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**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

## **We Really Do Matter!**

We only pass through this life once! We have one opportunity to make a mark on the world with no day returning to us a second time! When we think about chance meetings that have led to great friendships, to marriage, to the building of great and small organisations, to a path in life that suddenly appears before us unexpectedly, to the right word when we need it most.....

None of us would be in the exact situation that we currently inhabit if any of the flagstones of the past were taken in a different pattern! If the purpose of the arrival where we are now is not immediately evident, we can either discover a purpose or give it a purpose through the wonderful gift of free will!

There is not just one path in life, but a great number of paths of choice where we can open up the wide and wonderful myriad of personal gifts – all of which are more than we can ever open in a lifetime! We can't travel all the paths in the short time we have in this world, but we can find and walk a path that will give us great satisfaction throughout the journey sometimes making little turns and changes as we move forwards. Our heart and gut sense are the compasses of direction! Sometimes it is about doing what we want and at other times it is about doing the right thing!

In parish, when each one gives of their best corporately we see, for example, the wonderful creativity revealed in the work of the florists in our churches; the beautiful care shown to those who participate in a wide variety of groups and activities; the forward movement of parish life and activity; the ever emerging talents growing in each of our wonderful schools relevant to our times; the invigorating power of good leadership..... All of this is evident in the Lucan parishes, each with unique characteristics as with any family or home. The same could be said of any community or organisation that is life-giving.

All of this comes back to the effort of every single person giving of their best every single day! I am grateful each morning for the ability to put my feet on the ground and even more grateful to have the opportunity to live each day with heartfelt passion for what I do along with wonderful people. For this day and this place to be good, it really is up to each of us! Let's not waste a day or a moment to be our best and to live with purpose! **We really do matter!**

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

Email – [lucan@citinfo.ie](mailto:lucan@citinfo.ie)

Our office is located in the Ballyowen Castle Youth and Community Centre, Ballyowen, Lucan



### Opening hours

#### Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

Tuesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Wednesday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

Thursday: 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

**Citizens Information Phone Service (CIPS)** is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8pm on 0818 07 4000

**MABS** – the Money Advice and Budgeting Service is the State's money advice service, guiding people through dealing with problem debt for over 20 years. MABS phone service is open Monday to Friday 9 am to 8 pm on 0818 07 2000

## Local Property Tax

An annual Local Property Tax (LPT) is charged on residential properties in Ireland. You are liable for LPT in 2026 if you own a residential property on 1 November 2025.

The tax you pay is based on the market value of your property on 1 November 2025. This is called the valuation date.

The LPT is a self-assessment tax, so you calculate the tax due based on your own assessment of the market value of the property.

You must make a tax return by **7 November 2025** and arrange to pay the tax.

You can choose to make a single payment or you can pay in instalments. Read about how to pay your LPT on our website.

Even if you own an exempt property, you must still make a Local Property Tax return to claim an exemption.

You can contact the LPT helpline for help. Phone 01 738 3626

Call charges may vary depending on your telephone provider's service contract.

Standard telephone opening hours: 09.30 to 16.30 (Monday to Friday).

You can also send queries to Revenue through MyEnquiries.

The rate of LPT you pay depends on which range, or valuation band, your property value is in. The valuation bands have been increased for the next valuation date so an increase in the value of your property since 2021 may not result in an increase in the amount of LPT you pay.

You assess the value of your house yourself. To help you with this, Revenue provides an interactive tool. You can also use information sources about local property values such as:  
The Residential Property Price Register  
Newspapers  
Local estate agents  
Property websites

If you prefer, you can have a professional valuation done. Whichever method you choose, you should keep a copy of all information sources you use as Revenue may ask to see this later.

To make your LPT return, you can use your existing login details for myAccount or Revenue Online Service (ROS). Alternatively, you can log in directly to the LPT online service using your Property ID and PIN. You choose how to pay LPT when you make your LPT return. You can pay your Local Property Tax (LPT) in a single payment, or you can pay in equal instalments over the course of 2026. You can change to a different payment method at any time during the year by sending a request to Revenue.

In certain circumstances, you can delay paying some or all of your Local Property Tax (LPT) until a later date. This is known as a deferral.

### *You may qualify for a deferral if:*

Your income is below a certain amount.

You are the personal representative of a deceased person who was liable for LPT.

You have a Debt Settlement Arrangement or Personal Insolvency Arrangement.

Paying would cause you too much financial hardship.

**You can find out more** about the Local Property Tax on <https://bit.ly/LocalPropertyTaxLPT> or at Lucan CIC or on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm).

## If the Parking Vanishes, so does Lucan's Heart

*Hello friends,*

It's Grainne here from Ryan's Village Café. Since Michelle and I opened our doors back in 2014, our café has been more than just a place to grab a coffee — it's been a meeting point, a resting place, and, I'd like to think, part of the heart of Lucan. Our staff come from right here in the village and surrounding areas, so we know what matters to our community.

That's why I'm writing with both concern and determination about the Council's latest move to take away eight parking spaces outside Brookvale on Lucan Road.

When the Greenway plan was approved in 2022, we were given a clear assurance: the existing parking in Lucan would not be touched. That promise mattered. It reassured us that the Council understood how vital parking is to businesses, to residents, and to older members of our community. To see that promise being reversed now feels like trust is being broken.

We all know Lucan's challenges: our streets are narrow, limited car parking, and our businesses depend on quick-stop access. The Council's own report said as much — removing parking would damage trade and livelihoods. So why ignore that?

What troubles me even more is how the Council has handled the recent consultation. Councillors, I say this respectfully but firmly: listening to 150 online surveys that only allowed "yes" answers, while dismissing over 850 written submissions from locals as "repetitive," is not fair representation. Those 850 voices are the heartbeat of Lucan — parents, pensioners, workers, and shopkeepers — and they cannot be brushed aside.

I am proud of Lucan. I believe in making it safer, greener, and better connected. But progress must not come at the cost of cutting off access to the very businesses and services that make our village thrive.

So, my call is simple: let's honour the commitments that were made, let's listen properly to all voices in our community — online and offline — and let's work together on solutions that keep Lucan both vibrant and accessible.

*With respect and determination,*  
— Grainne  
*Ryan's Village Café, Lucan*



## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

*Hi all, some coming dates for your diary.*

**Fiddler on the Roof** - 18th Oct. 2025

**My Fair Lady** - 15th November 2025.

**Westport Woods Hotel** - 28th November 2025.

**Falls Hotel** - 22nd March 2026.

**Hillsborough House and Gardens** not finalised yet.

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.

## Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Members will continue to work on their crafts from 10am – 12.30pm. We will also have discussion re preparing for our International and Groups morning on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

**Tea Hostesses** are: Nuala and Ann Byrne.

We send sincere sympathy to Carmel Lyons on the death of her sister Anna Melia and to Fiona Guinan on the death of her aunt. May their souls rest in eternal peace, Amen.

We congratulate St. Joseph's College on the official opening and dedication of their new extension last week. Some members taught crochet to TY students in St. Joseph's on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>. The students enjoyed the class and learned quickly. They were a pleasure to teach. They will now continue to work on their lap blankets which will be on display at their end of year.

7 members enjoyed our Lucan weekend in An Grianan from Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to yesterday 12<sup>th</sup>. We learned how to do Ribbon Embroidery with tutor Eleanor Hewill. It was lovely to meet members from other Dublin and Kildare Guilds.

*Mary Curley.*



## FOUND

**Blue Reading Glasses** in a green Specsavers case, on Esker Lane, Ballydowd. Left on a pillar outside house: Call/Txt: 0862452035.

**Hearing Aid (ilac)** found on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct, on the ground in Beech Park. If you lost one, call Maura anytime 083 4040498

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

[www.lucanparish.com](http://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 on** [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

**Envelopes for the November Altar List of the dead are now available in the Church Porches.**

**Please complete and return to the sacristy.**

**Confessions:** 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.

All are welcome.

### Christian Meditation:

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

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

### Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. 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.

### Legion of Mary:

Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers.

*All Welcome.*

### Lectio Divina:

Lectio Divina meet every Monday evening (except Bank Holidays) at 7.30pm in the Bungalow to reflect for an hour on the following Sunday's gospel.

*All are welcome.*

**Divine Mercy Devotion:** Every Wednesday, in after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world, asking God to defeat evil and bring peace to the world in these troubled times.

### Visits to the housebound:

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

### Cuppa:

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

**Deepest Sympathy** to the husband, family and friends of **Olivia Finucane**, Laraghcon and to the wife, family and friends of **Donal Henderson**, formerly of Ballyowen Lane. *May they rest in peace.*



**St. Vincent de Paul**

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS**

**Saturday/ Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> October**

**Many thanks for your generosity.**



## Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October**

**Mass at 6.15pm.**

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



**Sunday Mass Times:** Vigil: 6pm.

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

**Masses livestreamed** [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)

### Eucharistic Healing Service

**THIS Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 7.15pm**

There will be a Eucharistic Healing Service, through the intercession of St. Carlo Acutis, on

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7.15pm.**

An individual blessing with the Blessed Sacrament will be offered to everyone who attends.

### Rosary

**THIS Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 5pm**

Pope Leo has announced there will be a Rosary in St. Peter's Square on October 11<sup>th</sup> to mark the Jubilee of Marian Spirituality.

We will pray the Rosary in the Church of Divine Mercy at the same time as Pope Leo, at 5pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October.

### Mass With Anointing of the Sick

**At 12 Noon, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October,**  
there will be Mass with Anointing of the Sick.  
Refreshments will be served after this Mass.

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

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

**Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

**Mass of Thanksgiving for the Fruits of Medjugorje:** Every Thursday.

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.

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

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

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

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

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

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

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

**Weekday Masses:** Monday to Saturday 10am,

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

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

All are welcome.

**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.

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

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



### Annual Church Gate Collection

The Liffey Sound Community Radio Annual church gate collection takes place at the

**St. Patrick's Church, Esker-**

**Dodsboro-Adamstown on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct.**

### St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **NEXT Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

## Anniversaries

### Graham Kelly

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 14<sup>th</sup> October

"Words are few, thoughts are deep,  
Memories of you we will always keep"  
*Loved and missed each day  
From your loving family.*



### Maureen Lally

#### 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 8<sup>th</sup> October

A mother's love is ageless,  
A crown that she has won,  
Today I mourn and honour her,  
For all that she has done.  
You felt so very lonely mum,  
Ever since dad died,  
But you can walk together now,  
Forever side by side.  
*Greatly missed by your loving  
daughter, Debbie son-in-law Peter and  
Grandchildren Niamh, Karla  
and Aine xxx*



### Maureen Lally

Your life was a blessing  
Your memory a treasure  
You are loved beyond words  
And missed beyond measure  
Although we cannot see you  
You are with us every day  
For all the love we have for you  
Will never go away.  
Loving you always, forgetting you never.  
Miss you dearly Mam xxxx  
*From your loving daughter Alison and partner  
Andy, Ruth, Craig, Alisha, Caden and Koah.*



### Maureen Lally

Late of A.G.P., Lucan.  
I close my eyes and see your face,  
Smiling at me from a beautiful place,  
You tell me you are never far away.  
And that we will meet again someday,  
I ask if you can stay awhile,  
I miss your laugh, I miss your smile,  
Then you whisper sweetly into my ear,  
I never leave you, I'm always here.  
*Always remembered by your loving daughter  
Joyce, son in law Mark, three grandsons  
Jonathan, Ciaran and Matthew, great grandson  
Ollie, granddaughter in law Trina and Makayla.*



## Acknowledgement

### Mary Shanagher

The Shanagher family would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported us on the recent loss of our wife and mam, Mary Shanagher. Your kind words and comforting messages have been a great source of support during this difficult time.

A special word of thanks to the staff at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown and the home care workers who cared for mam in such a kind and compassionate way, making the last year and half of her life as great as it could possibly be.

Although we'd like to thank everyone individually, it's not possible to do so. However, we are eternally grateful to each and every one of you that showed care, friendship, compassion and support to Mam and us.

A donation has been made to Blanchardstown Hospital Society, with sincere thanks.

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. You do not need to register in advance.

**Online Bereavement Information Evening**  
FOR PARENTS GRIEVING THE LOSS OF A CHILD:  
OF ANY AGE, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCE, AT ANY TIME.  
**30TH OCTOBER, 2025**

**To register:**

- Click [here](#)
- Scan the QR code
- Email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)
- Call ROI 01 4045378 or NI 028 95213120

**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.

**AnamCara**  
Supporting Parents After Bereavement



**Storm Amy visited** last weekend, giving us taste of Winter to come. Thankfully, there were no major incidents around Lucan. We sure do live in a good part of the country.

**Great excitement** among the Junior Cert recipients this week. Well done to all!

### **The Birthday Boy at 90!**



Sean Malone was feted in the Parish Centre on Friday last, on the occasion of his 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. We'd like to think that we will all be as fit as Sean if we see that birthday!

### **This time last year!!!**

Can you believe that it is actually a year on since work began on our Village Green, as well as the Demesne Carpark, and Weir Steps.



*Photo from October 13<sup>th</sup> 2024 issue*

Hopefully, we'll have pictures of the finished projects soon!

**Liffey Descent!** This year's event takes place on Saturday next 18<sup>th</sup> October. We understand that there will be limited access to the Weir which is usually a great viewing point for the thrills and spills.

On the plus side, the crowds might not be too bad, given the parking situation around the village!!!

### **Lucan Red Cross Christmas Old Folk's Party**



Our Annual Old Folk's Christmas Party will be held on **Sunday 30th November in the Spa Hotel Lucan.**

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

You can contact Mary Cullen on 6245076 between the hours of 6pm / 7pm or contact Liam Cullen by text or phone on 0872488743 between the hours of 6pm/7pm

### **Closing date for any New Members**

wishing to attend is Monday 3rd November. Any names we receive after the 3rd November will be put on our list for next year.

### **Scoil Mhuire GNS Junior Infants 2026**



Scoil Mhuire Girls National School is now accepting applications for enrolment for Junior Infants in September 2026.

Applications can be downloaded from our school website at [www.smgnslucan.com](http://www.smgnslucan.com)

You can also email the school for an application form at: [application2026@smgnslucan.com](mailto:application2026@smgnslucan.com)

You will need to provide with the completed application form:

A scanned photocopy of your daughter's **Birth Certificate.**

Your **daughter's PPS Number.**

And a **current household utility bill** (*proof of address*).

**The closing date for applications will be Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**



## Lucan Toastmasters

Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, and guests are most welcome to join us. Come along on the night or contact [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.



**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 7.45pm  
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

Do you want to **finally** conquer your fear of public speaking?  
Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?  
Do you want to make new friends?  
If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak!

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

## Lucan Drama

**Murder on a Budget** by David Tristram and directed by Amy

*Dumpleton* is a period murder mystery that leaves almost everything to the imagination. Did the butler do it? Come along and find out.



Tickets are now available for our upcoming shows. The shows will run from October 20th to the 23rd, Upstairs @ Courtney's. Tickets are €13.50 with concession tickets €11. A dinner and show package is available for €40. Last dinner serving is 6.30, doors at 7.30 with show at 8pm. Tickets are available at [www.gr8events.ie/oneactplayslucan](http://www.gr8events.ie/oneactplayslucan)

Lucan Drama is also happy to offer 2 free showings of **Little Dolls** by Nancy Harris and directed by James Goodman Tues Oct 14th and Wed Oct 15th Upstairs at Courtney's.

This One Act play was part of our previous evening of One Acts and is about to compete in the upcoming All Ireland Festival. Free tickets can be reserved at [linktr.ee/lucandrama](http://linktr.ee/lucandrama)  
*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep*

## Lucan Senior Citizens

St. Mary's Parish Centre was a sea of pink on Wednesday last. Thank you to everyone who dressed up, donated craft items, flower arrangements and gifts.

All items were sold in aid of Breast Cancer research. Your generosity was greatly appreciated, and a fun morning was had by all!



**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>: Musical Morning** in the Parish Centre, 10.30 – 12.30. The Rams from Newcastle, are back by popular demand.





## CHOOL NEWS



### Lucan Community College

#### 6th year student selected for the Irish U18

**Rugby Squad:** We are very proud of our 6th year student Jack Power who was selected to play on the under 18s Ireland Rugby team! We wish him well as he begins training with the squad and is set to play against Italy over the midterm break. Ádh mór Jack!



#### Home Economics Trip to Butlers Chocolate

**Factory:** Our LCA, 5th and 6th year students recently enjoyed a sweet and educational trip to Butlers Chocolate Factory. They explored the history of the cocoa bean and Butlers Chocolates in the on-site cinema, picked up fun facts in the Chocolate Museum, and took a guided tour of the glass-panelled walkway overlooking the factory floor – from production and moulding to packaging and labelling. Everyone had the chance to decorate and take home their own chocolate elephant. They also got to taste a few delicious samples along the way.



**TY Trip to Henrietta Street:** Last week, our TY students stepped back in time with a visit to Henrietta Street—one of Dublin's most historic addresses! They explored the incredible transformation of the 18th-century houses that once belonged to Dublin's wealthiest families, and later became crowded tenements, home to multiple families during more challenging times. A fascinating and eye-opening journey through Dublin's layered history!



### St. Kevin's Community College

#### St Kevins CC U19 Boys Ease past Le Francais

St Kevins CC 5-1 Le Francais Lycee.

Last Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, our U19 boys football team got their season off to a blistering start with an emphatic 5-1 win over Le Francais Lycee. The boys showed great fight, determination and teamwork throughout the whole game. Well done to all players and management.

**Goal Scorers:** Dean Duffy, Adnan Kabir, Cian Downey, Gael Mendoza, Dylan Noctor.



### Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



## St. Joseph's College

**Public Access to Law:** St Joseph's College has the distinct honour of sending a team of 27 students to represent our school at the Public Access to Law Team International Empire Mock Trial Competition in Chicago this November. This is a remarkable achievement, as our students will be competing in one of the most prestigious mock trial events on the international stage. To support the fundraising for the trip we are running the Chicago Super Draw which has a grand prize of €2000 plus 5 weekly draws for €200, €100 and €50. Entry to our weekly draw will cost €10 and those who enter all 5 weekly draws (€50) will be entered into the super draw for €2000. For tickets and competition details please use the link

<https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/ChicagoSuperDraw> or use the QR Code. Tickets can also be purchased from our school office.



**Baking Demonstration:** Odum's Master Baker, Tony Kane, hosted a baking demonstration last Thursday in the school. It was a fantastic night and all funds raised are going towards the school competing in the World Championship Mock Trials in Chicago. Tony will be showcased Halloween and Christmas treats giving out many recipes on the night and many gifts for people who attended in the audience.

**English trip:** Last week, 6<sup>th</sup> year English students had the wonderful opportunity of seeing their Shakespearean text, Macbeth brought to life at the The Mill Theatre, Dundrum. It was a fantastic day out for the students as they saw the characters and scenes they have been studying in class play out in front of them on stage and deepen their ; understanding of the text.

**Barcelona trip:** Last week, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year Spanish students enjoyed a wonderful few days in Barcelona. The trip organised by Ms. NicAoidh and with accompanying teachers Ms Doyle, Ms. MacMahon and Ms.Sovagau set off for Spain last Tuesday. Students had a busy day one of the trip students visited the Plaz a de Cataluna and enjoyed the sites of La Bouqeria on the Ramblas, Christopher Columbus statue at the top of the Ramblas, Barcelona Cathedral and the Gothic Quarter. Day two of the trip took students to the Town Hall, Circo Romano ruins and the Casa Canals dating to the 1700s in Tarragona. They also visited the Roman Amphitheatre where the gladiators once fought and got good luck for the

year by visiting Balcon del Mediterraneo. Day 3 afforded the staff and students some down time as the visited the world famous Portaventura World theme park. It was a brilliantly organised trip to Barcelona and one that staff and students will remember for years to come. Many thanks to all the staff who accompanied and looked after the students and also the students for their super behaviour for the duration of the trip.

**School extension opening:** Last Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October was a historic day for St. Josephs College as finally after 14 years we finally had the official opening of our beautiful new school extension. On the day the school was busy with past teachers, members of the Parents Association, Board of Management and Trustees, Fr. Bill O'Shaughnessy, Emer Higgins TD, Frances Fitzgerald MEP, local Councillor Caroline Brady and guest of honour on the day was Tanaiste, Simon Harris. The major investment in education in the area will provide modern facilities and extra space to support hundreds of students helping them learn, grow and thrive for years to come.



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## GAEILGE

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

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

*Beidh Fáilte Romhat!*

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Open Night:** There was a fantastic turnout for Coláiste Phádraig's Open Night, held on Thursday, 2nd October. Despite the wet and windy weather, over 700 parents, guardians, and prospective students made their way through our doors to see first-hand what makes our school such a vibrant, welcoming, and inspiring place to learn and grow.



One of the big attractions of the night was our new modular building. Spacious, modern, and bright, the classrooms in this facility overlook the playing fields and offer a fantastic learning environment. Many visitors commented on the excellent design and welcoming layout.

The Home Economics room was a firm favourite, especially with our younger guests. Our Transition Year students baked up a storm in preparation for the night, with visitors treated to delicious chocolate-covered muffins, shortbread biscuits, and Rice Krispie buns — all of which disappeared quickly!

In addition to subject areas, the extra-curricular room attracted a great deal of attention. Prospective students were eager to discover the wide range of sports, clubs, and activities on offer, and many left the room buzzing with excitement at the thought of joining in.

Enrolment applications for 2026 are currently available online on the school website ([colaistephadraigluacan.ie](http://colaistephadraigluacan.ie)). The closing date for receiving the online forms is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025. Further information is available on the website.

We look forward to welcoming our newest cohort of 1<sup>st</sup> yr students in September 2026!

**Exam news:** A huge congratulations to all our students who received their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday. It was a day of pride, excitement, and well-earned celebration across the school.

We are delighted to report that the results were excellent overall, reflecting the hard work and dedication of our students and staff over the past three years. In total, an outstanding 123 Distinctions (85-100%) were achieved across all subjects — a testament to the commitment and determination shown by this year's group.

A special mention goes to Aaron Wall who achieved a perfect set of results — Distinctions in all 9 subjects that he sat! Aaron's remarkable results are a reflection of his exceptional effort, consistent application, and unwavering focus over the past three years. Anish Iver and Aaron Jobin also did remarkably well, getting 8 Distinctions and 1 Higher Merit each.

To our students — we are proud of every single one of you. Whether you achieved Distinctions or not, these results are part of your story, and they mark the end of one chapter and the beginning of another.

**Basketball:** Our u16 and u19 basketball teams continued their East Boys "A" League campaigns last Wednesday with the 3<sup>rd</sup> group matches against Adamstown CS. Our U19s continued their unbeaten run in style, claiming a deserved 54–45 victory with Lewis Adjinakou and Aaron McCormack getting the majority of the scores. Our u16s were beaten 47–23, which means that they cannot now finish in the top 2. Mamadou Bah (6), Daniel Godson (5), Donagh McDevitt (5), Kai Luthfi (4) and Ryan McElhinney (3) got the team's scores.

**Football:** Our 2<sup>nd</sup> yr GAA team defeated Fingal CC 5–10 to 3–5 last week in their second group game of the league campaign. Max Henley Willis, Aaron O' Byrne and Jack Palmer were among the goals in an impressive team display.

**Awards:** Well done to TY student **Shane Clare** who won the *Mark O' Neill Student of the Month* Award for September in recognition of his outstanding contribution to Transition Year throughout the month.

Congratulations also to **Lewis Adjinakou** who won the Sports Star of the Month (again!) in recognition of his brilliant performances for the school's u19 basketball team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Daire Jones** ón rang 1Heuston a bhuaiigh an gradam *Gaeilgeoir na Míosa* do mhí Márta mar gheall ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé an Ghaeilge a labhairt agus an sár-obair atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.

The three winners each received a 20euro voucher as well as a framed certificate to recognise their achievements.



## Lucan Library – October Event



### Red Line Book Festival is Back!

Check out [www.redlinefestival.ie](http://www.redlinefestival.ie) for all the events, loads on for all ages and interests.

Here at Lucan Library we have 4 Festival events:

**Monday 13th October**, 7pm: I Hear You: Paul McVeigh in conversation with Niamh Donnelly. Book your ticket here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597383861129?aff=oddtcreator>

**Tuesday 14th October**, 7pm: It's Not All Balls and Bonnets: Jane Austen at 250. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597441373149?aff=oddtcreator>

**Thursday 16th October**, 7pm: Financially Healthy For Life with the Money Doctor John Lowe. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597628613189?aff=oddtcreator>

**Saturday 18th October**, 2.30pm: Dillon Rediscovered with Kevin Rafter. <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/159776669?aff=oddtcreator>



### DDLETB Mixed Crafts

starting Wednesday 15th October at 1.00pm for a 8 week course - places are very limited so please register your interest with staff at the library by phoning 01 6216422 or email us at [lucanlibrary@sdcc.ie](mailto:lucanlibrary@sdcc.ie)



### Halloween and Mid-Term events for Children!



Children's Book Festival 2025 runs nationally this October and is a great opportunity for young people, parents, teachers and libraries to celebrate books and reading!

**Arts and Crafts for Halloween** for 6-8s. Thursday 23rd October

at 3.30pm. Book your place on Eventbrite from 16th October:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1496290819119?aff=oddtcreator>

**Coding Ireland Workshops** x3 on Wednesday 29th October. Book your place on Eventbrite from 22nd October: please check out Eventbrite for full details.



**3D Printing** for ages 9+ with Jen on Thursday 30th October at 12. Book your place on Eventbrite from 30th October:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1716017738249?aff=oddtcreator>

**Viking Show** with Knights For Hire on Thursday 30th October at 2pm and 3pm. Full details on Eventbrite, book your place on Eventbrite from 30th October: 2pm:



<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1656750458219?aff=oddtcreator>

3pm:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1656774680669?aff=oddtcreator>

**Halloween crafts** for ages 9-12s on Thursday 30th October at 3.30pm. Book your place on Eventbrite from 30th October:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1496335342289?aff=oddtcreator>

**Card Swap for Kids** on Friday 31st October at 2.30pm. All welcome!

### Neurodiverse Events:

**Wednesday 15th Oct, 10am: Sensory Play**

**Session for Pre-School Children** with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Book your place on Eventbrite from 08th October.

### Exhibitions:

Exhibition by Society of Old Lucan 6th – 10th of October

Exhibition on Jane Austen for Red Line Book Festival 13th – 18th

**Tuesday 21st at 5.30pm:  
Lucan Library Classic Film  
Club- all welcome**





### The Festival Quilters Celebrating 25 years!

The Church of Ireland Parish Centre and St Andrew's Church, Lucan. \*Free entry\*

### A Raffle Will Be Held and Proceeds Are in aid of Parish Funds.

1st prize Quilt - "Autumn Hues" shown right.

Other prizes  
Craft Hamper,  
Goodies Hamper  
A children's  
raffle will also be  
held.



### Raffle Tickets from:

Jean Thompson - 087 947 5297; Mabel Long - 085 763 4427; Karen Seaman - 086 195 6512; Geraldine McMurray 087 - 239 6017.

We look forward to showcasing our creations, from beginners to the very experienced, with all sorts of colour schemes, designs and textures.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

Find us on Facebook and Instagram to see what's going on in the centre!



Things are getting busier and brighter here at Ballyowen Castle Youth & Community Centre, and we're delighted to share some of the great activities and improvements happening in your local community.

### What's On at the Centre:

**Irish Dance** – for all ages to learn and enjoy our traditional steps.

**Art Classes** – creative fun for both kids and adults.

**Yoga & Pilates** – a perfect way to relax, stretch, and recharge.

**Active Over 55s Group** – staying active, social, and connected.

**Sound Bath** – a calming experience to help you unwind.

**Baby & Toddler Group** – fun, play, and connection for little ones and parents.

**Room Rental Available** - We now have spaces available to rent – ideal if you're thinking about running a class, group, or activity of your own.

**Stay Connected** - For updates and announcements, make sure to follow us on social media.

**Get in Touch:** Call: 085 867 1245

Email: [info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie](mailto:info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie)

## SOL Society for Old Lucan

The Society for Old Lucan are delighted to announce our first SOL Fest – a one day festival of local history. It takes place in St. Andrew's Church on **Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup>**.



The day will include talks by local historians and guest speakers. Refreshments, a tour of Lucan House and a two-course lunch are included.

Tickets, which are limited, cost €35, are available through Eventbrite.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/solfest-25-tickets-1782469758029?>



**Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin**



### Christmas Gala

Our Annual Christmas Gala is on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November. This is an ideal night to celebrate with family, friends and mentors. Tickets are expected to sell out quickly as always so book now to avoid disappointment. Tickets can be purchased from Maggie Mulqueen 0872866581 and Sara Hicke 0878187070.



### 25 Card Drive



Our 25 Card Drive starts back this Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October until 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in the Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse Bar at 8.00pm Sharp.

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. Entry is €5 per player, and 1<sup>st</sup> prize is €50 (if 12 or more players),

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

### Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €7,000. The Numbers were 6, 10, 18 & 24. Lucky dip's go to Cormac Gordon, Kevin Durkin, Nuala Geraghty, Karen Boylan, Nicola Courtney. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,400. This draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code.



### Camogie

Semi-final time for our Senior Camogie team. They face Ballyboden on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October, throwing in at 1pm in UCD GAA Pitch. Get out and support the girls!

### Hurling

A huge weekend of championship hurling ahead with our Senior and Inters in the Semi Final stage. Best of luck Junior B hurlers in their County Final. All support welcome!

See fixtures below:

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> – Inter Hurling Semi Final V Crumlin, 12<sup>th</sup> Lock @ 16:30

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Senior Hurling Semi Final V Ballyboden, Parnell Park @ 2pm

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – Junior B Hurling County Final V St James Gaels, Drimnagh Castle @ 3pm

Senior tickets can be purchased through the following link:

<https://www.universe.com/events/sh1-s-f-lucan-sarsfields-v-ballyboden-st-enda-kilmacud-crokes-v-na-fianna-tickets-BG1VCZ>

### 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.**



Maynooth Road, Celbridge (beside Salesian College)

Autumn is here, and with it comes a season of connection, creativity, and community at The Acre Project. We've got plenty of events, workshops, clubs and programmes to enjoy together.



### ACRE Artist in Residence 25/26 – Martina McDonald

We are delighted to welcome Martina McDonald as our new artist in residence at The ACRE Project.

Martina McDonald is a Visual Artist based in Clane, Co. Kildare. Having graduated with a BA (Hons) in Fine Art Sculpture from NCAD in 2009, she has been active in the creative sector for over 16 years. Martina creates tactile, mixed media works, with a focus on painting and printmaking. [www.martinamcdonald.com](http://www.martinamcdonald.com)

To register your interest, please email:

[hi@martinamcdonald.com](mailto:hi@martinamcdonald.com)

### ACRE Book Club - Expressions of interest

The ACRE Book Club is also returning after a short summer break and will meet next on Thursday, 17th of October.

New members are always welcome, and the group is currently looking for expressions of interest.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact:

[harry@acreproject.com](mailto:harry@acreproject.com) for more details

### The ACRE Gardening Club Returns!

We're delighted to announce that the ACRE Gardening Club is back after a short summer break. Meetings on the first Friday of each month:  
Friday, 7th November  
Friday, 5th December

If you'd like to register your interest, please get in touch. [Frances@acreproject.com](mailto:Frances@acreproject.com)

### Metro for Dublin?

Great excitement all over Dublin on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2025 when it was announced that



Metro link had received planning permission as if all the country's problems were now solved. The media TV and radio were in their elements all day and the following day all the

print media had massive coverage as if it was the answer to everything, underground seem to be king. In fact, if it was built in the morning it would solve very little but make public transport worse than ever.

The planners of the past designed rail so well that it just needs a few miles of rail to link up the full network benefiting all areas of Dublin and all Ireland that have rail by using same rail gauge, no underground required and can be completed in a short time span. Work access is main element of rail; time is not as big an issue for all other activities. At present users have a long day accessing work on the city's outskirts if by rail. When the train reaches the city centre it takes up to an hour extra to access areas on the outskirts and the same back, this adds two hours to the travel day, activities on the outskirts will only get bigger over time. This is addressed in the alternative Metro Dart.

All areas of Dublin including Lucan and All Ireland with rail will have direct access to Dublin Airport, to all areas of Dublin and the city centre. It will cause no major disruptions and cause no delays to local train lines during implementation as will happen with Metro Link (underground). The alternative can be done at one tenth the cost of Metro Link in half the time by linking and maximising existing rail infrastructures. See the alternative Metro Dart on website [acratu.com](http://acratu.com). It is a vital part of the Newton Transport Plan.

*Tom Newton 086 3127364 A.C.R.A.*

# POLITICAL NOTES

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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### Congrats to Junior Cert Students:

A huge congratulations to all receiving their Junior Cert results this week.

### Budget 2026 Carers:

I'm pleased to see Budget 2026 bring an increase in the Carer's Allowance income disregard to €1,000 for a single person and €2,000 for a couple, allowing many more people to qualify, in line with the Government's commitment to phase out the means test. There will also be a €20 increase to the Domiciliary Care Allowance, bringing it to €380 per month.

### Budget 2026 Home Care and Fair Deal

An extra 1.7 million home support hours have been announced, meaning more people can remain at home for longer and an extra 500 nursing home places were allocated under the Fair Deal Scheme.

If you would like more details on budget 2026, please let me know by phone or email.

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

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*"Not just at election time"*

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### Budget 2026:

Budget 2026 was a wasted opportunity. Taking away unpredictable corporate tax receipts, our day-to-day spending is now in deficit, exacerbated by last year's giveaway election budget.

I acknowledge the need to put money aside for expected downturns (and preferably to strategically invest in infrastructure that will cut costs and increase revenue long term), but even within the overall amount allocated, the Budget largely missed the target.

Some measures are welcome, but the likes of the €250 million to developers and investors makes little sense when carers, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups need additional support. There is also no move to make childcare more affordable or indeed help people with cost-of-living issues. Not everything can be done, but what was done could have been targeted better.

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

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### Liffey Descent Saturday 18th October:

Access to the weir remains closed due to anti-social behaviour. However, the contractor advised that viewing access via Watery Lane will be accommodated for the duration of the race. The race starts 12 noon from the K Club, reaching Lucan approx. an hour later. The Quilt Festival is also on in St. Andrew's that morning, so lots to do in Lucan Village Saturday week.

### Flooding Arthur Griffith Park:

Following reports of flooding at AGP, a camera survey was undertaken, but hampered by waterlogged pipes. Jetting is planned to enable a further survey. Update to follow.

### Flooding Hillcrest Walk and Finnstown:

At Hillcrest, gullies and pipelines were clear at time of inspection. At Finnstown, flooding subsided, but gullies were jetted as a precaution. Both events are recorded and should flooding reoccur will be investigated.

## Helen Farrell, Independent

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### BusConnects Phase 7 Update:

This week, Dublin Bus and the NTA briefed Councillors on Phase 7 of BusConnects. The key route for the Lucan area runs from Liffey Valley to High Street, Liberties. I asked the NTA to consider extending this route to Lucan, given our growing population and two SDZs, but they said it's not currently planned. I also raised constituents' concerns about peak-time overcrowding on Adamstown routes—this was noted by NTA. I'll keep residents and bus-users updated on any relevant updates.



### Lucan House at Christmas:

SDCC has confirmed Lucan House Grounds will host the *Christmas Circus of Wonders and Curiosities* from 21 Nov 2025 to 3 Jan 2026, including a festive market and a variety of events. More details soon!



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The decisions have been made and the photographs for the St. Mary's Camera Soiree's 13<sup>th</sup> Exhibition which will take place in the Parish Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November, have been sent for printing.

This week Joe submitted more photographs of mushrooms found on the Bog of.



Joe also got to Arklow where he found a statue erected in 2021 in honour of the great Ronnie Delaney. Ronnie was born in Arklow and he won the 1,500 meters final in the 1956 Summer Olympics held in Melbourne creating a new Olympic record. Delaney became the first Irishman to win an Olympic gold medal in athletics since 1932. He was 21 at the time.



Josie and Donal sent in some more photographs of their continental holidays. Josie took in the wonderful city of Ravenna where she came across the tomb of the Italian poet Dante Alighieri. His Divine Comedy is widely considered one of the most important poems of the Middle Ages and the greatest literary work in the Italian language. It was written at a time when Latin was still the dominant language for scholarly and



literary writing. Dante broke with this tradition by writing in his native Tuscan dialect. She also submitted a photo of the statue of Neptune which was completed in 1566 which is located next to the Piazza Maggiore in Bologna.



Donal sent in photos of street entertainers in Collioure in the southern French department of Pyrénées-Orientales.



*Stay safe till next week!*