aoife Dowling, Ciara Glynn, Lily Crocker Dunne and Sadhbh Poter.



3rd year student makes Irish U15 Squad:

Congratulations to our 3rd year student Kian Lee who was selected to play for Ireland Under 15s in Spain over the midterm break. A fantastic achievement showing his hard work and dedication.

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O ÍCH E Bingo



Friday 14th Nov @ 7.30pm

€10

Payable via barcode or on the night

Tuck Shop on the night, prices €1/€2



St. Joseph's College

A diary from Chicago PAL trip

Chicago day 1: The hotel is gearing up for hosting the competition from tomorrow so great excitement all around. Today, we are going to the Field Museum and the Skydeck Observation Tower so it will be nice to be out in daylight and to see Chicago. We are all still in disbelief that we are here but so appreciative of the opportunity. Hannah Jordan is celebrating her 17th birthday so that will be one for her to remember! We have met some members of the Texas team and we are scrimmaging against them tomorrow.

Chicago day 2: We had a great day out and about yesterday - the feet were walked off everyone from early until late. The students travelled across the city to the Field Museum (Natural History Museum and , among many attractions, met Sue, the most complete Tyrannosaurus Rex ever discovered. After lunch at the much sought after 'Raising Canes', we travelled to the Skydeck attraction - the highest observation deck in the US at 1,353 feet above the city. The students had an opportunity then for some quality shopping at a local Mall complete with Sephora – Mr Smyth and Mr McCabe were very impressed. Today is down to business and the team is scrimmaging against a school from Texas. It is a great opportunity to practise before tomorrow's opening Rounds. The students have been brilliant so far, and are enjoying the different experiences each day. We have our opening ceremony later where the National Anthem will be played (Pre-recorded and submitted by the team). We have met the team from Presentation College, Kilkenny also who flew in late last night. The students will be meeting all the other teams later and are exchanging Flag Day Badges and Cadburys chocolates with them as a token from Ireland!

Chicago day 3: We are finally ready for off in Court for Round 1. We were drawn against South Korea last evening and the team will begin prosecuting in Round 1 shortly. There was a busy day scrimmaging yesterday, followed by the Opening Ceremony last night. Students had time to meet the students from the other 43 teams, exchange their gifts from home and watch each other's video introducing themselves. This morning, all students are wearing their courtroom attire and are all set for the off.

Round 1 Prosecuting Team are:

Yutika Nair - Presenting the Pre-Trial arguments,
Grace Jose – Attorney, Tilly Molloy - Attorney
Claire Guest – Witness, Grace Abiola - Witness
Naiara Carton – Witness

Round 2 Defending Team are:

Eva McGarty - Pre-Trial, Sandra Shibu - Attorney
Hannah Jordan – Attorney, Isabelle Mullarkey –
Witness, Julie Heynen – Witness, Elena D'Alba –
Witness

Chicago day 4: A busy day yesterday with two rounds of the Empire Mock Trial Competition. The first round took place in our hotel and the second in another hotel close by. The Federal Shutdown closed the courthouse that was originally planned to be used. Our two teams

did brilliantly, up against a team from South Korea and in Round 2, against a team from Oregon. We were narrowly defeated in both but members of our team have been selected for possible individual prizes. The students have learned so much and have adapted without much difficulty to all the required protocol and procedures that is very different from what they were used to at home. They certainly are a credit to the school. The temperatures have dropped and snow is on its way today. Luckily, we have our snoods with us. We have two more rounds of the competition today - yet to be confirmed who we are up against.

Chicago day 5: We had a great evening to conclude the Empire Mock Trial Competition on Sunday. Two very intense rounds took place against teams from Texas and California. We had an unbelievably competitive round to conclude the competition with our prosecuting side not yielding an inch to a very experienced and quite intimidating Californian Venture High School. After three hours of deliberations, we are so proud of the arguments, objections and points put forward by Yutika Nair, Grace Jose and Tilly Molloy along with witnesses Grace Abiola, Claire Guest & Isabelle Mullarkey. Sadly, we did not place among the top 10 of the 44 schools participating but for the many who did, we certainly matched them in our rounds very evenly. We should be so proud of the distance the students came since their scrimmaging on Friday. They adapted to a system that the teams here are very familiar with and such teams are so experienced with monthly mock trial competitions to keep them on their toes. They were commended very highly by the judge in each round for their expertise, professionalism and knowledge of the protocols & procedures. Sunday evening concluded with a student disco & staff appreciation evening. We were more concerned with seeing the snow outside On Monday, we have a busy day visiting the Irish Consulate, the Whitney Young High School and then for the NBA Chicago Bulls Basketball Game to finish off the day.

Sister Act musical – get your tickets now!





Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training
Board invites
applications for the following post:

Caretaker

Lucan Community Special School

(Monday-Friday 7.30am-10.30am
and 2pm-4.00pm)

25 hours per week at €17.10 per hour

We are looking for a Caretaker/Cleaner to open and close our school, to split the time in the morning and afternoons, however this can be discussed. Apply to discuss these flexible opportunities.

This is a Fixed Term Position which will run over the 52 weeks of the year. The position will begin as soon as the Garda Vetting process is complete.

The Caretaker shall:

Provide an efficient and effective range of cleaning/maintenance and security service.

Open and close school.

Traffic Management/Gate Security

Key Holder

Manage the Health and Safety of our school.

Be flexible and adaptable with excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.

The latest date for receipt of applications is November 25th 2025 please send in curriculum vitae to admissions@lucancss.ie.

Shortlisting may take place.

Late applications will not be considered.

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board is an equal opportunities employer.



Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training
Board invites
applications for the following post:

Bus Escort

Lucan Community Special School

(Monday-Friday 6.30am-8am
and 1.40pm-3pm)

Approximately 10 hours per week at €15.66
per hour

We are looking for a Bus Escorts to accompany students to and from our school.

The Bus Escort should:

have experience in working with children,
have an understanding of special needs and be
able to deal with parents and school staff in a
professional way,

/will be expected to travel to and from an agreed
pick-up and drop-off point to meet the bus.

supply suitable character references and Garda
Vetting is mandatory.

be able to manage the Health and Safety of
children travelling to and from school.

be flexible and adaptable with excellent
interpersonal, communication and organisational
skills.

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Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays,

In

St. Mary's Parish
Centre

from 9.30 to 11.30am.



All Welcome!



GAEILGE

**Would you like to improve your
conversation Irish?**

A small group of people meet in
the Parish Centre every Wednesday
morning at 10.30am for one hour.

Beidh Fáilte Romhat!

LUCAN LIBRARY EVENTS NOVEMBER 2025

ADULT EVENTS

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



Knitting Group - meets every Monday from 10am to 12pm.

Lucan Library Creative Writing Group – Thursday 27th November at 10am.



Classic Film Club - Tuesday 18th November. Tea & coffee from 5.30pm, film starting at 6pm.

CHILDREN'S EVENTS

Events for Young Children:

Little Wiggles Discovery Playtime. Thursday 18th November at 10am.



Musical Tots with Karen – Saturday 29th November at 10.30am.

BOOK CLUBS

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

Monday Lunchtime Book Club - Monday 24th Nov at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club - Wednesday 26th November at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book Club (new!) - Thursday 20th November at 11.15am.

Junior Book Club - Wednesday 26th November at 3.30pm.



OLDER CHILDREN

Crafts with Elena for ages 9-12 - Thursday 20th November at 3.30pm. Book via Eventbrite.



STEAM Saturday 22nd November at 2pm. Booking via Eventbrite.

EVENTS FOR PARENTS

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group - Meets monthly. Next meeting: Friday 21st November at 10am.

My Open Library

My Open Library is a new service that offers extended library opening hours by allowing access to register My Open Library members outside of staffed hours.



How does it work?

You must go through an **induction** with staff before you register MOL. Once registered, you can **scan your library card** at the door to enter the Library during My Open Library Hours. My Open Library will let you enter the library between **8am and 10pm** every day – even Bank Holidays

December Table Quiz

Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm.
Booking essential.

Staff will be taking bookings from **Monday 24th November** – ask at the desk to book your place, or contact us by phoning (01) 621 6422 or emailing lucanlibrary@sdublincoco.ie.

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition by Society of Old Lucan.
Soldier's Commemoration exhibition – all month.

Exhibition of artworks by Local Lucan Art Club.



St Patrick's
Mental Health Services

Invitation to drop-in public consultation:

Developing and modernising St Patrick's, Lucan into a world-class, purpose-built mental health campus

For over 125 years, St Patrick's Mental Health Services has been providing mental healthcare from St Patrick's Hospital in Lucan (formerly St Edmundsbury). We are now planning to redevelop the campus to create a modern mental health facility, designed to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's generations.

Join us to view the plans, meet the project team, and share your thoughts before we submit our planning application.



Tuesday, 18 November | 5.00pm - 8.00pm



St Patrick's Hospital, Lucan, Old Lucan Road, Lucan



Light refreshments provided.
The amount of parking is limited.



Set Dance/ Ceili Class

in

**Palmerstown
Parish Centre
every Monday
night at 8:30pm.
Admission is €5
with tea &
biscuits incl.**



Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 20th November at 7.45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, and guests are most welcome to join us.

Come along on the night or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com to register your interest.

Thursday 20th November, 7.45pm

Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280

Do you want to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet two Thursdays of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, November 20th, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantoastmasters@gmail.com



Aontas Choir Present



**An Evening of Christmas
Music and Carols**



**Featuring Special Guests,
St Joseph's NS Choir, Kilcock**



&

Lucan Community College Choir

Wednesday 10th December 2025

**Venue: St Patrick's Church,
Lucan, Co.Dublin**

Time: 7:30pm

€5 admission

Aontas Philippines Volunteering Trip

Refreshments will be served following the concert



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Annual Mass

Our Annual Club Mass
takes place on
Thursday 20th of November
at
8pm in the clubhouse.

All welcome.

Ladies Camogie

Congratulations to our U14B Camogie team won their Division 8 Championship yesterday against Na Fianna 4:1 to 0:3 points. The girls signed off an unbeaten season with standout performances all over the pitch in the final. Every girl in the squad played their part to ensure a League and Championship double. Well done girls.



Christmas Gala

Our Christmas gala is sold out. To join the waiting list Maggie 087 286 6581.

Adult Hurling

Well done to our Lucan Junior B hurlers who won promotion to AHL Div 7 following a nail biting one point victory over St. Vincents in their last league match on Sunday morning. While a draw would have sufficed for the lads due to their superior points difference, a win was the icing on the cake. This is the team's second successive promotion having gained promotion to AHL 8 last year. Well done lads.

Academy

Our academy for boys and girls aged 4-7 runs every Saturday morning. All children are welcome to come along - no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try. Age group times are as follows; 2020/2021 - 9am, 2019 - 10am and 2018 - 11am.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.



Political Notes

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

Free Electrical Recycling Event:

Following the success of previous events, I am delighted to host another free community collection of electrical waste on Friday 21st November from 10am- 12pm. You can recycle any item with a plug or battery for free at the Lidl Carpark, Ballyowen Lane, Lucan. This event is made possible by RecycleIT community Recycling, with support from SDCC. If you are not in a position to bring something particularly heavy, just email emer.higgins@oir.ie or phone 01 618 3013 before the 21st November and we will arrange for it to be collected from the local vicinity.

Christmas Events Lucan:

It's great to see that There will be a Christmas Craft Market in Lucan House, on Sunday 7th December and a Christmas Craft Fair in Lucan Library on Saturday 13th December from 10am – 4pm. Visit SDCC.ie for more details.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Quick Fix at Dodsboro Pedestrian Lights:

A big thank you to the local resident who flagged an issue with pedestrian lights at the entrance to The Paddocks on Dodsboro Road. I contacted SDCC, highlighting the urgency, as children regularly cross here. Their traffic light contractor attended that evening and identified a memory fault caused by a recent power failure. The fault was resolved, and the lights are now working normally.

Unfortunately, not all locations are fixed as speedily; and one area of great concern is the repeated failure of lights at the Outer Ring Road / Castle Road junction. TD Gogarty and I have logged repeated requests for repairs to SDCC but the outages keep happening; this is unacceptable for public safety. More to follow.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

Email: shane.moynihan@oireachtas.ie

Phone: 01-6184128. Find me on Facebook,

Instagram, X and TikTok.

Go-Ahead Bus:

Last week, I met with Go Ahead Ireland to discuss local bus services they operate. They went through improvements in performance on the W4 route but it is imperative that this service continues to improve. I have also **requested inclusion of** Blanchardstown Hospital on the W4 and L52 routes. I have also requested increased frequency at peak times on the L51 route, which will now be reviewed by Go Ahead Ireland in conjunction with the NTA.

Pennyhill/R136 lights:

There have been a number of recurring faults at this junction over the last two weeks. I have raised this with the Council, and they inform me that the underground cable has been repaired, and part of the junction is currently being rewired to address the issue fully. The maintenance contractor has been instructed to work to keep any downtime to a minimum during the repair period.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Dáil Report:

This week I spoke on auto enrolment, budgetary measures, transport costs, and contributed to debates on science funding and potentially reducing the voting age. In the Enterprise Committee we deliberated on the legislation regarding the collection of royalties for musicians and performers.

I also attended a briefing on the family courts about the need to abolish the "in camera" rule. I've seen multiple cases where false accusations of parental alienation have been allowed go into reports unchallenged and left children being subjected to "immersion therapy" with narcissistic, coercive and in some cases violent and abusive parents. We need to shed more light here and it was good to hear a contribution by Dr Charlotte Proudman who has done tremendous work on this issue in England and Wales.

Political Notes continued over....

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

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Lucan Pool

In September, I tabled a motion calling for an independent review of the Lucan Pool project. The Local Government Auditor's report presented this week to the County Council Meeting supported a full post-project review. The CEO confirmed to the meeting that they are looking at an independent review, which aligns with my expectations.

Old Celbridge Road Speed Ramps:

I raised ramps removed during pipe works on the R835 which is a busy pedestrian route. The Council referred the issue to the Area Roads Inspector for investigation and report.

Kew Park:

Council crews responded promptly to clear debris in the Daisy Patch following concerns you raised with me.

Street Lights not working in Hillcrest escalated and forwarded to contractor for repair.

Please contact me if you wish to raise issues at the Lucan Area Meeting or the County Council meeting.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Independent Living:

As part of my continued efforts to secure independent living/age-friendly accommodation I recently raised this through a formal Council question. In response, officials confirmed active and planned developments in Sarsfield Park, Somerton Gate and Clonburris Phases 3/4. I'll continue pushing to ensure these vital homes are delivered for our community.

Bus Shelters:

I've again raised concerns about the removal of bus shelters from several key Lucan locations including high-usage stops. My motion tabled for the upcoming Area Committee meeting calls on the Chief Executive to engage directly with the NTA for an urgent update on reinstatement timelines.

Over the past few months, I've been working diligently on the Council's **Budget'25** process to ensure Lucan receives essential investment and benefits from key countywide initiatives. Once the budget is passed I'll share a full update next week.

Metro Link

Metro Link from the Airport won't be fully effective until all the following are implemented as outlined in the recent planning board decision to grant Metro Link planning permission.



Twelve Luas lines, two more extra underground metro's, a new Dart line from Malahide beside existing Dart line with link to Airport and an underground rail line from Connolly Station via Stephen's Green to Heuston, this with Dart plus.

Even if all of these were done at massive extra cost over decades in time, it still won't be effective as they all go direct to the city centre, adding up to two hours extra per day for many users working outside the city centre. It would only serve just over a fifteen-mile radius of the city centre. No orbital link on outskirts. All the other areas in the greater Dublin Area are omitted, where the real traffic problems begin.

This is a massive mess with big risks. Someone should call halt. This report is available online for anyone to see. The alternative is Metro Dart, using existing or heavy rail through Airport benefiting all Dublin and All Ireland at a fraction of Metro Link cost. On acratu.com.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 ACRA.

Bereaved Children's Awareness Week

(17th - 23rd of November)

This marks the start of [The Irish Childhood Bereavement Network's \(ICBN\) Bereaved Children's Awareness Week](#), with a theme 'Children Grieve Too'. They have a range of wonderful resources for families, professionals and schools in relation to children and grief which is available on their website or by [completing the ICBN order form here](#).

They will also be running several (free) webinars next week which include the following:

[Supporting Bereaved Children: An Open Evening for Parents & Carers](#): Tue, 18 Nov, 19:30 GMT

[Schools: Supporting Bereaved Children](#)

Thu, 20 Nov, 16:00 GMT

[Introduction to Developing Culturally Sensitive Approaches to Bereavement](#)

Fri, 21 Nov, 12:30 GMT

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soirée's 13th photographic exhibition is taking place in the parish centre this weekend. It is open on Saturday from 6pm to 7.30 pm and on Sunday from 10am to 1.30pm. We look forward to meeting all our friends at the exhibition. The exhibition will be available to view on the Soirée's YouTube channel after the close of the exhibition. The link to view the exhibition on YouTube is <https://youtu.be/dJUNXxapYWo>. Thanks again to our friends in St. Andrew's for the loan of the stands on which to mount the photos.

This week another photograph of the current state of what was once our beautiful village green was submitted, this time by Michael G. It is hard to work out what it will be if it is ever finished!



Donal gave us a photo of the river Liffey in full flow taken from the south side at Shackleton's Mill. The mill was established in 1859 by the forefathers of the explorer Sir Ernest Shackleton

and was a working flour mill until 1998. Today Shackleton's is a food ingredients company based in Ashbourne Co. Meath.



The task of selecting the photos to be included in the exhibition was difficult so this week I have included some photos that did not make it through the selection process, including Donal's photo of some machinery in Shackleton's Mill, Rose's butterfly, Michael G's effort at using refraction in

photography and Josie's photo of some deer.



Stay safe till next week!