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Advent Retreat – a time to tune into God in your life!

Advent is a time to make a fresh start and to take stock of life. There are many poems and reflections about Advent, including by our own great poet, Patrick Kavanagh, who spoke of Advent as a time of finding 'the newness that was in every stale thing'!



For the most part we move through life routinely with little time for reflection or time to check if we need to move onto a new track or check the rightness or purpose of the track of current travel. For those of us who walk the path of Christ, we have the gift of the scripture/Bible as our great source of inspiration and wisdom.

Scripture is alive for each of us! It has a personal message and inspiration that is as fresh as each day, nourishing us and guiding us towards our greatest God-given potential. Scripture draws us right into our true purpose in life and shines a light to enable us to safely walk the path of truth, love, justice and hope.

Would you like to take some time in your ordinary daily life to make an Advent retreat using scripture as your source? The Retreat in Daily Life is available for you, if you are interested!

You may or may not be familiar with praying Scripture – this retreat is an opportunity to experience how scripture connects with your life. Each person will have a Spiritual Guide who will be a companion through the retreat.

When is the Retreat in Daily Life?

It begins with a group open session on Sunday evening on 22nd November in St Mary's Parish Centre, Lucan.

A time of mutual suitability with Spiritual Guide will be arranged for a 20-30 minute daily meeting Monday – Friday 23-27 November. (times will be available taking the reality of retreatants life into consideration). The retreat will close with a group gathering on Friday evening of 27th November to include prayer and refreshments.

What does participating in the retreat involve?

Commitment to a half an hour prayer with scripture each day of the retreat and to meeting your spiritual guide on each of the days.

If you are interested in participating in the retreat, please complete below/respond to questions. Return it to the parish centre or sacristy or email it to agnesfrankx@gmail.com by 9th November to

facilitate the team in organising the retreat. You also have the option of registering online via a link that will be on the front page of website from Saturday 17th October.

Name _____

Email _____

Phone number _____

Address _____

Circle/Identify the time that best suits you to meet with your Spiritual Guide

Anytime	Morning
Afternoon	Evening

Advent Retreat in Daily Life Team

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

Free RSV immunisation for Babies

You can get your baby immunised against the respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) for free if they:
Are born between 1 September 2026 to 28 February 2027. You'll be offered it at the hospital shortly after they're born.

Were born between 1 March 2026 and 31 August 2026. You can arrange the appointment with your GP

Are high-risk and under 24 months old. Talk to your child's doctor and they'll refer you to the HSE vaccination team if it is right for your baby
If you choose to get the immunisation, your baby will get the antibody 'Nirsevimab' injected into their thigh. They only need one injection to protect them from severe infection during these autumn and winter months.

What is RSV?

The respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) causes chest infection in children and adults. The infection can be severe in young babies, especially those born during autumn and winter.

[Learn more about vaccinations for children and young people on our website.](#)

Disposing of unused and out-of-date medicines

Do you have any unused or out-of-date medicines at home? You can now return them to your local pharmacy for free.

The new MediBack service lets you return:

Most medicines for people

Some medicines for pets

Blister packs with tablets or capsules still inside

You cannot return:

Loose tablets or capsules

Needles, lancets and other sharps

Medicines for farm animals

A large number of medicines. You must be able to carry the medicines in 2 hands.

You can ask your pharmacist if you're unsure what you can bring. They can tell you how to safely dispose of sharps in your area. You can also arrange a time to bring a large amount of medicines.

Before you go to your pharmacy, check the list of accepted items and remove outer packaging and labels with personal data.

[Learn more about the safe disposal of medicines on our website.](#)

Have you had your flu vaccine?

You can now get the autumn/winter 2026-2027 flu vaccine to help protect you from flu.

You can get a free flu vaccine if you are:

Aged from 2 to 17

Aged 60 and over

A healthcare worker

Pregnant

Living in a nursing home

Living with or caring for someone with an underlying condition

In regular contact with pigs, poultry or waterfowl

A child over 6 months with a health condition.

This is given by nasal spray.

You can get your annual flu vaccine from your GP (family doctor), local pharmacist if they have it in stock, or occupational health department.

If you do not fall into these groups, you can check the cost with your GP or pharmacist and find out if they have it in stock.

[Learn more about how to get a free flu vaccine on our website.](#)

Set Dancing Classes



Palmerstown Parish Centre

every Monday night
at 8:30pm - 10.30pm
€5 with tea & biscuits included.

Just come along - No partner needed!

Info: Tom Walker 085 8808868
Theresa: 086 1930278
Email: tommy30D@gmail.com

Lucan Drama

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

Reunion had its World Première in our Summer evening of One Acts this year. It is going out on competition over the next few weeks on the One Act Festival Circuit, Ireland's premier competitive amateur drama programme, run jointly by the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland (ADCI) and the Drama League of Ireland (DLI). You can see it in Lucan before its first competitive performance the following weekend (find our All-Ireland circuit dates on our website lucandrama.ie).

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 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.

Put Your Thinking Caps on for the Lucan Lions Club Table Quiz!

The Lucan Lions Club invites everyone to a fun-filled evening of trivia, teamwork and friendly competition on Friday, October 30th, at 8pm in the Spa Hotel, Lucan. Gather your friends, family or colleagues and put your general knowledge to the test. Teams of four cost just €40, making it a great night out while supporting the work of the Lucan Lions Club in the local community.

BOOK YOUR TEAM NOW! Contact Mattie McCabe on 087 9006999 or Will Byrne on 086 8047839 to reserve your table. Come along, enjoy the craic and see if your team can claim quiz-night glory!

We continue our efforts to attract new members so if you wish to join or assist Lucan Lions Club, please contact the undersigned or visit our website

Gerry Ennis PRO

info@lucanlionsclub.com

www.lucanlionsclub.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

FOUND

Small Locket found outside on the Dodsboro Road, near Tesco. The locket has a photo of a young man with white ribbon attached. Please phone 085 1433010.

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.

Envelopes for the November Altar List of the dead are available in the Church porches. Please complete and return to the sacristy.

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.

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.

Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **James Bainim**, Hermitage Place, and to the family and friends of **Peggie Dungan**, Esker Lawns.

May they rest in peace.



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 Annes Retreat and Conference Centre,

Killenard, Portarlington, Co Laois R32 WN59

Cost: Free – light lunch provided

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

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

Baptisms in St Patrick's:

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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
Masses **THIS Sunday 18th October**
Thank you for your generosity.

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.

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
8.50pm Benediction.

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 MPMH 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.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

In Memoriam

Through an arc of joy you came,
To anguish on your going.
brother mine **Michael Killian**
You lost the living out of life
your eyes unsaw the stars, water,
light, silver beaded spider webs
and our dark woods.

Your voice untold your stories
Your spirit within us
through time and space
in thanksgiving and loss,
giving us blessings and joy
for our gifted days.
In peace and love, B.M.



Anniversaries

John Lordan
3rd Anniversary, 17th October

Always remembered.
Dearly loved and missed by
Stella, Anne and Marina.



Thérèse Malone
4th Anniversary, 17th October
Missing You So Much

I hear your voice floating on the wind,
Catch your scent upon the breeze.
I wish I had you here to guide me
Through mourning's stormy seas.
I miss your smile, I miss your laugh,
I miss the times we'd share.
I even miss the times we cried
Just because you were there.
The ache I feel inside my chest
It is so deep and so profound
That I feel as though I have lost my hold
Upon the solid ground.
But in my darkest moments
I can feel that you are near.
Keeping your warmth over me
Always and forever here.
Always remembering Michael, Declan, Cíarán,
Christine, Rachael and grandchildren.
Thérèse's Anniversary Mass is on at 12pm in
St. Patrick's, Esker on Sunday 18th October.



Jim O'Hara
14th Anniversary, 19th October

Those we love don't go away.
They walk beside us every day.
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Loved and missed by your wife, daughters,
your grandchildren and great grandchildren,

Birthday Remembrance

Anthony Carty
84th Birthday, 20th October

This morning I whispered "Happy Birthday"
to you my love and could not let this day end
without doing it again.
Thoughts today of our lives together
hold a love that will live forever.
I could not send you a card, touch your hand,
or give you a kiss and a hug,
but God will take my wishes up to you.

Happy Birthday Anthony, I miss you so much.
Love from your loving wife Mary xxx

Dad / Grandad
Missing You on your Birthday

A Dads / Grandads, Love is special
A gift beyond compare,
You only know the meaning
when he is no longer there.
A special time
A special face
A special Dad / Grandad
We cannot replace
With an aching heart
We whisper low
We love you Dad / Grandad
And miss you so.
With love from your loving children Sandra,
Gavin and Lorraine and grandchildren Lauren,
Craig, Kellie, Hanna and Ronan xxx

Be Strong in The Lord!

HLI Ireland Mission Night
on the Feast of St John Paul II with relics of
St John Paul II and **St Thérèse of Lisieux.**
Shoreline Hotel, Donabate from 7pm-9pm
Thursday 22nd October.

No booking required, come and see!

Lucan Active Retirement Association

We have 2 Musical Events coming up. Some members are going to see "High Society" at the Bord Gais, and some members are going to see "Magic of the Musicals" at the NCH. Hope they all have an enjoyable time.

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.

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 19th October: We will be having our International Morning from 10.00am to 12.30pm.

The chosen country this year is New Zealand. We will have a guest speaker, and slides of the country. We have invited our neighbouring guilds to join us.

Four ladies went to An Gránán at the weekend. They did classes in Parchment Craft and Tunisian Crochet. All had a lovely time.

We send our very best wishes to Josie. We hope she'll get well very soon, and get back to us. We miss her!



October winds.....

We've certainly had them this week, but it's been nice for those Autumnal walks, with the leaves fluttering down.

Strikes! The country endured an amount of chaos on

Wednesday last as strikes hit many public sectors. You have to feel for those who missed out on hospital appointments etc. Birdie also feels sorry for those with small sleeping babies in buggies, as drivers tooted their horns in support of picket lines. Think about it!!!
Hopefully all will be sorted by next week.

Congratulations to Aisling Ní Dhobhlín, who made it to the short list of Chapters Junior Awards 2026, for her book *Letters, Words and Wobbly Lines*. She didn't win her category, but what an achievement to make that short list!

October gave a party



The leaves by hundreds
came -
The Chestnuts, Oaks and
Maples,
And leaves of every name.

The Sunshine spread a carpet.
And everything was
grand,
Miss Weather led the
dancing,
Professor Wind the band.



The Chestnuts came in yellow,
The Oaks in crimson dressed;
The lovely Misses Maple
In scarlet looked their best;
All balanced to their partners,
And gaily fluttered by;
The sight was like a rainbow
New fallen from the sky.

Then, in the rustic hollow,
At hide-and-seek they played,
The party closed at
sundown,
And everybody
stayed.
Professor Wind
played louder;
They flew along the ground;
And then the party ended
In jolly "hands around."

By George Cooper



Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 21st October: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm.
New members welcome!



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/>



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

Book your tickets here:

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

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



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

We do also offer a free delivery of the calendars in

the Lucan area for those who cannot make it to the Library. Please contact us for any further details or free Local delivery in Lucan at our email OldLucan@gmail.com

SOL PHOTOGRAMMETRY PROJECT WITH TY YEAR 2026

Paul Butler has started his Photogrammetry project (imaging gravestones) again this year, working with two schools from Tallaght on this project, in partnership with SDCC Tallaght Library. The project promotes local history through use of STEM, IT, blogging, photography, project work and collaborative historical research - which means there's nearly always something to interest TY students, as it's a hands-on project with a real outcome.

You can see some of the structures and memorials that have been added to Sketchfab here:

<https://soc4oldlucan.com/lucan-photogrammetry-project/> - and once scanned, they are both preserved and also can be replicated, such as being able to 3D-print a tiny (to scale) St. Finian's Church!

This project was a huge success last time with St. Joseph's School in Lucan and we are going to share this knowledge further a field to offer our help and expertise to other Schools. You can read the 2024 report from St. Joseph's on our blog page here:

<https://soc4oldlucan.com/2024/06/04/st-josephs-college-photogrammetry-project-2024/>

We will keep you updated on this project. If you're a second level school in the greater Lucan area with an interest in participating with your TY year in 2027-8, contact Paul Butler now % oldlucan@gmail.com

Folklore project : The Other Ireland

Do you have any local stories that you would like to share and have saved for posterity?

The Other Ireland, is a new **independent** project recording and preserving Ireland's folklore, local legends, supernatural stories and traditions passed down through generations: [The Other Ireland](https://theotherireland.com/)

They are looking to speak with people across Ireland who remember stories that were told in their families or communities, from banshees, fairies and ghosts to folk cures, holy wells, local legends, strange happenings, old customs/traditions and superstitions. You can tell the story in your own words as you remember hearing them from a parent/grandparent etc. The aim of The Other Ireland is simple, to record these stories while the people who remember them are still here to tell them. To build an audio archive. If you have any interesting stories from Lucan or further afield you can click the link below to take part.

[Share your story with The Other Ireland podcast](#)

Please note, this project is not affiliated with SOL.



Coláiste Phádraigh

Hurling: Our Senior Hurlers made a spectacular start to their Dublin Senior Hurling “A” Cup campaign last Wednesday, powering to a 5-25 to 1-24 victory over St. Benildus College in an entertaining and high-scoring encounter.

Páidi Murphy produced a sensational performance at left full forward. His tally of 3-7 was a remarkable contribution, with several of his scores coming from excellent strikes that sailed cleanly between the posts.

Henry Greene and Brian Whelan were equally influential from the half-forward line. Henry found the net and added five points for a superb 1-5, while Brian’s seven points kept the scoreboard ticking over relentlessly.

In midfield, Derry Ware was a commanding presence, winning possession and launching attack after attack. His powerful performance was rewarded with 1-3, while James Duffy, Aidan Doyle and Conor McHugh also raised white flags at crucial moments.

Gaeilge: A huge comhghairdeas to TY students Ollie McCormick, Caolin Reilly and Belal Abdelaal, who recently travelled to the Phoenix Park last Wednesday to record an episode of TG4’s quiz game show “Slé Anois go Cúramach”.



Having prepared by watching previous episodes, the trio put their Irish language skills to the test against another school in five exciting rounds. Challenges included word guessing, decoding emoji clues, listening to humorous video clips and answering rapid-fire questions in Irish. The unpredictable rounds also tested their adaptability, teamwork and quick thinking!

The atmosphere was full of friendly competition, laughter and Gaeilge. The students embraced every challenge and thoroughly enjoyed this fantastic opportunity to use Irish in a fun, lively setting. Did they win? You will have to tune in to find out!

The episode will air sometime in early 2026. Watch this space!

Awards: Congratulations to 1st yr student **Eoin Leahy**, who received the Mark O’Neill Student of the Month Award for September in recognition of his excellent manners, respectful attitude and co-operation in all his classes.

Well done also to 3rd yr **Sam O’Brien**, who was named Sports Star of the Month for his outstanding performances for the school’s U16 basketball team.

Comhghairdeas freisin le **Luke Brandon** ó rang 1 Fire, a bhuaigh gradam Gaeilgeoir na Míosa mar aitheantas ar an sár-iarracht a dhéanann sé Gaeilge a labhairt agus an obair iontach atá déanta aige sa rang Gaeilge.



Each of the three main award winners received a €20 voucher and a framed certificate. They will also be invited to the Awards Night Ceremony in May 2027 to celebrate their achievements.

In addition, the 20 Class Tutor Student of the Month winners were recognised for their good behaviour, positive attitudes and contributions to school life. Each received a €5 canteen voucher from reception in recognition of their efforts. Comhghairdeas le gach buaiteoir!

Soccer: Our u15 team defeated Celbridge CS 9-5 on Monday in the preliminary round of the Leinster Minor Cup. Eoghan Ware was star of the show with a remarkable 5 goals, while Sonny Robinson, Daniel Breen, Lucas Roche and Dylan Byrne scored the other goals. They will play either Arklow CBS/Naas CC in the 1st rnd proper.

Our u17s opened their Dublin West League campaign with a fine 3-1 win over Edmund Rice College, Castleknock on Tuesday. Lucan fought back well from being a goal down at half-time to surge to a well-deserved and hard-earned win with a superb 2nd half display. Josh Kenny, James Dillon and Finn O' Sullivan scored the goals to secure three important points for Lucan. Coláiste Pobail Setanta and Beneavin College, Finglas are the two other teams in the group, with the top 2 advancing to the knockout stages of the competition.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 teams completed the group stages of their East Boys "A" League last Friday with matches against Coláiste Éanna, Rathfarnham.



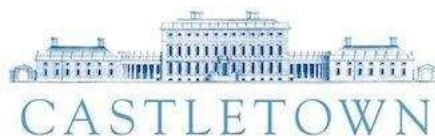
First up were the 16s, who suffered a 66-17 loss to an outstanding opposition team. Coláiste Éanna, the reigning National Champions in this age group, completely dominated the opening 1-4 to open up a commanding 20-4 lead. They extended their lead to 45-7 by half time and cruised to victory despite giving their squad players a run-out in the 3rd and 4th 1-4s. Nathan Adjinakou scored 15 of Lucan's 17 points in a

fine individual display. With one win and three losses from their 4 matches, the team will now compete in the Shield competition.

The 19s match was a closer affair with Coláiste Éanna winning 61-52 in a high-class encounter. The teams were level 25-25 at half time after two compelling 1-4s of high intensity play, and Lucan edged in front 44-38 in the 3rd 1-4. However, Coláiste Éanna produced a stunning final 1-4 performance to claim the win. Lucan will now compete in the Senior Shield after finishing 4th in the group of 5.

St. Joseph's College

We are delighted to announce that this year's Musical will be the very popular adaption of the Roald Dahl book, **Matilda The Musical JR**. For the first time in St. Joseph's, Matilda will come to our stage from Thursday 26th November – Sunday, 29th November 2026.



Witches in Art – Multimedia Art Talk

Join us for a spellbinding journey through art in this entertaining multimedia talk by Carol O'Neill.

October 24 @ 4.00pm - 5.00pm. €5

Adult art talk – Age 16 +

Join us for a spellbinding journey through art in this entertaining multimedia talk by Carol O'Neill.

Tickets on sale from Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/witches-in-art-multimedia-art-talk-tickets-1998221287662?aff=oddttdcreator>



Will You See What We See?

GRID Collective | 17th & 18th October | The ACRE Project, Celbridge

Join GRID Collective for Sight-specific, a unique exhibition exploring perception and how we all see the world differently. On the same time as our Autumn plant sale giving you more to enjoy! 11am-3pm both days.

Featuring sculpture, painting, photography and video, this thought-provoking exhibition is the result of two years of creative exploration by artists Fifi Smith, Helen Blair, Mary Catherine Nolan and June Fitzgibbon.

Follow the balloons to the Polytunnel and main meeting room, explore the artwork and enjoy a cuppa and a chat with the artists.

All are welcome!



Happenings in Time 12/10/'26

A lovely memorial tree to celebrate the life of Ann Ward is to be seen in recess opposite Ardeevin Road.

A welcome new entrance at the Weston Airport development on the Celbridge Road, soon to be opened.

Our Village Plaza is much enjoyed by all ages, and one day its contours will soften, with maintenance program in situ.

A long-promised footbridge traversing the River Liffey and Cunningham Road is to be realized, crossing west of Salmon Pool property, connecting Memorial Gardens to Phoenix Park, near the Magazine Fort. Design team said to be one who conceived The Spire. It's parapets and reeds design, and walkway to represent soldiers fading footsteps. A corresponding bridge designed by Lutyens after the war. Worked by soldiers, the garden was realized.

And the elegant bridge of Lucan whose balustrades were painted by the community, has wild Buddleia removed from its stonework. Bravo!

Has anyone encountered the equestrian sculpture created by John Byrne, called 'Misneach'? Rider represents youth in tracksuit modelled by local girl. Situated in Ballymun proper.

Where is the 'Great Book of Ireland' curated by Theo Dorgan between 1989 and 1991? Entries by poets, artists and calligraphers on vellum, with works by Nuala Ni Dhomhnaill, Seamus Heaney etc....

For all of time and space formed by our Creator
All that ever is and ever will be will also pass back to his care D.V.

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Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &

Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan Library – October Events

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.

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



Children's Events:

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

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

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:

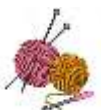
Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca: founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Thursday 22nd October at 10am.
Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 30th October from 12pm - 2pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games 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.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group:

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

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.

Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining our book clubs - new member's welcome! **Monday Lunchtime Book Club:** Tuesday 27th October at 12pm.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 28th

October at 7pm. **The Cookery Book Club:** Monday 19th October, 6.45pm.

Call in to pick up the current book and try out some recipes at home, then discuss the recipes, hints, tips, etc. at the next meeting.

EXHIBITIONS

October Exhibitions:

From Monday 5th October:

Ar mo 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'.

Other Resources:

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

How does it work?

You must go through an **induction** with staff before you can register for MOL.

Once registered, you can **scan your library card** at the door to enter the library during My Open Library Hours and not allow access to others. My Open Library will let you enter the library between **8am and 10pm** every day - even bank holidays! Ask staff at the desk about registering for My Open Library extended hours access!

**Closed for the October Bank holiday
from Saturday 24th October until
Monday 26th October inclusive.**



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 8th October lotto jackpot of €20,000. The numbers drawn were **12 29, 30. Lucky dips** go to Ciara Dardis, John Maguire, Christopher Murray, Maaiké Quinn, Carmel Bellew. This week's Lotto on Thursday 1st October will be for a jackpot of €20,000. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group and will be led by Diarmuid Dawson.

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!

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.

Hurling Championship

It was a weekend of celebration and heartbreak for Lucan Sarsfields, with our Intermediate hurlers securing a county final place and promotion, while our Seniors narrowly missed out on reaching the final.

On Saturday, our Intermediate hurlers produced an excellent performance to defeat Setanta 2-23 to 0-19 in the Premier Intermediate Championship semi-final. Having lost to the same opposition in the group stages, Lucan turned the tables when it mattered most, earning their place in the county final and securing Senior B hurling for 2027. It is a fantastic achievement for the players and management, reflecting the work they have put in throughout the season. A strong Lucan crowd helped create a great atmosphere, and the team now have a county title to chase.

Sunday brought a heartbreaking finish for our Senior hurlers, who lost 0-19 to 0-20 against Kilmacud Crokes in Parnell Park. Lucan led 0-11 to 0-07 at half-time, with the sides level at 0-13 apiece after 45 minutes. The contest remained tight to the finish, but Crokes edged through by the narrowest of margins.

It was a difficult end to a championship campaign in which our Seniors produced some excellent hurling and gave supporters plenty to be proud of. Our thanks go to the players and management for their commitment and effort throughout the year.

Thank you also to everyone who came out to support both teams over the weekend.

Congratulations to our Intermediate hurlers—we look forward to getting behind them once again for the county final.

Ladies Football

On behalf of everyone associated with Ladies football we would like to express our sincere thanks to Niall Daly and his management team for their five years of dedicated service to the Lucan Sarsfields Intermediate Team. Your commitment, leadership and the considerable time and effort you have given to the team over those five years are greatly appreciated. Your contribution has played an important part in the development of the players and the team.

Thank you for everything you have contributed to Lucan Sarsfields, and we wish you all every success for the future.

We are now inviting applications for the position of Ladies Football Intermediate Manager. If interested, please contact our Director of Ladies Football, Martin O'Reilly.

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy is Back!

We're delighted to welcome our youngest stars back at the Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy.

Our Academy is all about giving boys and girls the chance to get active, have fun, make new friends and enjoy their first experience of Gaelic Games in a friendly and welcoming environment.



€100,000 Amazon grants programme returns to support Dublin organisations breaking down creative industry barriers

Creative charities in Dublin are being invited to apply for grants as part of the €100,000 Regional Creatives Fund Ireland, which has launched this week.

The Regional Creatives Fund Ireland is Amazon's annual grant programme supporting charities that help people from underserved communities build skills, confidence and careers in the creative industries. In 2025, Dublin's Irish Baroque Orchestra, Citywise Education and Alternative Entertainments were awarded grants totalling €41,830 by the fund.

The €100,000 programme offers grants of up to €12,000 to organisations in Dublin who are registered with the Charities Regulator and support people dreaming of careers in publishing, music, gaming, film, TV, fashion, visual arts, podcasting, and other creative sectors where diversity and fresh perspectives can drive innovation and change.

Applications are open here

(<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/01a0f142ae697705ac60f628968afa6b>) and close at midnight on **30 November 2026**. Grants will be awarded by an independent judging panel featuring leaders from Amazon, the Royal Irish Academy of Music, Business To Arts, Digital Hub and the Writers Guild of Ireland.

In 2025, the Regional Creatives Fund Ireland awarded €41,830 to Dublin's Irish Baroque Orchestra, Citywise Education and Alternative Entertainments.

Alternative Entertainments (AltEnts) a community arts organisation based in Tallaght, with an emphasis on music-based projects, received €11,330 from the Fund.

Citywise Education, a community-based educational charity supporting young people aged 8-21 in underserved communities, primarily in West Tallaght, Dublin, with plans to expand into Ballymun, Clondalkin, Crumlin and Dublin City Centre, received €20,000.

The Irish Baroque Orchestra (IBO), which received €10,500, is unique in the Irish arts landscape.



Who is eligible for funding?

The Regional Creatives Fund Ireland welcomes applications from organisations working across the creative industries, including:

- * Music — performance, production, artist development, sound engineering, music business
- * Performing Arts and Live Events — theatre, live performance, events production, stage management, technical production
- * Screen and Audio — film, TV, animation, podcasting, radio, audio production
- * Digital and Interactive — gaming, XR, AI-enabled creative tools, digital design, social media production
- * Publishing and Communications — books, journalism, copywriting, PR, advertising, podcasting
- * Fashion, Craft and Visual Arts — fashion, textiles, fine art, illustration, photography, graphic design
- * Comedy — stand-up, sketch, sitcom, comedy writing, character comedy
- * Cross-disciplinary — projects that genuinely span two or more of the above
- * Other — creative industries where a strong fit is demonstrated

Applications are open for small to mid-size charitable organisations who are registered with the Charities Regulator and have an annual income below €5,000,000. Applicants must deliver a programme with a clear focus on upskilling, training or employment-readiness in the Irish creative industries.

Applicants must be able to show the grant will boost or sustain an existing programme that's already making a difference - whether that's placements in podcasting, experience in fashion design or opportunities in music production.

An expert, independent expert judging panel will award funding to Regional Creatives Fund Ireland applicants. The panel includes senior leaders from Amazon, Royal Irish Academy of Music, Business to Arts, Digital Hub and the Writers Guild of Ireland.

Judges will look for evidence that the programme seeking funding is already running and already reaching people, with clear evidence that it works – with numbers, stories, or both. Strong proposals will exhibit a specific explanation of what the funding would make possible and demonstrate a connection between creative skills and employment or career progression. Strong entries will also demonstrate a focus on communities that face structural barriers to accessing creative careers.



Political Notes

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Weekend C-services:

I have contacted the CEO of Dublin Bus to raise ongoing issues with reliability on the C-spine routes at the weekends. I have been contacted with regard to an increased prevalence of ghost buses on these routes and I will be requesting an improvement in performance on these routes.

South Dublin Chamber Business Awards:

Congratulations to all local businesses who were shortlisted and successful as part of the South Dublin Chamber Awards this year. We are lucky to have such a talented and supportive business community in our area.

Castle Road:

I am pleased to see the long overdue resurfacing on the footpath at the Castle Road bus stop.

Thanks to those who raised it with me.

Clinic:

I will hold an advice clinic in Adamstown Community Centre on Monday 19 October at 1pm.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

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Lucan House:

Consultant architects are advancing the design process. The Chief Executive indicated this week at the Council meeting that a planning application and public consultation is expected to be brought forward in November. Conservation works will begin on the walls (opposite the Ball Alley and near the White Gate). The grounds remain open to visitors each weekend.

Flooding:

Following my previous updates, Esker Lane: difficulties contacting the landowner to gain access to the river, which is silted at the outfall at St. Edmundsbury, caused delays in resolving flooding. The Council committed to completing the required works by 31/10/2026. Crugh Cross, Finnstown, improvement works were completed and further works are underway. The Council committed to completing these works by 31/12/2026. Residents may notice works taking place in these areas as part of flood alleviation measures.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Recycle IT Event:

It was great to see such a large turnout at our Recycle IT event in Lucan this week. Residents came out in huge numbers to recycle unwanted electrical items, and the volume collected was remarkable. The success of the event highlights our community's strong commitment to recycling, reducing waste and preventing items from ending up in landfill. A big thank you to the Recycle IT team for their hard work.

South Dublin Chamber Awards 2026:

Congratulations to all those taking part in the South Dublin County Business Awards. The event celebrates the businesses, entrepreneurs, community organisations and employees whose hard work and innovation makes a real difference to our community. I am delighted to attend this year's awards to join in recognising the people whose dedication and achievements help make Lucan such a great place to live.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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St Ed's Protest:

For anyone reading this before Saturday afternoon, a reminder of the protest commencing at the Eagle gates at 2pm.

Dáil Report:

The Dáil wasn't sitting on Wednesday due to the various strikes (and I've raised multiple related pay issues in multiple debates over the last two years), but I did get to contribute to Dáil and Committee debates on Tuesday and Thursday, including the aforementioned public sector pay, energy pricing, employment equality and institutional burials.

Esker Lane North Flooding:

Good to see the Council out during the week, following further representations, to try and fix the root cause. Hopefully this will see improvements, even during heavy rainfall.

Antisocial Behaviour:

I continue to raise issues at local and national level in conjunction with my colleague Helen.



Political Notes *continued...*

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Transport, Continued....

I've compiled a final, detailed, anonymised report for the SDCC Manager, highlighting serious overcrowding on trains serving Adamstown and surrounding stations based on real passenger feedback. Passengers reporting feeling faint in packed carriages, being unable to board trains, delays, and inadequate peak-time services. I'm seeking SDCC's support in pressing Iarnród Éireann and the NTA for urgent safety reviews, increased carriage capacity and more reliable services. We also need the reinstatement and extension of the old number 25 bus, with a new terminus in Adamstown Station, running to the city centre along the old Dodsborough route. With our population growing rapidly, we need immediate improvements, alongside a firm commitment to delivering DART+ South West - noticeably absent in the recent Budget 2027 announcements.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent – Peace Commissioner

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“Just a Message Away”

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Protecting Lucan's Green Spaces:

This Monday 19th October Councillors will make final decisions on Variation No. 2 of the County Development Plan. I secured support during the first round to retain Finnstown Castle lands as Open Space and St Edmundsbury lands as High Amenity. Both are now back for consideration and I will again propose motions to protect their existing zoning.

I have also worked to secure Specific Local Objectives linking further development around Adamstown to essential transport and community infrastructure.

Two Walks, One Community Voice takes place Saturday 17th October. Walks start at Finnstown Castle Hotel's main entrance and St Edmundsbury by The Eagles entrance starting at 2pm meeting in Lucan Village.

Thank you to everyone organising and supporting these peaceful community walks. I'll update residents after Monday's meeting.

Architects View on Metro Link.

At the annual conference of RIAI the body for architects held in week beginning 4th of October 2026 predicted that the Metro Link can be Dublin's answer to London's Elizabeth line.



There is no comparison whatsoever as the Elizabeth line covers a far greater area serving millions of people daily, as the Metro Link covers a very small area of Dublin at a very high cost at the expense of everywhere else. They even mentioned those that design the Elizabeth line would also play a role in the Metro design. Elizabeth line uses the same rail gauge as all the other lines, while for Dublin they are backing the use of a different rail gauge. If this different rail gauge is so good why was a different rail gauge not used in London, because nobody in their right mind would put forward such a silly concept. This shows what they think of Ireland, get in and get out with their big cheques and leave Dublin with future problems.

A public meeting on the Metro Link will be held in Spa Hotel on Tuesday 27th October, all welcome.

Tom Newton 086 3127364 @acratu.com.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This week Joe sent in a photo of a 1931 registered Studebaker car that he found in Arklow. I think that its official designation is Studebaker Commander GB Big Six Sedan. These cars were the last descendants of rugged cars designed for poor roads in the early 20th century.



Frances and Kay gave us two more examples of still life photography. Frances's photo is of the last of her tomatoes for this year.



Some members of the group have been abroad. Nuala sent in a photo of the Mosque in Cordoba, Andalucía,

Spain which today is the cathedral of the Catholic Church in that city. The mosque was constructed in 785AD and was converted to a cathedral in 1236 when Córdoba was captured by the Christian forces of Castile during the *Reconquista*. The structure itself underwent only minor modifications until a major building project in the 16th century inserted a new Renaissance cathedral nave and transept into the centre of the building. The cathedral was designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1984 and today the whole of the historic centre of Cordoba is UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Finally, Josie was in Menorca, one of the Balearic Islands located in the Mediterranean Sea. and sent in a photo of the Giant Red Tap Fountain. Located in the heart of resort of Santa Galdina the tap appears to float in mid-air with water continuously pouring out of it. However, the support for the structure is cleverly hidden inside the central column of the water stream.



Stay safe till next week!