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Sunday 11th October 2026

Times of Change!

All times are times of change as nothing is constant. We're at a societal in-between space that can be difficult to jump over if we don't have the energy or momentum to take a leap that makes the difference we want and that fits with how we live our lives now.

We recently took part in the school survey which offered opportunity with regard to the shape of schools that we wish to have locally: single sex/coeducational, denomination/non-denominational, English/Gaeilge language. The result of the survey is driving movement in some places towards chosen change. The Lucan area already offers a wide variety of school choice with no striking need for any significant change. The choices for change reflect the reality of the lives, interests and values of parents and the general community.

As registrations for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation are taking place in our parishes, parents are also making different choices in this regard too. Some, who may have brought their children for Baptism as infants, are now realising that the sacramental life is not for them and are choosing not to present their children for First Holy Communion. Some young people, along with their parents, are deciding that the commitment concerned in the sacrament of Confirmation is not the right fit for them anymore. The children/young people will be celebrated anyway, but in a manner that is not necessarily faith-based and matches the truth and integrity of their own lives and their real lived values.

The opposite is also true regarding some other families presenting for the sacraments, where they engage in faith afresh and rediscover God, the value of both faith and the support of the faith community. Like those choosing not to commit to faith, the numbers of those who are rediscovering faith anew are small. Those concerned engage actively and in a manner of prioritising their engagement. Both cohorts are deliberate in their choices and actions with inherent integrity.

By nature, many people resist change and new ways of being, because we are all creatures of habit and tradition. However, like standing on a rug that is pulled, the societal pull towards change opens new ways of looking at life and at opportunity in our country and world today. The people of today, or the family of today must find what works best for now, as has been the case down through our very colourful history. The shape of living personal or family life is a good measure of lived and treasured values. **To thine own self be true!**

*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: 2pm - 4pm subject to Team Meetings

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

Budget 2027 was announced on Tuesday, 6 October 2026

Some of the changes announced in the Budget will come into effect immediately or before the end of 2026. Others take effect from the beginning of January 2027 or later in 2027. Many others have to be finalised before coming into effect. Some elements of these measures may change when the legislation required to bring them into effect is enacted.

Social welfare

The maximum rate of most weekly social welfare payments will increase by €10. There will be proportional increases for qualified adults and people on reduced rates of payment. (January 2027)

Child Support Payment

The Child Support Payment weekly rate will increase to €6 for children under 12 and to €6 for children aged 12 and over

Working Family Payment

Working Family Payment income limits will increase by €30 a week for all family sizes.

Employment schemes

The top-up payment for people on Community Employment (CE), Tús and the Rural Social Scheme will increase by €2.50 to €35 per week. The weekly rate for people on the Part-Time Job Incentive Scheme will increase by €5.

Carers Allowance

The weekly Carer's Allowance income disregard will increase to €1,150 for a single person and €2,300 for a couple (July 2027).

Fuel Allowance and Living Alone Increase

Fuel Allowance will increase by €5 from €38 to €43 per week. The weekly income threshold for a single pensioner will increase from €534 to €640. Living Alone Increase will increase by €3 from €22 to €25 per week.

Cost of disability payment

A new cost of disability payment of €500 will be paid to people getting a long-term disability payment.

PRSI

Employer PRSI threshold will increase from €552 to €600 (2027).

Earnings disregard

Earnings disregard for One-Parent Family Payment, Jobseeker's Transitional Payment, Disability Allowance and Blind Pension to increase by €10 to €175 per week (July 2027).

New investment account

A new investment account will be available from 1 July 2027. It will have a tax-free threshold of €50,000 and a 1% tax on amounts above that. Up to €12,000 can be contributed per year, with no minimum.

Employment and business

Minimum wage

The national minimum wage will increase by 79 cents to €14.94 per hour from 1 January 2027.

Social welfare payments and work

From 28 September 2026, if you move into employment from Disability Allowance or Blind Pension, you can keep your Fuel Allowance for up to 5 years.

DEIS Plus and free period products

Starting this academic year, students in DEIS Plus schools can get free period products. The schools get an annual grant to cover the cost, based on the number of students who are likely to have started their period. For primary schools, it's based on the number of students in 4th class and above.

New handling fee for online shopping

From 1 November 2026, when you buy goods online from outside the EU (including England, Scotland and Wales, but not Northern Ireland), a union handling fee of €2 per item will apply. This is a charge on the business, but the business may choose to pass it on to consumers. If you need to return the item, the union handling fee will not be refunded, even if the goods are faulty.

Lucan Drama

Hi all,

A quick update from Lucan Drama: tickets for our One-Act Plays are now available through our website at <https://lucandrama.ie>



Our One-Act Plays take to the stage at Courtney's Pub, Lucan for four nights only, Monday 19th to Thursday 22nd October. This year's programme features three plays:

- **Reunion by Connor Hillman**
- **Lunch Hour by John Mortimer**
- **Latte by Sarah Fahy**

It promises to be a great few nights of live drama in a wonderful setting, so gather your friends, pick your night and book early. You can find all the details and secure your tickets at <https://lucandrama.ie>

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

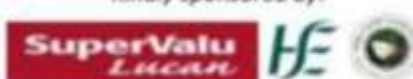
Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday
October 10th 2026
2.00pm – 5.00pm
St. Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future Dates: Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th

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Lucan Red Cross

Christmas Old Folk's Party

Our Annual Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday 29th November** in the **Spa Hotel Lucan**.



If you would like to attend our party as a new member, you must be 66 years of age and collect your pension in the Lucan area.

Contact Bernie Cummins on 0861597606 or Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm/7pm.

Closing date for any NEW MEMBERS wishing to attend is Monday the 2nd November.

Any names received after the 2nd November will automatically be put on our list for next year.

ANNUAL SEMINAR AND AFTERNOON TEA

ADVANCED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY



"Psychosocial and Emotional Impact of Living with Cancer"

October 13th 2026
The Richmond Educare and Event Centre, No.1 North Brunswick Street,
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Church Gate Collection

Liffey Sound Community Radio will be doing a Church Gate Collection at all

Masses next Sunday at St. Patrick's Church Esker-Dodsboro-Adamstown.

LUCAN SENIOR CITIZENS

Wednesday 14th October:

PINK DAY!

St. Mary's Parish Centre 10.30 to 12.30.

We will have a craft display, with all proceeds going to Breast Cancer Research.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

Confessions: After 10am Mass on Thursdays and Saturdays (providing there is not a funeral. After Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

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.*

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.

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

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday **6pm** in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

The Legion of Mary



will offer up the Rosary for the month of October (Monday to Friday) at 6pm at the Grotto, St Mary's Church, Lucan. *(In the event of bad weather we will go into the church)*

BETHANY LUCAN PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

THURSDAY OCT. 22

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THURSDAY OCT. 29

7:30PM

IN THE BUNGALOW ON THE CHURCH GROUNDS

In a small group setting, you are welcome to chat and reflect with others walking the path of bereavement.

If you would like to attend, please contact
bethanygroup@lucanparish.com
or ring Deirdre in the office: (01) 621 7041

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, we ask God to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world. We pray together for peace in the world and defeat of evil, for those who are unwell, worried, depressed, or grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who no longer believe or practice the faith, that they will find again God's infinite love and mercy.

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

Deepest Sympathy to the husband, parents, family and friends of **Aisling Power**, Tubberlane Road, to the wife, family and friends of **Martin Hall**, Esker Meadow Green and to the husband, family and friends of **Avril Thuillier Ward**, St Finian's. *May they rest in peace.*



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 12th October

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie



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

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

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions: After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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

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

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

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

St Vincent De Paul St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
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St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Lottery

Join our weekly Parish Lotto

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To join now simply go to our parish website

<https://www.stpatrickslucan.ie/st-patricks-parish-lucan-lottery/>

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Mass with Anointing of the Sick:

There will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick on **Saturday October 24th at 12.00 Noon**. Mass will be followed by tea and sandwiches. Please invite someone who would benefit from receiving this sacrament of healing.



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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

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.

Ever wondered if Religious Life could be for you?

We, the Presentation Sisters, invite you to join us for a day to listen, to explore, to reflect (for women aged: 20-35 years)

When: Saturday 28 November 2026 10.30a.m.-4.00p.m.

Where: Mount St Anne's Retreat and Conference Centre,

Killennard, Portarlinton, Co Laois R32 WN59

Cost: Free – light lunch provided

RSVP: Please register before 18 November 2026
0578626153/ secretary@mountstannes.com

Anniversaries

Graham Kelly

5th Anniversary, 14th October

Sad are hearts that love you
Sad are the tears that fall
But living our lives without you
Is the saddest part of all.
Masses offered
*Dearly loved, never forgotten by
your loving family.*



Maureen Lally

16th Anniversary, 8th October

Late of AGP Lucan
Remembered on this special day 8th October.
16 years away from home.
“Deep in our hearts
Your memory lingers.
Sweetly tender, fond and true.
There is not a day dear Mother
That we don’t think of you.”



“Though time has moved us forward,
And sixteen years have flown,
The legacy of love you left
Is the greatest gift we’ve known.”
*Always remembered by your loving daughter
Joyce, son in law Mark, grandsons Jonathan,
Ciaran and Matthew and great grandson Ollie.
Forever in our hearts.*

Maureen Lally

16th Anniversary, 8th October

You only have one Mother,
Patient, kind and true.
No other friend in all the world,
Will be the same as you.

As we look upon her picture,
Sweet memories we recall,
Of a face so full of sunshine,
And a smile for one and all.



Our dear Lord Jesus, take this message
to our dear Mother up above.
Tell her how much we miss her,
And give her all our love.

Never forgotten, deeply loved
and greatly missed.
*From your loving daughter Alison,
Andy, Alisha, Ruth, Craig, Caden
and Koah xxx*

Maureen Lally

16th Anniversary, 8th October

Along the road to yesterday
that leads us straight to you
are memories of the happy days
together we once knew.

And always every evening
we seem to have a way
of wandering back to meet you
on the road to yesterday.

*Greatly missed by your loving daughter Debbie,
son-in-law Peter and grandchildren Niamh, Karla
and Aine xxx*

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Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we in the Club have heard of the death of Colin Keegan, son of Pat and Noreen, two members of our club. Our deepest sympathy goes out to them and to the members of their extended family on Colin's untimely tragic death.

May he rest in peace.

We will have Scrabble, Bowls, Table Tennis, Cards and other games as requested by the members. Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30 am.

New members always very welcome!



Clean Up that Shed!

With trepidation I entered my Shed.

Her stern instruction ringing in my head

Need to throw out, all we don't need
All the stuff that has gone to seed



Our garden shed is filled with
Enough to fill a large battleship
It needs a spaceship to carry it
To the other side of the moon.

Scores of near empty tins of paint
A headless statue of our patron saint
Row upon row of empty pots, others
Filled with jaded... forget-me-nots

A bag of vintage golf clubs
Stored in a retired bathtub
A frayed photo of an old flame
Her wicked smile... still the same

A bicycle minus wheels and chain
A painters overall covered in stains
Out of fashion kitchen tiles
Time expired due changing styles

Paint brushes as old as Angelo
An empty bottle of Lourdes cures
I hear her footsteps coming closer
My dear... the shed...let's talk it over!

Liam Murray September 2026



Congratulations to all the Junior Cert Pupils who got their results on Wednesday last – lots of happy faces around Lucan!

Artist Maureen Kelly-Fox has been busy painting Lucan once

again. Her latest is the repainting of the box

beside AIB carpark – see photo on this week's Camera Soiree's page. We spotted another little gem in this creation, where she pays tribute to Lucan Tidy Towns Gold Medal award, on the side panel. Nice touch!



Two Pubs for Sale in Lucan!

If you have a few bob in your back pocket, the Ball Alley Pub came on the market last week, following on the heels of the Fox Hunter on sale since the Summer.

Definition!

Amen – The only part of the prayer that everyone knows.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 12th October: Our ladies will continue working on their various craft projects.

Tea Rota: Mary C. and Sally.



Thursday 15th October: Nine members will teach Crochet to Transition Year students in St. Joseph's College, from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

We welcome two new members to our Guild – Joy Moore and Norma Smith. We hope they will enjoy all our activities.

The ladies are making Calico Dolls for Crumlin Hospital. These are used for children about to have an operation, and doctors mark out the area on the dolls.

Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared. Private Facebook group; "Society for Old Lucan (SOL)".



<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>

We've been really busy recently with our stand on the Saturday of Lucan Festival (thank you to everyone who called by!) and our participation in the Lucan Village Culture Night with free tours of the medieval graveyard. Here are some more updates on recent work in the last few months, plus some great new events coming up, not least our second local history festival in Lucan, SOLFest26, booking now!

SOLFEST26: BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW - LUCAN'S LOCAL HISTORY FESTIVAL

Book your tickets here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/solfest-26-tickets-2002454491288>



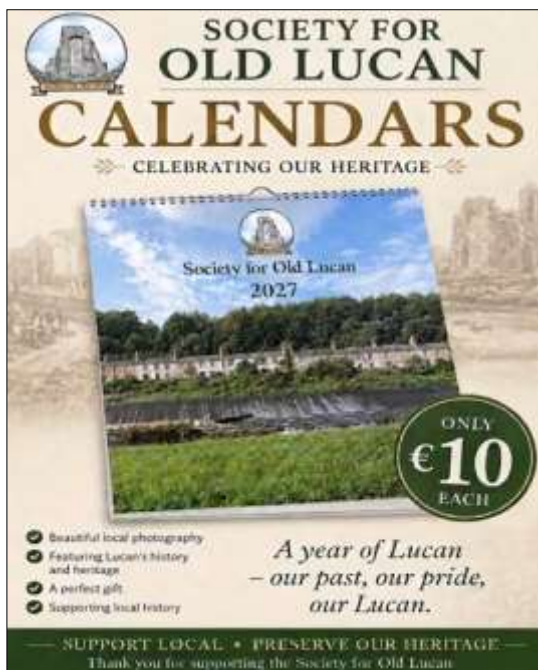
Guided Historical Tour of Lucan Demesne: archaeology & local history

Saturday 10 October 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Volunteers from SOL will guide you through the rich archaeology and heritage of Lucan Demesne, 90-min walk. **Booking via Eventbrite.**

SOL 2027 MEMBER-PHOTO FUNDRAISING CALENDARS NOW ON SALE IN LUCAN LIBRARY!

The SOL 2027 Fundraising calendars are now on sale in Lucan Library from today. Please ask the fantastic staff at the counter in the Library to get your copy at only €10 each. These make perfect presents for people at home or abroad.



The sale of the calendars each year help us raise much needed funds for SOL to pay for insurance, running costs and investment in supplies for our workshops. It also helps with cost for School projects and all our tours throughout the year free for all. We would like to thank everyone for all their support throughout the year and for your continuing support of SOL.

We would like to thank everyone who sent in photos for the 2027 calendar. We had so many photos to choose from. Unfortunately, we could not use everyone's photos and if your photos were picked you will have been contacted by now. We really appreciate everyone who did take the time to send us photos.

We do also offer a free delivery of the calendars in the Lucan area for those who cannot make it to the Library and we will also have them available at all our tours and events. Please contact us for any further details or free Local delivery in Lucan at our email OldLucan@gmail.com

Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>



Coláiste Phádraigh

Open Night: Coláiste Phádraig welcomed more than 750 parents, guardians and prospective students to its Open Night on Thursday, 1st October, in what proved to be a hugely successful and lively evening.

Visitors had the opportunity to meet teachers and staff, explore the school's facilities and discover the wide range of subjects and extracurricular opportunities available. Almost every classroom was open, with interactive activities and demonstrations taking place throughout the school. Highlights included Science experiments, Art displays, Woodwork and Metalwork demonstrations, technology activities and the popular "Classroom of the Future". The new modular building also attracted considerable interest, with visitors impressed by its bright, modern classrooms overlooking the school playing fields.



The school's commitment to inclusion was also showcased, with visitors able to view the two Autism classrooms and their dedicated sensory rooms. These welcoming, carefully designed spaces reflect the school's commitment to supporting every student and ensuring that all young people feel valued and included.

There was plenty of activity elsewhere, with younger visitors enjoying taste challenges in the Business "Boulevard", trying out their cúpla focal and playing games in the Seomra Gaeilge, while the Home Economics department delighted visitors with freshly baked treats and textile demonstrations.

A particular highlight was the contribution of Coláiste Phádraigh's students. Prefects, Student Council members and students from across the

school acted as wonderful ambassadors, guiding families, answering questions and proudly showcasing their school.



The evening was a tremendous whole-school effort, with teachers, SNAs, SEN staff, the Parents' Association, administration, caretaking and cleaning staff all contributing to its success. Enrolment applications for 2027 are currently available online through the school website <https://www.colaiistephadraigluacan.ie> The closing date for receipt of online applications is Friday, 23rd October 2026, and the first-year intake for 2027 will be 120 students.



TY: Our Transition Year students recently travelled to Maynooth University for the first of three exciting workshops exploring satellite imaging and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

Organised with the Geography Department at Maynooth University, the workshop gave students hands-on experience with ArcGIS, exploring how satellite data can be used to monitor issues including flooding, forest fires, deforestation, climate change and urban development.

Students also discovered the links between Geography and STEM, learning about satellite imagery, GPS, space science and the Sustainable Development Goals. One of the highlights was an augmented reality activity, where students used their phones to transform the classroom floor into an interactive digital map.

The visit provided an excellent opportunity to develop digital skills, experience university life and explore potential careers in environmental science, engineering, urban planning and space research.

We thank the Geography Department at Maynooth University and TY Coordinator Mr Dunne for organising the visit. We look forward to the remaining workshops later this year.

Science: Enthusiasm for science, technology and innovation is thriving at Coláiste Phádraig, with 47 students submitting 25 projects for the Stripe Young Scientist & Technology Exhibition, hoping to qualify for the RDS finals in January 2027.

Projects span technology, mathematics, chemistry, biological and ecological science, health and wellbeing, and social and behavioural science.

Our students have shown tremendous commitment, with many giving up lunchtimes to research, develop and refine their ideas. We are also hugely grateful to Ms Farrell and Mr Carey for their invaluable guidance, encouragement and mentoring.

With applications now submitted, students eagerly await the results.

Soccer: Our senior soccer team advanced to the 2nd rnd of the Leinster Cup after a dramatic penalty shoot-out win against Terenure College on Tuesday. The game finished 2-2 after extra-time, with Alex Kennedy and Josh Kenny getting the Lucan goals. The players held their nerve in the shoot-out to win 7-6, with David Walsh scoring the winning goal.

Junior Cycle Results: The Junior Cycle results were released on Wednesday and we are delighted to report that our students did

exceptionally well once again. The students worked with great commitment, determination and perseverance throughout their Junior Cycle journey. These excellent results are a wonderful reflection of the effort they have put into their studies, and our students can be extremely proud of what they have accomplished.



Well done to our highest achievers Anish Kodishala and Rohan Malik, who both got 8 Distinctions (85-100%) overall. We are proud of all of our students and warmly congratulate them all on their impressive results. Each student has their own individual strengths and talents, and we are delighted to see their hard work recognised in these results.

We would also like to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of our teachers, SEN (Special Educational Needs) Department and support staff, whose dedication, encouragement and expertise have helped all of our students to reach their potential.

Set Dancing Classes



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Theresa: 086 1930278
Email: tommy30D@gmail.com

Lucan Community College

Lucan CC Showjumping: Well done to Maisy, Mya and Eabha who represented the school very well in Killoserry over the weekend. They competed in a very competitive class and did very well! Well done girls!



Successful Open day: We had a very successful Open Day in Lucan Community College on Monday evening. It was wonderful to see so many prospective students and their families come through our doors, explore all of our subject areas, meet our teachers and find out more about the wide range of extracurricular activities on offer. A huge thank you to all our staff and students who helped make the evening such a success. We look forward to meeting and welcoming all our new entrants in September 2027! We can't wait to have you as part of the LCC community.



JC Results Day: A huge congratulations to all of our Junior Cycle students on their results today! It is amazing to see all that they have achieved over the past three years, and we couldn't be prouder of each and every one of them. Well done to all our students, and a special thank you to their teachers, families and everyone who supported them along the way. What an achievement!



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its

monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 12th October at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

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

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



Anam Cara
Supporting Parents After Bereavement

**ONLINE BEREAVEMENT
INFORMATION EVENING**

Join us online
Thursday 15th October
7pm - 8.30pm
[click here to register](#)





GUEST SPEAKER: BREFFNI MCGUINNESS
Breffni McGuinness currently serves as a Bereavement Coordinator at Laura Lynn, Ireland's Children's Hospice. Prior to this role, Breffni has been working in bereavement support, focusing on developing awareness, education, and resources to support bereaved individuals and communities. Breffni brings unique perspectives to his work, with specialisations in dramatherapies and pastoral care.

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Lucan Library – October Events

Contact: Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Rd, Lucan K78 V295. Tel: 01 6216422

Children's Events:

For 5-12 year olds. Booking on Eventbrite.

Musical Tots: Saturday 10th October at 10.30am

Booking on Eventbrite.

Reflexology for Babies: Wednesday 14th October at 10am. Booking on Eventbrite.

Storytime: 12th and 19th October, 3.00pm. All welcome.

Halloween Costume Swap: Thursday 15th October 5.00pm-6.00pm. Suitable up to 12yrs. Bring your pre-loved Halloween costumes to the library Mon – Wed and get a token to return and choose a new costume on Thursday 15th.

Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs: Thursday 22nd October 3.30pm. A fun arts and crafts session. Booking on Eventbrite.

STEAM Halloween event - Create Spooky Moulds: Tuesday 27th October 5pm. Booking on Eventbrite.

Comic Workshop with Alan O'Rourke: Wednesday 28th October, 12.00pm-1.00pm. Join us for a fun-filled comics workshop designed especially for children aged 7-10! Booking on Eventbrite.

Halloween movie for kids: Wednesday 28th October, 2.00pm. Feel free to bring your own popcorn and water. Booking on Eventbrite.

Spooky Fangs and Slime Workshops with Anyone4Science: Thursday 29th October, 12.30pm and 1.30pm (45 minutes each). Booking on Eventbrite.

Halloween Mask Workshop for 8-12 yrs: Thursday 29th October, 3pm, Booking on Eventbrite.

STEAM Freeplay session: Saturday 31st October 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca: Founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Thursday 22nd October at 10am.

Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 30th October from 12pm - 2pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Self-led session suitable for babies and young children.



Adult Events:

No booking is required for the below events – All are welcome to attend!

Lucan Library Knitters Club: Every Monday 10am – 12pm (Tuesday 27th Oct due to bank holiday)

English Conversation Group: Every Tuesday 2pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle:

Wednesday, 14th October 5:45pm - 7:45 pm, meet the second Wednesday of each month.

A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. A safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 20th October from 5.30pm.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle:

Wednesday 21st October 6pm. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.

Creative Writers Group: Thursday 29th October at 10am. Whether writing a short piece or a whole book, bring along your work to discuss.

“What’s the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 17th October 12pm – 1.45pm. A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on Eventbrite.ie.

Additional Adult Events:

How to Self-Publish your Book: Saturday 10th October, 12.00pm. With Michael McGovern, who has published several books including on the lost art of conversation. Book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Red Line Book Festival – The Compound: Monday 12th of October 7.00pm. Join us as Aisling Rawle talks about writing and her new book *The Compound* with author and journalist Vicki Notaro. Book here: <https://redlinefestival.ie/>

Regular savings and lump sum investments: Tuesday 13th October 6:30pm. Join us for a talk by financial advisor John Miller from Lucan District Credit Union who will give a presentation. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Cyber Security: Thursday 15th October, 5.00pm. Hear about cyber incidents, how to identify a threat and how to protect your personal data. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Red Line Book Festival – Finding Calm in a Busy World: Thursday 15th of October 7pm. Join us for a special evening as Dearbhal Mescal and Miriam Mulcahy talk about their lives and new books with Sinead Cuddihy from the tired Mammy Book Club. Book here: <https://redlinefestival.ie/>

Harp Day: an annual global celebration honouring Ireland's 1,000-year-old harping tradition. Performance by Ann Tuite. Saturday 17th October, 12.00pm-1.00pm. All welcome.

October Exhibitions:

From Monday 5th October: Arm o Shuaimhneas, meaning “chilled out / at my peace” in Irish. Created by Noeleen Grimes Maher, the exhibition is inspired by the things she enjoy most when she wants to relax; creating art, spending time in the Irish countryside, and embracing the Irish language (Gaeilge).

Thursday 1st October – Saturday 31st October: Tim Severin's ‘The Brendan Voyage’.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 1st October lotto jackpot of €19,800. The numbers drawn were **1, 13, 21, 23. Lucky dip's** go to Siobhan Levingstone, Sally O'Mahony, Sinead Fleet, Avril Mullins, Clandillon Family. This week's Lotto on Thursday 1st October will be for a jackpot of €20,000 This draw is sponsored by Clandillon Motors and will Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Christmas Gala

Get the glad rags ready — the Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Gala is coming up on Saturday, **14th November** at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip! We're looking forward to a brilliant night bringing together members, players, coaches, parents, supporters and friends from across the club to kick off the festive season in style. Drinks Reception from 7pm. 4-Course Dinner including Wine. Live Music from Who's Eddie? DJ till late. **Tickets:** €60 per person and online the last few remain!!!!

It promises to be a fantastic social night and a great opportunity to swap the jerseys and tracksuits for the glad rags and enjoy a Christmas night out with the Lucan Sarsfields community.

Tickets Available Now. Tickets are limited, so we'd encourage everyone planning to attend to book early and get your group together.

For tickets, contact: Sara Hickey — 086 8187070 Maggie Mulqueen — 087 2866581

Christmas Draw

Lucan Sarsfields Christmas Draw 2026

One of our biggest fundraiser of the year is coming up and we need your support!

We're looking for prizes and sponsorship to help make this year's Christmas Draw our most successful yet. Every prize matters, big or small. Local businesses, members and supporters — if you can help, we'd love to hear from you.

We're also asking members to reach out to your own contacts and local businesses and help us spread the word. Every contribution directly supports our club, from our youngest players right through to our adult teams. **To donate a prize or discuss sponsorship contact:** Jennifer Brennan Sukore — 086 170 6067. Let's get behind it and make the 2026 Christmas Draw our biggest yet!



Ladies Intermediate Football Final

Hard luck to our Intermediate Ladies Footballers, who left absolutely everything on the field today last Saturday but came up against a brilliant Ballinteer St John's side. The result didn't go our way, but the girls can be hugely proud of their championship



campaign and the effort, commitment and togetherness they've shown throughout the year. A massive thank you to everyone who travelled out to St Margaret's and got behind the team today. Your support was greatly appreciated.

These girls will be back next year better than ever, and we look forward to another great championship campaign!! Lucan Sarsfields Ladies Football proudly supported by EdgeConneX.

Hurling Championship -Semi Final

It's a massive weekend of championship hurling for Lucan Sarsfields, with both our Intermediate and Senior hurlers competing in county semi-finals. The action gets underway on **Saturday evening**, when our **Intermediate hurlers** take to the field looking to book their place in the championship final. The lads have built up some excellent momentum as the championship has progressed and come into the semi-final after a strong campaign through the group stages. There has been plenty of character shown along the way, including hard-fought victories in the closing stages of the group campaign. They now face Setanta with a place in the Premier Intermediate Championship Final at stake. Then on Sunday, all roads lead to Parnell Park for the big one

Our Senior hurlers contest the Senior Championship Semi-Final at 4pm, with

Kilmacud Crokes standing between Lucan and a place in the county final for the second year running. The side have been trending very nicely as the championship has developed, producing some excellent hurling and building real momentum at exactly the right time of the season. They now face their biggest test yet, with a place in the Dublin Senior Hurling Championship Final on the line — and the chance to move one step closer to the promised land!

These are the weekends everyone in the club wants to be involved in. Two adult hurling teams competing at the business end of their respective championships is a fantastic achievement for the players, management teams and everyone involved in Lucan hurling. But now they need the club behind them. We're calling on all Lucan supporters to get behind both teams this weekend, with a big crowd needed both on Saturday evening and in Parnell Park on Sunday at 4pm for our Senior semi-final. Best of luck to both teams and management.

Cupla Focal. Our Cupla Focal is up and running now and is at full capacity. We thank everyone who has signed up and hope you enjoy the few months ahead.

The Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club 25 Card

Drive resumes on **Friday 9th October 2026** and will continue to 7th May 2027 in the Clubhouse Bar. Call Bill Ryan at 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery at 087-7469143 for further information.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy is Back.

Lucan Unites a second time for the “Now or Never” Peaceful Protest Walk Against Rezoning of St. Edmundsbury Lands, on Saturday, 17 October 2026.

The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee are inviting Lucan residents to stand together once again and attend the “Now or Never” Peaceful Protest Walk that will take place on Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 2pm.

Following our last protest walk back in June, 40 South Dublin County Councillors unanimously voted in support of preserving St. Edmundsbury. Following this victory, amendments to the draft plan required another round of public consultation. Following that consultation, Colm Ward, Chief Executive of the South Dublin County Council has made recommendations to its councillors that St. Edmundsbury (and other lands at Finnstown Castle and Coldcut) should be rezoned for residential development.

A final, decisive council vote on the land rezoning is scheduled for Monday, 19 October 2026. The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee is asking Lucan residents to unite once more to voice their strong objection to the proposed rezoning of High Amenity lands and to encourage the South Dublin County Councillors to uphold their recent unanimous votes to protect these biodiverse areas and reject the Chief Executive's recommendation.

The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee, founded in January 2026 by local advocates Julieann Byrne, Lesley Jenkins, and Rachel Tuohy, is asking Lucan residents to come together again to show their support in saying no to this rezoning by attending this “Now or Never” Protest Walk, and the final chance to be heard!

Date Saturday, 17 October 2026 at 2pm
Meeting Location: Outside the main entrance gates (The entrance with the eagles) at St. Edmundsbury, Lucan

Route & Finish: Proceeding into the heart of Lucan, culminating at the Village Green with proceedings commencing at approximately 2:30pm, overseen by local MC Alex Byrne.

The walk is scheduled to commence on Saturday 17 October 2026 at 2PM, meeting outside the entrance gates with the eagles at St. Edmundsbury, Lucan. To ensure the safety of all participants, the event has been arranged in close partnership with An Garda Síochána, and volunteer stewards will be stationed along the entirety of the route. The peaceful walk will proceed toward the heart of Lucan, culminating at

the Village Green where the community's collective voice will be heard. Supporters against the rezoning of Finnstown Castle and Coldcut are also encouraged to attend.



The campaign has garnered widespread local backing, receiving formal support from local councillors Helen Farrell and Liona O'Toole, TD Paul Gogarty, as well as local businesses, families, and concerned residents who seek to protect these sacred lands. Proceedings on the Village Green will kick off from approximately 2.30pm onwards, overseen by local MC, Alex Byrne.

Speaking about the forthcoming vote councillor Liona O'Toole states, “Lucan is already accommodating substantial housing development. In my view our area is taking more than its fair share and protecting our remaining green spaces must also be a priority. St Edmundsbury and Finnstown provide important areas of natural habitat within our growing community. These lands remain largely untouched by development supporting a wide variety of wildlife and cattle still graze on the Finnstown lands. As development continues around us safeguarding these habitats becomes even more important.”

Speaking ahead of the “Now or Never” Protest Walk, committee co-founder Rachel Tuohy praised the extraordinary community response so far: “The community spirit of Lucan and beyond has just been amazing. Thank you to everyone for their online submissions and support to date. This is our last chance to have our voices heard, it's now or never everyone. We are asking Lucan residents to come and support the “Now or Never” Protest Walk where we will be asking the 40 South Dublin County Councillors to uphold their unanimous decision not to rezone these sacred lands on 19 October. Tell everyone you know and we'll see you on Saturday 17th October!”

The Save St. Edmundsbury Protest Committee invites all residents to join this peaceful protest walk as Lucan's way of saying "no" to rezoning these locally loved and biodiverse lands.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Solace Café for Dublin Mid-West: I am delighted to see a new Solace Café for Lucan and Dublin Mid-West, as part of funding announced in Budget 2027 by my colleague Minister Mary Butler TD. Solace Cafés provide free, out-of-hours support for adults experiencing a mental health crisis, in a safe and welcoming environment and as an alternative to an Emergency Department. This is a really welcome investment in mental health services for Lucan and the wider Dublin Mid-West community. Well done to all involved in campaigning for it!

Clinic: I will hold an advice clinic in Adamstown Community Centre on Monday 19 October at 1pm. I hold advice clinics all over the constituency on Monday afternoon. If you would like to make an appointment, please let me know.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Budget 2027 Delivers for Lucan Families:

There was plenty of good news for Lucan in Budget 2027. Families will benefit from lower childcare costs, tax reductions and extra help with day-to-day expenses. Pensioners, carers and people with disabilities will see increases in their weekly payments, while the new €500 Cost of Disability Payment will provide additional support. Older people living alone will also receive a boost through the Living Alone Allowance, and increased Fuel Allowance payments will help with home heating costs during the winter.

WEEE Recycle Collection: Have old electrical items lying around? Here's a great chance to recycle them locally. Recycle electrical items at Tesco, Hilcrest on Monday 12 October 9.30am to 12pm. If you need help disposing of large items e.g. washing machines or dishwashers, email Emer.Higgins@oir.ie or phone (01) 6183013 before 12 October to arrange local collection.

Derren Ó Brádaigh – Sinn Féin Rep

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Dodsboro Shops – Completion of Works:

Having raised issues with incomplete works outside Spar and as part of District Centre Enhancements, I am delighted that this space was filled and planted. I first raised this in 2025, again in January this year and was given assurances it would be completed in a response in August.

Hansted – Yellow Junction Box: Following a recent courtesy canvass we carried out, residents requested a marked junction box at the entrance to the estate. The council have agreed to consider my request before the next Traffic Management meeting

Fforster and Castle Riada – Cycle Lanes:

I have submitted a representation to the council that will hopefully provide an update on the cycle lanes on Castle Road. Resurfacing works took place some time ago, without the relevant bicycle lane painted markings being reinstated.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Protect St. Edmundsbury – Peaceful Protest

Walk: If you want the Government to hear that you do **NOT want 540+ houses** built at St. Edmundsbury (in the proposed rezoning) and you support bringing these lands into the **Liffey Valley Special Amenity Area (SAAO)**, please join us: **Saturday 17 October 2pm sharp Meet at the St. Edmundsbury “Eagle Entrance”, opposite Esker Lane Peaceful protest walk to Lucan Village Green**

Expanding the SAAO would help protect the unique landscape and biodiversity of the Liffey Valley, plus secure an important entrance to the future Liffey Valley park. I will again oppose the proposed rezoning of St. Edmundsbury, as well as any move to weaken the Adamstown West planning condition from DART+ South West being “completed” to merely “commenced”.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Budget 2027: It's clear that the budget attempted to use a good chunk of the corporation windfall on tax breaks of various kinds, but too little of this on improving services and keeping costs down. While I supported helping people with cost-of-living supports, ultimately, we need to look at the bigger picture and invest in making us independent of foreign oil imports. We have the potential to cut energy prices for all and gain massive revenues, but it needs large scale investment. In my speeches, now on my website, I highlighted the impact of underinvestment in public transport in our constituency, underinvestment on Garda resources, healthcare services and schools. All continue to suffer, and the Government wasted an opportunity to redress this. **St Edmundsbury:** See Helen's notes.

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Have Your Say on South Dublin County

Council's Future: South Dublin County Council's Citizens' Survey 2026 is open until 19th October. Residents, workers, students and visitors are invited to share their views on Council services and progress under the Corporate Plan 2025-2029. Your feedback will help shape future improvements. Read the corporate plan at CorporatePlan.SDCC.ie Have your say at Consult.SDublinCoCo.ie.

Dumping and Litter Paddocks Way and Hillcrest Heights: I raised the concern on behalf of residents and the council confirmed that they informed the local depot for appropriate works and requested no dumping signage.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent – Peace Commissioner

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“Just a Message Away”

My work on addressing the flooding issue on Esker Road at the Newcastle Road junction continues:

The Council is responding to my request to resolve the problem. Given the complexity of the works involved traffic management was required in the evenings to reduce disruption rather than carrying out the works during the day. I will continue to monitor flooding in the area and follow up where needed.

Bulbs Not Bonfires is now open: If your residents' association, school or community group would like to apply please get in touch and I will gladly assist.

My motion at the Regional Health Forum on endometriosis was also passed seeking greater education for young women, earlier recognition of symptoms, improved diagnosis and better access to appropriate supports and treatment. Follow me on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok – @cllrlionaotoole.

Metro Link Double Service

Last week I mentioned that the northeast (not the southeast) of Dublin would have of an abundance of transport routes at a very high cost while the rest of Dublin and many parts of the country would be left waiting for a very long time while traffic congestion is growing at a massive rate.



It gets even better for the same area if the Metro link is built. From Charlemont near Ranelagh to Dublin Airport, the Metro Link would serve this area underground, the Green Luas line already operates from Ranelagh in same direction via the city centre to Broombridge and now being extended beyond Finglas to Charlestown just over two miles from Dublin Airport.

This is duplication one rail line underground and another rail overground in the same directions. So why so much rail in this one direction. This is not good planning if public transport is to address traffic congestion, ease climate change or suit the travelling public.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 @acratu.com



LUCAN LIONS CLUB

TABLE QUIZ

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER 2026

SPA HOTEL LUCAN @ 8.00pm

TEAMS OF 4 €40

Contact : Mattie McCabe 087 9006999 : Will Byrne 086 8047839

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

It looks as if our 14th Exhibition, to be held in November, will be the biggest ever with almost 50 photographs. The printing is done and now we move on to the mounting!

Autumn arrived with a vengeance this week and in keeping with the season we have a photo from Michael G of a Japanese Maple (Japanese Acer) in all its autumnal glory. Japanese maples can grow to 8 meters in fifty years, but most are small, slow-growing trees rarely more than 1-2m in height – ideal for the smaller garden or a container.



Still thinking of autumn Joe sent in a photo of a building adjacent to Moate Lodge covered in autumnal glory as well. Does anybody know the function of this building! It may come as a surprise to learn that the American term “Fall” denoted the season in 16th century England. During the 17th century English settlers began emigrating to the new North American colonies and took the English language with them.

Joe also found a nice piece of street art near the Allied Irish Bank in the village.



Moving overseas Anna sent in a photo of the lake deep within the Wieliczka salt mine near Krakow. This mine is one of the oldest salt mines in Europe and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was in operation from the 13th century to the end of the 20th century.

Finally, Frances gave us a photo of Mary, Mother of God Catholic Church in Daingean, Co. Offaly.



Stay safe till next week!