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There are numerous teams of people in our parishes who volunteer in ministries to serve the spiritual needs of parishioners at various stages of life. One of the teams, is the **Funeral Ministry Team** which serves all who arrive at our parishes to celebrate the funeral of their deceased loved ones. We recently celebrated the Remembrance Mass for all who died in the last year. We are blessed to have so many who are willing to give of their time and talents to make a difference in this celebration: those who provide music, prepare the church, manage the IT, organise the beautiful candles, inscribing the names of the deceased loved ones on each candle, formation of the leaflet, etc. Below is a summarised account of the service provided by the Funeral Ministry Teams in our parishes.

Ministry of Funeral Team

The Funeral Team accompanies the bereaved on their loved one's final journey.

Initially, the priest and a member of the **Funeral Team** meet with the bereaved family. We provide the family with a copy a booklet: **A Celebration of Life** which has information about the **Funeral Liturgy** and has examples of readings and prayers which might be used. We talk about the deceased person and the **Funeral Mass**. We also discuss if the bereaved would like prayers said the night before the funeral and/or on the morning of the funeral. We will be in the church on the morning of the funeral as a support.

If the priest or deacon is not available, we can attend the crematorium or the graveside for the **Final Committal** if needed. It is our privilege to be a support as a difficult time.

We organise the **Annual Remembrance Mass** in November for all from the Parish who have died in the year. We specially invite the bereaved to this Mass.



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

What is a gift voucher?

A gift voucher is a card or voucher you can use instead of money to pay for goods and services.

There are many benefits to gift vouchers but there are also some risks. For example, if you lose the voucher, it expires before you use it, or you are not able to spend the remaining balance. It is important you know the conditions and rules that apply to the gift voucher before you buy.

The Consumer Protection (Gift Vouchers) Act 2019 introduced extra rights for gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019.

Types of gift vouchers

Gift vouchers can be paper certificates, electronic cards or gift cards. They can come from a single business or a group, such as a shopping centre.

Electronic money gift card

Electronic money gift cards (for example, One4all gift cards) can be used in different shops.

Before you buy the card, you must be told about the conditions for using it, including any fees. Fees must be proportionate and should match the actual costs to the business for issuing the card.

Electronic money gift cards are regulated under the European Communities (Electronic Money) Regulations 2011. The Central Bank enforces rules for electronic money gift cards.

Rules covering gift vouchers

Gift vouchers sold after 2 December 2019 must have no expiry date or be valid for at least 5 years.

The seller cannot:

Force you to use the entire gift voucher in one go.

Charge a fee for changing the name on a gift voucher (if name registration is required).

If there is more than €1 left on your gift voucher after a purchase, the seller must refund you the balance. They can do this with cash, transfer it electronically to your bank or by giving you another gift voucher.

Exceptions to the rules

The rules do not cover vouchers that:

Can only be used to buy goods and services at a discounted price, from a specific seller on a set date, or for 3 months or less (such as deal websites like Groupon or Pigsback).

Are part of a customer loyalty or promotion scheme

You got as a refund for returned goods

Were sold before 2 December 2019 - the original expiry date and terms still apply to these vouchers

Information on expiry dates is available on our website.

Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas

The Irish Council for Prisoners Overseas (ICPO) is a charitable organisation that works to provide information and support to Irish people imprisoned overseas and their families.

ICPO services include

Providing information and support to prisoners and their families on a wide range of issues, including repatriation, deportation, health, legal matters, discrimination and ill-treatment

Represent prisoners' interests to relevant parties such as Irish embassies and consulates, welfare agencies, probation and legal officers

The ICPO holds a Family Information Day each year to provide families with information and support and to give them the opportunity to meet other people who have a relative in prison overseas.

More information is on the ICPO website.



Lucan Active Retirement Association

Last week some members went to see “My Fair Lady Stage Show” in the Concert Hall.

It was a great show, enjoyed by all the members. They hope to help the members not at the concert on the refinements of etiquette, fine dining, and singing.

New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there, Lots of activities to enjoy. Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat.

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



Presentation Day

Greetings to the Presentation Sisters this Friday 21st, as they celebrate Presentation Day.

We remember all those who passed through the Lucan Convent over the years.



Garda Strength in Lucan 1995

Information on Garda strength and vehicle numbers operating out of Lucan Station for the years 1985, 1990 and 1995.

Year	Manpower	Transport
1985	51	2 Cars, 2 motorcycles
1990	43	3 Cars 1 Motorcycle
1995	50	4 Cars 1 Motorcycle

We spotted a reference to Garda strength in Lucan in this week's Political Notes. Back in 1995, thirty years ago, the late Liam Lawlor submitted the above information to Lucan Newsletter.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 26th November:

Christmas Floral Demonstration

by Margaret Murphy. This is always the start of Christmas for our members.

10.30 am – 12.30pm, St. Mary's Parish Centre.



Esker Active Retirement Association

On Wednesday this week we had a lovely session of Chair Yoga in addition to our usual activities of bowls, card games and scrabble. Our members really enjoyed it, we are so grateful to SDCC for organising these extra activities.

There is always something to look forward to, especially coming up to Christmas.

We meet on Wednesdays at 1.30 at St Andrews parish Hall, Main Street, Lucan.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 24th November: We will continue with our individual craft projects, some being made for Christmas gifts – lovely work ladies! Tea Hostesses; Sally Darlington and Kathleen May.



We had a lovely morning of Card Making with Breda Bohan on Monday. She is a wonderful teacher. We all enjoyed her class.

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 a funeral.

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.



St. Mary's Readers' Roster

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

Christian Meditation: There will be **NO meeting this Tuesday 25th November.**

Sr Geraldine.

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)

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's 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 family and friends of **Michael (Mick) Callan**, Old Lucan Road, Palmerstown and to the family and friends of **Andy Kiernan**, Lucan Heights.

May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 1st December

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

CHURCH ART CALENDARS 2026

For Sale in St Mary's Parish Office and Sacristy. €2.



NAGARHOPE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Pack of 10 for €5 - All proceeds to educating children in Nepal.

Available from the St Mary's Parish Office

Also from 191 Beech Park or Phone Niamh at 087-0666891



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.

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.

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

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

Eucharistic Procession

On the Feast of Christ the King,
Sunday November 23rd, after 12.00 Mass,
there will be a Eucharistic Procession from the
Church of Divine Mercy to the Church of St.
Peter the Apostle, Neilstown.

If the weather is inclement, there will be
Eucharistic Adoration instead.

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.



To whom it may concern,

We are a voluntary charity putting all our efforts into the provision of a Pediatric MRI Scanner for "The New Children's Hospital" when building is complete.

"Koins for Kids Ireland" repatriates **non-Euro coin**, collects out of date and damaged currency and one and two cent coin accumulations. We are open to any donation.

No donation is too small.

So far we have raised **€700,000**. The cost we will incur, we are told by Eilish Hardiman (CEO of the amalgamation) is in the region of €1,000,000.

"Koins for Kids Ireland" intend to make a big impact on the lives of these children, who sadly suffer from an assortment of conditions for reasons beyond their control.

It is nice to give something back, so we thank any organisation / individual that supports us and highlight the generosity and support on our social media network.

Our belief is that if you gain financially from charity, that it is not a charity, it is a job.

Our organisation is **uniquely fully voluntary**.

Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Your sincerely,

Liam Duggan, Chairperson, Founder

Peter Fairbairn, Treasurer

Damien Douglas, Trustee

Robert Larkin, Trustee

Note from Damien,

Many thanks to the people of Lucan for the €516 raised and 31kgs of foreign and sterling coin.

To date we have contributed €7,257 and hundreds of kg of foreign coin and notes.

Many thanks, Damien Douglas, 087 9519222

(Donations can be left into St Mary's Parish Office or Sacristy)

Anniversaries

Albert (Nobby) Clark
9th Anniversary, 28th November

My husband

The moment that you left me
My heart was split in two
One side was filled with memories
The other died with you

I often lay awake at night
When the world is fast asleep
And take a walk down memory lane
With tears upon my cheek

Remembering you is easy
I do it every day
But missing you is a heartache
That never goes away
I hold you tightly within my heart
And there you shall remain
Life has gone on without you
But it can never, ever
Be the same

*9 years in heaven loved and missed every day
by your Breda xx*



Albert (Nobby) Clark
9th Anniversary, 28th November

Our Dad

If I could write a story
It would be the greatest ever told
Of a kind and loving father
Who had a heart of gold

I could write a million pages
But there's one thing I would say,
Just how much I love and miss
him every single day

I know he always loved me,
I may be hurt, but I won't be sad
I know he'll send down the answers
Because he'll always be my Dad.
*We miss you more every day and love you forever
Karen, Lisa Dawn, Sandra, Lynsey, Alan and
Robert, sons in law, daughters in law,
grandchildren and great grandchildren xx*



Michael (Wheely) McCabe
31st Anniversary, 12th November

*Sadly missed and loved always by
Catherine, Robert, Anne, Eileen and
their families.*



Peter Brady

4th Anniversary, 23rd November

Late of Dodsboro
Those who die in grace
Go no further from us than God
And God is very near.
*Sadly missed and loved always, Patty, Caroline,
Peter, Declan, Denise, Garret, grandchildren,
great grandchild, and all the Brady and Dobbs
family.*

**Memorial Mass 12 noon St. Patrick's Church,
Esker Sunday 23rd November**

Letter to the Editor,

Many of us in Hillcrest Estate (and perhaps other estates in Lucan) may have received a leaflet through their letter boxes this past week purporting to come from a company called Clothes Aid.

According to the leaflet, they were collecting second-hand clothes, bed linen, etc. on behalf of the ISPCC's (Irish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) Childline charity. Except that this was a hoax! I phoned the Clothes Aid company and asked about the leaflet. The person said that they were a reputable company, based in England, but they had not operated in Ireland for many years. They took the details of the leaflet and said the company would follow it up.

I then phoned the ISPCC and told them about the leaflet. The person there thanked me for contacting them and they also took down all the details and would follow it up. They said that this had happened several times over the last few years and consequently, they had to stop this form of fund-raising completely.

To add insult to injury, the leaflet states "Only authorised Clothes Aid collectors are permitted by Clothes Aid of the ISPCC for collect this bag. If you are not authorised by Clothes Aid or the ISPCC to remove this bag or its contents, you are committing a criminal offence and may be prosecuted."

For sheer brass neck, you couldn't beat them!!!
Angry Hillcrest Resident.

Relics of St Thérèse

The relics will be in
Our Lady of Good Council, Drimnagh,
on the 6th and 7th December.

Lucan Village GREEN!

I read Tony Feeny's article in the newsletter two weeks ago and as the situation has become even more frustrating, I take pen to the same issue again! Tony stated the thoughts and feelings of everyone who lives in and passes through Lucan.



In times when we are encouraged to increase the number of trees and wild grasses in our environment for the sake of encouraging a more diverse wild life and to ensure water run-off, it makes no sense that our 'GREEN' is currently a concrete monstrosity. While the declared intention is to make it more attractive and give it new life, this tiny space is taking longer to construct than whole estates of houses! How on earth could it take so long to carry out these small scale-works! The final product, on visuals provided, presents some small amount of manicured grass surrounded by stone walls and a concrete amphitheatre. A few trees will be planted, but if they are not already very hardy and mature, they won't survive!

The heart has been ripped out of the village as the whole exercise of passing through or doing business there, is to be avoided. Yes, we do need to reduce the use of cars, but unless funiculars are to be envisioned and provided, the hills out of the bowl of the village will cause everyone with either a time deficit or difficult walking with sure incarceration in their houses! This is particularly evident as we struggle through the uncoordinated series of roadworks with unpredictably placed Stop/Go in more than one place in Lucan every day, for a very long time now. It was with disbelief that such was placed outside St Mary's Church on Sunday 16th November causing challenges for all attending Sunday Mass. The same presented at St Patrick's Church some weeks ago on a Sunday also! I shudder at the very thought of passing through Lucan on any day as it is certain to eat up valuable time navigating any small distance.

The GREEN became a flood plain at the weekend during the very heavy rains. I know this is not a new phenomenon. We know that water needs to be able to seep downwards as well as back into the river through green space; this is not facilitated by increased hard surface area! It really is debatable if this renewal of the Village Green was ever needed while the many declarations of near completion are more than well overdue.

I would be delighted to be proven wrong in all that I am now writing and if that becomes possible, let someone shout it from the rooftops in the future! I'll gladly celebrate and come to cheer them on!

Cathy Burke

"Our Lost Village Green"

For many generations, residents regarded the Village Green as the "Heart of Lucan".. Centrally located, the area was appreciated for its peacefulness and value, bringing together people of all ages—serving as a place for gatherings, children's play, and community connection through it. The park was a key open space filled with greenery and soft landscaping. It was an essential part of our identity.

South Dublin County Council has been responsible for the major changes to the Village Green, namely, removing many mature trees and much of the greenery. These trees did more than just add beauty—they helped reduce pollution from busy roads, blocked out some of the traffic noise, and provided shade and shelter from both sun and rain. They also created a peaceful and private atmosphere that shaped the village centre. That sense of balance has now been lost.

What stands in their place is a harsh, concrete expanse—a so called "enhanced Village Green" that feels more like an open amphitheatre than a welcoming community space. It lacks greenery, comfort, safety, softness and warmth. It is now anything but green.

Furthermore, this concrete structure clashes with the historical architectural style of Lucan Village and sadly diminishes the distinct and quaint character of the village which made it so unique and special. Let's be honest the present condition of the park no longer aligns with the traditional definition of a Village Green. This development underscores the potential impacts of projects conducted without comprehensive resident consultation and thoughtful consideration of local architectural heritage and historical context

The plaza style development is more suitably aligned with the character of a large town centre projects, such as those found at Dundrum and Liffey Valley Shopping Centre.

This project has generated considerable concern within our community. The protracted nature of these works has notably restricted access to the village businesses and services, adversely impacting its overall vibrancy. As a community, it is essential to advocate for future plans that emphasise environmental sustainability, meaningful stakeholder engagement, and authentic respect for local identity. Our collective input is important and should be actively considered By South Dublin County Council in decision-making processes. Contact your local Councillors and TDs to express how important Lucan's heritage, green areas, and community spaces are to you. Once these assets are lost, they cannot be recovered. Lucan deserves better.

David Lombard

Flooding 15th November 2025 – the pictures say it all.....



Fun for the ducks!



Could we have been right about the water feature below?



Storm Claudia made her presence felt!
Are we to expect more delays to all the works ongoing?
No doubt Claudia will be to blame this time!!!!



CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

TY Trip to Glasnevin: Well done to TY students for their excellent participation in a recent informative, historical tour of Glasnevin National Cemetery. The tour saw the students looking at the graves of major figures in Irish history, like Michael Collins, Éamon de Valera, Charles Stewart Parnell, Countess Markievicz, Maud Gonne, and others. They also stopped at Daniel O'Connell's crypt to learn about his impact on Irish society. Big thank you to Shane, our knowledgeable guide and all the team.



3rd year trip to Dáil Éireann: Class Branson had an amazing trip to Leinster House today! As part of their CSPE course, they learned how the Irish Government works, visited the Dáil chamber, and even sat in while senators debated in the Seanad. What a great way to see democracy in action! A huge thank you to Emer Higgins for facilitating the trip.



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

Cleaner Lucan Community College

16 hours per week at €17.10 per hour

This is a Fixed Term Position and will begin December 2025

Apply to discuss these flexible opportunities. An eight week lay-off over the summer will apply.

The Cleaner shall:

Carry out a range of cleaning activities in accordance with college procedures and using your own initiative where necessary. Duties include the use of powered cleaning equipment to ensure the premises are kept in a clean and hygienic condition.

Submit a letter of supplication and curriculum vitae to Lucan Community College at admin@lucancc.ie

The latest date for receipt of applications is 2nd December 2025

Shortlisting may take place.

Late applications will not be considered.

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

Ms Caitriona Murphy
Chief Executive (Acting)

Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board,
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Dublin 24. D24 X62W

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

St. Joseph's College

Minor Soccer: Well done to our minor soccer team who had a great win in their first league game during the week. The girls beat Hansfield College, Blanchardstown 7-3.

Leinster House Visit: On Thursday, second year CSPE students were invited into Leinster House for the day by local TD Emer Higgins. The students were given a tour of the building and given an insight into the day to day running of the parliamentary buildings.

Hockey: On Wednesday our first year and junior hockey teams were in action. The first years were unfortunately beaten 4-1 and the juniors drew 1-1. Both games were against Temple Carrig, Greystones.

Presentation Day Mass: On Thursday, we celebrated Presentation Day in St. Marys, Church. The mass was a fantastic coming together of entire school community with the sermon by Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy. On the day we gave thanks for all we are grateful for in our lives and took a moment to think about those in the world who are suffering and grieving. Presentation Day is where we as a school celebrate our Ceist values and the spirit of Nano Nagle. Many thanks to our wonderful musicians and choir who provided excellent music throughout the ceremony.

2026 Calendar Fundraiser: We are delighted to announce the sale of our St. Joseph's College Fundraising Calendar 2026 in aid of St. Vincent De Paul. This calendar will be available from the 24th November 2025. Our calendars make fantastic planners, wall hangings for kitchens and offices and especially as Christmas presents to send all over the world!



This year's calendar features many beautiful images of Lucan and the surrounding areas. We are very grateful to our sponsors Eamon Costello (Kerry) Ltd., MyVet and Lucan District Credit Union for sponsoring our calendar once again. Calendars can be bought directly from the school (01-6281160) and will be on sale in Centra,

Lucan for €10.00 from Wed, 26th November. All proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul. Please support this very worthy cause!



Sister Act musical – get your tickets now!



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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucan
Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team defeated Edmund Rice College, Castleknock 5-1 last Thursday in their 2nd group match of their Dublin Metropolitan League campaign. Having lost their opening game, the team knew that a win was vital if they were to maintain serious aspirations of a top 2 finish in the 5 team group. Edmund Rice took the lead after 10mins with a close range header. Lucan deservedly equalised on 20mins when Cian McTiernan scored with a stooping header at the back post. Lucan took the lead minutes later through an own goal. Evan Gill soon added a 3rd when he fired in a precise right-footed shot across the keeper, low into the far corner. Peter Doyle extended the lead with a close range finish at the far post and he got his second, and the team's 5th, just after half time with an unstoppable, dipping drive from 25 yds, high down the middle of the goal. The team play both Salesian College Celbridge and Hartstown CS next week in their final two group matches.



Our u15 team drew 0-0 against Kishoge CC on Monday in their opening group stage match of their League campaign. The team produced a fine display but were thwarted by some excellent goalkeeping and some questionable refereeing decisions. Conor Brennan thought that he had given the team a richly deserved lead with a fine finish from inside the box only for the referee to disallow the goal for a very dubious off-side decision.

Our u17 soccer team drew 1-1 against Holy Family, Rathcoole last Thursday. A stunning, dipping free-kick from Sean Connell in the last minute rescued a well-deserved point for Lucan. The team face Coolmine CS in their 2nd and final group match this Friday. The top two advance to the knockout stages so a win will definitely secure qualification for the team.

Football: Our u16 football team were beaten 3-14 to 2-2 by St. McDara's Templeogue in their opening group match of their Junior Football Dublin League campaign on Tuesday. Lucan battled valiantly but their classy opponents were a

level above for most of the game. Hugh O' Neill and Finn Garner got the Lucan goals while Jack Biggs and Adam Breen scored a point apiece. Daniel Godson impressed for the team with 8 important tackles during the game, while Daniel Wallace, Shane Brennan, Ken Irwin and Rian Murphy all had good games, full of energy, endeavour and exceptional work rate.



Basketball: Hard luck to our u19 basketball team who were defeated 79-53 by an exceptional Templeogue College team in their East Boys League "A" 1-4 final on Monday. It was a high-quality game between two top-class teams but ultimately a strong final 1-4 from Templeogue, which they won by 16 points, was the difference. Lucan led by a single point at half-time, 40-39, with Lewis Adjinakou (15) and Joel Mananga (14) getting the bulk of the scores. Templeogue produced an impressive 3rd 1-4 display to lead by 10 points and they saved their best for last with a dominate final 1-4 to pull away from a tiring Lucan. McKenzie Knowles did score two excellent 3-pointers late on, but it was too little, too late and the team sadly exited the competition at the 1-4 stage.

Cricket: Our Junior cricket team enjoyed an impressive win against Piper's Hill College on Tuesday in their latest indoor match. Rohan Malik impressed for Lucan with 4 excellent sixes while Andrew Cyril and Jazib Iftikhar made important contributions with 2 sixes apiece. Lucan finished with 95 runs and proceeded to bowl out their opponents for just 26 to secure an emphatic win. Cricket Leinster are responsible for organising this tournament as part of their drive to build connections between schools and boost participation at secondary level especially. These indoor matches have quickly become very popular with the cricket mad students.

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@sdblincoco.ie.

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.

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

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.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Musical Tots with Karen
Saturday 29th November at 10.30 pm.

Crafts with Méabh (ages 3-6)
Tuesday 25th November, 3.30pm



Booking for above events essential through Eventbrite

Storytime for all ages – Tuesday at 3pm
No booking required – all welcome

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

EXHIBITIONS

Exhibition by Society of Old Lucan.

Soldier's Commemoration exhibition – all month.

Exhibition of artworks by Local Lucan Art Club.



Autumn Leaves

Biodegradable bags for community leaf collection are available from SDCC collect from Clondalkin or Tallaght office.

If you're clearing leaves from paths or roads in your area, you can:

- Request bags and collect from either office
- Request bag collection
- Request a road sweep

By emailing publicrealm@sdblincoco.ie

Road sweeping schedule: oxygen.ie/table/sdcc

#SDCCPublicRealm #CommunityCleanUp
#SDCC #AutumnInLucan #FocusLocal
#FocusLucan

Thank you SDCC for supporting community leaf collections and supplying biodegradable bags. And to Cllr. Caroline Brady for drawing our attention to this.

This **Saturday 22nd November** our team plan to be out clearing leaves from unsafe public paths. Our 'Lucan Leave-ing' Campaign! As well as helping with public safety we hope to continue our work on leaf composting. Why not do likewise in and around your own estates on Saturday!!





Women's
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Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan

It's hard to believe we
are starting to get ready

for Christmas! Classes are in full swing. The Ladies are learning some new skills in our DIY Class. Wednesday in Ballyowen is full of calm and relaxation in our yoga classes while others get creative in Adamstown doing mixed crafts.

With Christmas all around us now we started our Christmas Arts and Crafts Wellness Workshops in Ballyowen and Balgaddy. We were delighted to fill both classes with ease.

This week we started our STEM Passport for Inclusion Programme in partnership with NUI Maynooth and the women have got stuck in with their first assignment.

This Christmas we are looking to give back to those less fortunate by hosting a **Christmas Gift Appeal** for women in need.

What we need:

Pyjamas, Nightdresses, Dressing Gowns, Fluffy Socks, Slippers. We also need Toiletries i.e. Shower Gels, Moisturisers, Shampoo ECT.

Drop Off: Ballyowen Community Centre

When: Monday-Thursday 10am-2pm

Closing Date: Thursday 11th December.

We are excited to announce that we will be holding a **Nollaig Na mBan Celebration**, this will be a wonderful celebration of women. Spaces are limited so early booking is advised information below.

Nollaig Na mBan Celebration 2026

Tuesday, 6th January 2026, 12pm-2.30pm

Carrolls Gastro Pub Lucan

Fabulous 3 course meal- Live Music-Raffle- A chance to relax, connect and celebrate women.

PRICE: €25 PER PERSON

Get in Touch:

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www.womenscollective.ie

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Bringing on back the good times!

Social Club for over 50s meets every
Saturday night.

Activities include social nights out and day
trips.

Phone 083 3434480

Celbridge Camera Club

Celbridge Camera Club's 2026 calendar is now available to buy. We are happy once again to have St Raphael's Parent's and Friends Association as our charity partner - a local and very worthy charity. Calendars can be purchased now for €10 from:

The Orchard, Absolutely Fabulous Flowers, Walsh's Pharmacy, The Maynooth Bookshop and St Raphael's Parent's and Friends Association shop.



We have worked hard to produce this wonderful calendar and we hope you love and support it.



Great News this week!

It has been announced that the State is to buy lands around Castletown House.

Hopefully, the N4 access and car park will be restored, making it possible for most of us to enjoy the house and parklands in future.

Congratulations to St. Mary's Camera Soiree,

on their recent exhibition – some very beautiful and clever photos on show from 13 members.

Readers often remark our weekly back page, with random pictures from various members – seems it's looked forward to every week!

Roadworks!

Some clever wag had this picture up on face book during the week!

How true!!!





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Christmas Gala

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

Hurling: Our Minor Hurlers had a pulsating 1 point victory over Kilmcud Crokes in their championship semi-final on Sunday morning in Silver Park. The game was nip and tuck throughout, but Lucan's never say die attitude and impact from the bench saw them through and they now gear up for a county final against St Jude's on Sunday 30th November.



Ladies Football: The Minor A Ladies football team secured their second trophy of the year winning the Division 1 Shield Final v St. Maurs, after securing the Division 1 league title earlier in the year.

A slow start saw the girls conceding 2 early goals, but calm heads prevailed and with solid kicking from goalkeeper Caoilfhionn Ni Bhriain, the girls scored some lovely points to bring the match back to a one-point game by half time, with Eva Collis, Reka Kiss Kallo, Rachel Johnson and Juliette Harford all putting points on the board. Unfortunately, Reka suffered a calf injury at half time and was replaced by Grian Galligan Byrne.

A nip and tuck second half saw us trading points with St. Maurs, and the lead changed hands several times, with Lucan hitting the woodwork on more than one occasion (a trademark of this team!). Sadhbh Lynch and Laura O'Reilly ran themselves into the ground from midfield in the second half, with the back 6, including Anya Dunne, Niamh Lamon, Niamh O'Brien and Siena Harford turning over the ball on several occasions. Lucan trailed by one point heading for the final whistle, but a bold move saw corner back Zarah Casey Lancaster moved up to the full forward line, with great results as she blazed over the leveller with seconds to go.

With a result required on the day, extra time was on the cards. This team have trained tirelessly all year, with many, many hard running sessions to gain what Cathal Lynch calls "Money in the bank". Well, he was on the money with that, as Lucan Sarsfields better fitness was massively evident in extra time. Juliette Harford scored the first point after 2 minutes and 3 minutes later Cara Coffey hit the back of the net in a well worked

goal. From then on, there was only one winner as the opposition faded and the Lucan girl's fitness took them all the way to the end of extra time. Further points from Sadhbh Lynch, Zarah Casey Lancaster, Eva Collis and Rachel Johnson saw them win by 8 points, having outscored St. Maurs by 1-9 to 0-1 in extra time.

The Shield was presented by the referee Ronald Malone to the Lucan captain Rachel Johnson to cap a great year for the Minor A Ladies football team.

Lucan: Caoilfhionn Ni Bhriain, Niamh Lamon, Zarah Casey Lancaster (0-3), Grian Galligan Byrne, Cara Coffey (1-0), Niamh O'Brien, Siena Harford, Anya Dunne, Laura O'Reilly, Sadhbh Lynch (0-4), Eva Collis (0-6), Reka Kiss Kallo (0-1), Rachel Johnson (0-2) (Capt.), Juliette Harford (0-3), Abigail Mc Sweeney, Sophie Carberry, Millie Ryan, Olivia Byrne, Lauren Shelly, Chloe O'Shea, Aoife Murphy, Caoimhe Canavan.

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €1,400. The Numbers were **5, 14, 24 & 27**.

Lucky dip's go to Rachel Clyne, Cormac Gordon, S&N Clandillon, Carol Hickey, Sean & Sandra McCaffrey. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €1,800. This draw is sponsored by Rugs by Design and will be led by Cormac Gordon.



25 Card Drive

Date: Friday 10th October until 8th May 2026

Time: 8.00pm Sharp

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

Entry: €5 per player

Venue: Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse (Bar)

Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play.

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information



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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I am honoured to have been appointed as the Minister of State for Disability, attending Cabinet, at the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth.

This is a responsibility I take on with deep respect and a strong commitment to listening, learning and working alongside people with disabilities, their families, carers, advocates and the wider sector.

I will continue to work hard for Lucan and Dublin Mid-West, both locally and nationally. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I receive from our community, it's what allows me to represent our area in Government and to keep bringing local voices to the table.

As always, if you have any issues you would like to raise, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at emer.higgins@oireachtas.ie or 01 618 3013

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil Report:

Busy week in the Dáil and Committees. Items I raised or spoke on included Scoliosis treatment, pollution of waterways, Ukraine, European Council and General Affairs Council, tourism legislation and the Occupied Territories Bill.

Lucan Swimming Pool:

I used a topical debate slot in Dáil to seek an inquiry into time delays and cost increases associated with Lucan Leisure Centre/Pool project up to the recent termination of the contract. The response was non-committal, so we will have to wait until completion for a report. On a positive note, the new contractor has been appointed.

St Patricks Hospital (St Eds) Expansion Plans:

A hospital is permitted in principle under current land zoning, but I will be making a submission about size/scale/traffic/transport issues when planning application is submitted. More anon.

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

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Flooding Lucan:

I received and reported incidents of flooding at several locations, including Hillcrest, Finnstown, Dodsboro Road, Tubber Lane, Arthur Griffith Park, Griffeen Valley Park, and at Courtney's. Areas experiencing persistent flooding are escalated for further investigation to the council or Uisce Éireann where appropriate. On a positive note, areas where recent remediation works were completed — e.g. Liffey Bridge, Lucan Village, and Newcastle Road — did not flood.

N4 Footbridge:

The gully and adjacent drainage pipe are blocked by sediment and tree roots. A contractor is appointed to clear the blockage and remove roots near the ramp to the N4 footbridge.

Welcome New Gardaí to Lucan:

Five new Gardaí joined Lucan and Ronanstown stations following a strong recruitment year with over 11,100 applications. This week, 223 recruits entered Templemore — the largest intake in over a decade.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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SDCC Budget 2026: Positive Changes Ahead
SDCC's 2026 budget brings real improvements for our community. Two extra Park Rangers will be hired to enhance safety and maintenance, alongside two new Dog Wardens. Planning Enforcement officers will double from two to four, strengthening compliance. SDCC is progressing CCTV installation in parks (with Data Protection oversight) to curb anti-social behaviour, a long-standing public request. €200,000 is allocated for accessibility audits and a parking app is planned.

Proposed Plans for St. Edmundsbuey:

I attended a briefing on proposed plans for 200-bed mental health hospital within the walled garden. The design respects heritage and includes a public café. No encroachment on Liffey Valley SAAO. I broadly welcome the plans but will review traffic management fully once application is live. View the proposal via QR code.



Political Notes *continued*....

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South Dublin County Council Annual Budget 2026:

The Annual Budget 2026 marks a positive step forward for disability inclusion and for Lucan – with several commitments that I advocated for now firmly secured. For the first time, funding has been allocated to establish a Disability Consultative Panel and to carry out accessibility audits in our villages. This reflects ongoing work to ensure that disabled people help shape decisions, not just experience the outcomes.

I also worked to strengthen the focus on Lucan within this budget. Investment in Lucan House, the 12th Lock enterprise project, the Grand Canal Greenway and village and district enhancements now includes clear commitments to universal design, ensuring these projects are accessible for disabled children, adults and older people.

Additional wins include increased support for the Sports Inclusion Disability Programme, Special Olympics, accessible footpaths and dishings, communication boards in playgrounds, sensory trails, and a new pilot providing real-time information on accessible parking spaces.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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Launch of Adamstown Our Home:

Being in attendance and representing South Dublin Libraries at the launch of *Adamstown Our Home* was an honour. It was a wonderful celebration of our community alongside friends and neighbours. Well done to all involved. Copies of the book are still available contact me or visit Adamstown Community College to purchase.

Budget 2026:

In budget 2026 I secured several important commitments including funding towards a new Youth Café/Youth Space, the roll-out of solar bins for Lucan, additional Park Rangers, two new Dog Wardens and the Age-Friendly Digital Roadshow for older residents next year. I can also confirm a new Council App will launch in 2026 allowing the public to report issues directly. I'll keep you updated as these projects progress. Delighted my request sees Newcastle Road and other areas being fully resurfaced

Cllr. Joanna Tuffy, Labour Party Representative.

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Christmas at Lucan House:

Lucan House is to be the venue 'The Christmas Circus of Wonders and Curiosities' from Broken Theatre, supported by South Dublin County Council. This commercial event will run from 21st November to 4 January with tickets on sale from this week. This follows on from Lucan Festival and the recent Children's Musical Festival. It is part of the Council's efforts to open up this amenity to the public pending its ambitious master plan which can be viewed on the Council's website/ Please note I also have links to the Lucan House Master plan as well as updates about the Lucan Village works on my linktr.ee account.

Bus Connects

Bus Connects has become unreliable for many users due to its set up and design resulting



in too many buses in the wrong location, mainly in the city centre when they are needed on the outskirts at morning peak. This happens when city planners won't allow the buses to navigate the city centre by not allowing some of them to turn and get back out to areas where they are badly needed to prevent users being past by full buses. To many buses going to Ringsend also part of the problem and overloading the city centre with Dame Street buses. This problem must be addressed as more houses will be built on the outskirts. This problem is happening in most areas and a redesign of bus Connects is urgently needed.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 ACRA.

**Some cause happiness wherever they go;
Others whenever they go.**

Oscar Wilde.

Everything has beauty, but not everyone sees it.

Confucius.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soirée's 13th exhibition is over and I think I can safely say that it was a great success. We were lucky that the rain had cleared by the time the exhibition was due to open! Lovely compliments were paid to the photographers by the many people who came to see the exhibition and already there have been over 100 viewings of the exhibition video on the group's YouTube channel. The link to the YouTube channel is <https://youtu.be/dJUNXaxpYWo>.



This week Michael G submitted a photograph of the current state of the other plaza which is being created opposite the Maxol garage. As with the village green it is hard to work out what it will be if it is ever finished!

Anna submitted a beautiful photograph she took at sunset on last Sunday evening at the Papal Cross.



Donal gave us a nice autumnal shot which he describes as Hermitage 10th!

Joe got to Skerries and submitted a photo of one of the windmills there. There are two windmills and a watermill on the site.

The three mills are designated as national monuments. The small windmill is dated to 1525 and the Great windmill is dated to 1750. They were used for grinding wheat, oats and barley. The watermill dates from the 13th century.

The history of milling in Skerries can be traced back to the 12th century when the area was under the ownership of the Priory of Holmpatrick, an Augustinian monastic foundation.



Stay safe till next week!