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We need hope!

We all need hope to give us the resilience and creativity to get through all that is concerned in life. Hope can be a transient feature or a rooted feature and it can be both in anyone's life. The transient hope is the one we have when we say that we hope we will win the lottery or we'll be the best in the world at something. That hope is fine, but the odds can be stacked high against it happening. The rooted hope is held firm by a belief in something that is actually possible.

I'm from Mayo! Oh, the green and red.... However, what happened with Mayo and Sam this year is an example of hope coming real because all concerned had belief in themselves and the real possibility of a win occurring. Previous to this year, the false hauntings of curses, etc were flying in the wind, but when the management and team dug down into rooted hope and were held firm with belief, look what happened.

Getting past Mayo while recognising it as a great example: The same is true and real with any of our endeavours, particularly the ones that present with greatest challenge and even with despair. If we have a purpose that holds us firm, we can move mountains and realise the amazing strength that each one of us has.

The world we live in offers the most amazing opportunities currently. There is a space for everyone, while there is always an inevitable pushback from the same space. What is the wind beneath our wings? What holds our roots firm when the winds hit hard? Are we going to crash with the first great impact? Will strong impact be the very thing that strengthens our hold in life even more as the muscles of our hearts and minds grow stronger with an added obstacle?



For me personally, my roots rest in Jesus Christ and my hope is in the words and life of the Gospel. We mirror the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus in the peaks and troughs of life and if we do it in the companionship of God, we have someone with whom to share the load.

Faith in God is not at the root of every person. However, we all benefit from having a purpose that goes beyond ourselves and the limitations of our lives. It may be existentialism, or similar. If one is solely dependent on transient goals and purposes, it can be difficult to know where to land after or in storms of life. Not everyone believes in God, but everyone can have some form of belief that holds them rooted, resilient and with purpose even if most human capacities or people abandon one.

Cathy Burke

Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes

Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

www.citizensinformation.ie

Email – lucan@citinfo.ie

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



Opening hours

Walk-ins to see an Information Officer

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open*

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

Wednesday: 2pm - 4pm subject to Team Meetings

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

Help to Buy Scheme

The maximum amount you can claim with the Help to Buy Scheme (HTB) increased from €30,000 to €35,000 from 7 October 2026. To get the increased amount, you must either:

Sign the contract for your new house between 7 October 2026 and 31 December 2029

Draw down on your self-build mortgage between 7 October 2026 and 31 December 2029

If you have an approved HTB application that has not reached the claim stage, it will automatically be re-assessed, if you had been approved for the previous maximum relief of €30,000. Or, you can cancel your application and re-apply if you are eligible for the new maximum relief.

"Right to be forgotten" comes into effect

From today, 15 October 2026, insurers must disregard any cancer-related medical history when considering an application for mortgage protection insurance, where specific conditions are met.

The 'right to be forgotten' applies where:

You completed active cancer treatment at least five years ago

You have been in complete remission for at least five years

Your application relates to mortgage protection insurance for the applicant's principal private residence

The amount of cover sought is up to €650,000

Repair and Lease Scheme

From 2 October 2026, changes to the Repair and Lease Scheme which brings vacant properties that need to be repaired, back into use for social housing, include:

Prioritising the delivery of studio and one-bed homes

Payment for legal fees

Removal of the qualification criteria that property owners could not afford the repairs



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!

www.lucanlionsclub.com

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 26th October: We are closed for the bank holiday Monday. Opening on **Monday 2nd November** for crafts and a committee meeting.

Tea hostesses are Nuala and Anne.

We had a lovely International morning last Monday with members attending from Blanchardstown, Castleknock, Celbridge, Maynooth along with our own ladies from Lucan.



Anne Beales was the hostess and invited Sr Julie to give a very interesting talk of her time in New Zealand with a slide show of the beautiful country provided by Cathy Burke.



Afterwards, we had tea, sandwiches and cakes provided by the Lucan ladies. We had a craft display to be admired by the visitors and finished with a raffle.



Mary has asked for the shoe boxes to be brought in on Monday for donation for the Hope Foundation as this is the last day for collection by the charity.

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.



Some more photos from the ICA International Morning.

My beloved October has returned - with its brilliant colours, cool temperatures and sunny, cloudless, azure skies, and I must enjoy it before it escapes for another year

Peggy Toney Horton

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.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of November 2026 has been sent to all readers by email. If any reader has not received it a copy is available for inspection in the sacristy.

Christian Meditation: We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.
All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed relatives and friends will take place on

Thursday 12th November at 7.30pm.



At this Mass the names of those from our parish community who died in the last twelve months will be especially remembered. The names of all those on the November list of the dead will automatically be included.

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

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).



Divine Mercy Devotion

and November the month of the Holy Souls

Divine Mercy devotion takes place every Wednesday after 10am Mass (unless when there is a funeral)

St Faustina prayed constantly for the souls in Purgatory.

From 1st to 8th November, by visiting a cemetery we can help in a special way souls in Purgatory by obtaining for them a Plenary Indulgence, one each day. We pray for the faithful departed including souls who have no one to pray for them.

The conditions for gaining a Plenary Indulgence are:

- Going to Confession within 20 days.
- Receiving Holy Communion
- Praying for the Pope's intentions: one Our Father and one Hail Mary are sufficient.
- Detachment from sin: There must be no sin we are unwilling to renounce.

At any other time, we can help souls in Purgatory by gaining a partial indulgence by visiting or even passing a cemetery and saying the **"Eternal Rest"** prayer:

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen"

Noel Noonan

The Parish Planned Giving Count Team, would like to acknowledge the many years of unwavering service that Noel has provided to this team. His particular sense of humour got us through many a long count. He will be greatly missed by one and all.



Deepest Sympathy to the wife, family and friends of **Raymond Walker**, Esker Lodge, to the wife, family and friends of **Pat McGrath**, The Old Rectory and to the husband, family and friends of **Ann Delaney**, Esker Lawns.

May they rest in peace.



NAGARHOPE's recent Churchgate Collection at both **St. Mary's** and **St. Patrick's** churches, totalled €3099.45, a magnificent sum which will go a long way in Nepal. Our sincere thanks to all those who so generously donated to the collection.

Thanks to both churches for allowing this collection. Thanks also to our loyal collectors at both churches. Thanks to the newsletter for their continued support

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 MMPH Cenacle.

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

Home Visits Holy Communion:

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

Divine Mercy Food Bank:

Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

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

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm.
All welcome.



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Sunday Mass Times: 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.
The 10.30am Family Mass is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

Weekday 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

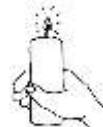
Baptisms in St Patrick's: Procedure for baptisms in the parish. Parents who register their children for baptism are invited and must attend a preparatory meeting in the month before the ceremony. The ceremony of baptism will take place in two parts. The children will be welcomed at a short ceremony during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

Annual Mass of Remembrance

Our Annual Mass for all our departed
will take place on

Friday 6th November at 7pm.

All those in our parish who passed away within the past twelve months will be especially remembered. November list of the dead will automatically be included.



Everyone welcome.

Refreshments immediately afterwards in the parish centre.

The Mass can also be viewed online on
stpatrickslucan.ie

Anniversaries

Philip Barlow

1st Anniversary

Sunrise 20-1-1983

Sunset 24-10-2025

Philip, they say time heals
But this past year has only shown
how much you are missed
Your calls, messages, your laughter
and the joy you brought to everyone in your life.
*Philip forever my son and amazing brother to
Jane and Lyelia, husband to Amy, Dad to Alistair
and Richard, uncle to Jack, Emma and Danielle.*



Philip Barlow

1st Anniversary, 24th October

Airlie Heights Lucan and
Jiangsu Province of China.
How we miss the calls and
text full of Chinese cheer,
We can't believe you left us Philip
this time last year,
When we see a shining star,
we know you are smiling
down on us from afar.
*Remembering you with love,
Missing you with broken hearts.
All the McNally's, Martin's and Kelly's.*



Marie Devine

7th Anniversary, 24th October

In loving memory
You will always be forever special,
As you were, you will always be.
*Sadly missed and never forgotten
Willie, Caroleanne, Lisa and Rachel*



Paddy Martin

47th Anniversary, 23rd October

Late of Sarsfield Park / Dodsboro
Always in our memories and thoughts
Also remembering his wife *Mary* and
son *Declan*,
Philomena, Gerard and families.
**Will be remembered at the 12noon
Mass 25th October, in St Mary's**



John McMahon

5th Anniversary

John is fondly remembered by those
who knew and loved him
His passing has left a lasting impact
on this family and friends,
We will continue to cherish his
memory and honour his life
*Forever in our thoughts
Agnes McMahon and family*

Benny Shanley

4th Anniversary, 24th October

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us every day
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
*Carmel, Elaine, Brian, Eimear, Gerard,
grandchildren, extended family and friends.*


**BETHANY LUCAN PARISH
GROUP MEETINGS**
THURSDAY OCT. 22
&
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





**Society of
St. Vincent de Paul
St Mary's Conference,
Lucan**

**For assistance, phone: 01 8550022
or email: info@svp.ie**



Bank Holiday Weekend on us, as we batten down the hatches in anticipation of Storm Austen, the first of the season! Fingers crossed, we'll get off lightly!



Don't forget to turn the clocks back this Sunday morning (*those of you who still have clocks that need changing manually!*). An extra hour in bed!

Tidy Towns Awards – our good wishes are with Lucan Tidy Towns People, as we await the national awards this Friday 23rd October. Regardless of the results, all are to be commended for their efforts. They make such a difference to Lucan.

And what about St. Ed's and Finnstown!

Thankfully, St. Ed's is safe for now, but it was very disappointing to see Finnstown go for development.

We know people have to live somewhere, but already, motorists spend way too long in traffic trying to get out of and back into Lucan every week day, in order to get to their jobs.

A further matter of concern is the lack of schools in the newer areas. When you think about it, there are thousands of people moving into Lucan over a short space of time, and where will the kiddies go?

Good Luck to anyone taking part in Dublin City Marathon this Sunday. It's looking to be a nice day weather wise!

Good news on Xmas Lights! We gather that Lucan will be properly lit up this year, now that all the construction work is out of the way..

Lucan Bridge Club

New members are very welcome!

**Every Wednesday at 7.30pm
In Springfield Hotel**



Autumn

The church bell peals in the morning mist,
As it drifts in farmyards and woodland trees

Brown-yellow-gold-coloured leaves pile on
Green lawns on pathways and gardens.

Fruit trees are now shedding leaves.
Exposing bare sinewy twigs on branches
Day light dims sooner, casting long shadows.

Walkers button up collars in
the chiller air.

Woodland residents are
having a busy time,
Preparing for the coming
even colder days.

Squirrels and mice collect nuts and seeds
Deer fatten up on seasonal ripe berries.

Foxes and rabbits grow denser fur for
warmth.

Hibernators, like hedgehogs, build fat
reserves.

To prepare and survive the coming winter
sleep

The evergreen climbing ivy seeks
advantage.

Liam Murray October 2026

The No Name Club

are looking for volunteers interested in helping create a safe social space for young people, 15 – 18 years of age in the Lucan area. Volunteers would be required to give up 2 hours, one evening a week.

As a National Organisation No Name Club encourages young people to build their confidence, grow in self-esteem, and develop their personalities in friendly, safe environments.

You can find out more detail about No Name Club on our website, www.nonameclub.ie, reach out to admin@nonameclub.ie or feel free to contact Ethan directly at ejordan@nonameclub.ie or 087 217 2490 and he will be delighted to tell you more about you more about how No Name Club operates in different areas.



Lucan Senior Citizens

We recently celebrated Pink Day, in aid of Breast Cancer Research, with our members.



A total of €650 was raised. A special thank you to all of our talented crafters.



Wednesday 28th October:
Our **Halloween Party** will take place in the St. Mary's Parish Centre, from 10.30am to 12.30pm, with music from The Rams.

Fancy dress is optional!



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 Community College

1st year History Trip: Class Primrose along with their history teacher Ms Gallagher and tutor Ms Mc Geever, had an enjoyable and informative history trip to the National History Museum on Kildare Street last Friday. Students worked on filling in their worksheets that related to the many artefacts located there. They viewed many objects dating back to the Mesolithic and Neolithic Stone Ages right through to Early Christian Ireland, covering many topics on their Junior Cycle course. Who knows, maybe they will become Ireland's historians or archaeologist of the future!



TY Trip to Lullymore Bog: Our TY students enjoyed a fantastic day out at Lullymore Heritage and Discovery Park, where they explored the bogland and learned more about Ireland's natural environment. It was a great opportunity to get outdoors, learn something new and enjoy the experience together!



Bí Cineálta Week: We had a fantastic week for Bí Cineálta Week in Lucan CC! Bí Cineálta is all about going that extra mile to show kindness to others, whether it's holding a door open, waiting for someone, offering a compliment or simply taking the time to check in on someone. In a world where social media and phones play such a huge part in our everyday lives, small acts of kindness can make a real difference. A little kindness goes a long way, and we all have a part to play in making our school a happier, more welcoming place for everyone.



€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**.

Coláiste Phádraigh

Baking Club: There was a wonderful buzz – and an even more wonderful smell – coming from the Home Economics Room last Monday after school, as 15 second-year students gathered for the second session of our newly formed Baking Club.

Under the patient guidance of Ms. Woulfe, our budding bakers put their skills to the test by making classic chocolate chip cookies, while developing essential kitchen skills and learning the importance of teamwork and safety.

Before getting started, students explored the role of each ingredient and discovered why accuracy is so important in baking. Using digital scales, they carefully measured their ingredients and learned helpful tips, including how softened butter makes creaming easier.



Kitchen safety was also a key focus. Ms. Woulfe demonstrated how to use electric mixers safely, check that the whisks were securely attached and handle eggs carefully. Working in teams, students followed the recipe, creamed the butter and sugars, added the remaining ingredients and folded in generous amounts of chocolate chips. There was fantastic teamwork as everyone took turns mixing, preparing trays and ensuring the cookies were evenly spaced. After approximately 12 minutes in the oven, the cookies emerged with beautifully golden-brown edges, filling the corridor with an irresistible aroma!

Once cooled on wire racks, the cookies passed their all-important taste test with flying colours. The remaining treats were packed into lunchboxes to bring home, and everyone helped wash the equipment and leave the room spotless.

A huge thank you to Ms. Woulfe for giving up her time to run the club.

Well done to all our second-year bakers for their enthusiasm, creativity and teamwork. We look forward to seeing what delicious creations they make next!



Soccer: Our 1st yr soccer team defeated Maynooth CC 7-1 last Friday in a friendly match. The game was arranged to put into practice the things the panel worked on in training over the past number of weeks. It was an impressive first outing from the team, with a total of 22 players making their debuts for the school. The game consisted of three 20mins periods in order to allow both managers the time to make wholesale changes during each break. Alex Byrne (2), Josh Kelly, Nathan Donnelly, Cayden Finn, Sonnie Robinson and Alex Farren scored the Lucan goals.

Chemistry: Our 5th and 6th yr Chemistry students enjoyed an exciting educational trip to Technological University Dublin (TU Dublin), Grangegorman, last Friday, participating in a Leaving Certificate Experiment Workshop. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to bring classroom learning to life through hands-on scientific experiments. Students explored food chemistry and microbiology, investigated pharmaceutical science and examined aspects of air and water quality.

Throughout the workshop, students developed essential practical skills, including accurate measurement, careful observation, following experimental procedures and analysing results. The activities demonstrated how scientific principles are applied in everyday life, from food safety and medicine to environmental protection. The visit also offered students an insight into university life and the opportunities available through further study. For our senior cycle students, it was an excellent chance to strengthen their scientific knowledge and build confidence in their practical abilities.

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Coláiste Phádraigh *continued*.....

Wellbeing: Our school community came together last week for a fantastic Wellbeing Week, celebrating the importance of mental health, resilience, inclusion and positive relationships. Students across all year groups participated enthusiastically in workshops and activities designed to support their wellbeing and personal growth.

The week began with 6th yr students taking part in a Study Skills and Resilience Workshop facilitated by The Super Generation Company. Students explored effective study techniques, time management and practical strategies for managing exam stress.



Tuesday saw our 1st yr students enjoy a special Welcome Breakfast in the canteen, providing a relaxed opportunity to connect with classmates and staff. The event reflected our school's inclusive ethos, with halal food catered for as part of the morning's arrangements. Meanwhile, second-year students participated in an interactive Digital Wellbeing and Resilience workshop delivered by The Digiwise Company. The third year students attended their workshop in Thursday, exploring healthy screen habits, social media pressures and online safety.

On Friday, 5th yrs benefited from a valuable workshop on Emotional Resilience, Wellbeing and Stress Management. Physical activity also featured, with students enjoying exercise in the school gym and soccer as Gaeilge in the Sports Hall.

Throughout the week, Ms. Farrell's Wellbeing Club offered lunchtime mindfulness and meditation, while positive intercom messages and our vibrant Wellbeing Board encouraged everyone to pause and reflect. Students also submitted artwork for a special wellbeing competition, with two winners to be announced shortly.

A heartfelt thank you to Ms. Farrell and Mr. Keane, who organised all the week's activities, as well as facilitators and students for making the week such a success.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team defeated Coláiste Chairáin, Leixlip 1-16 to 1-12 in the

Dublin League on Tuesday to secure top spot in their group. They have now secured qualification to the knock-out stage of the competition. Eoghan Ware continued his excellent form by scoring 0-8, while Liam Whelan (1-05) and Rhys Reilly (0-3) also got key scores.

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

A poster for SOLFest 2026. The top half has a blue background with the text 'SOLFest 2026' in large white and orange letters. Below this, it says 'The Society for Old Lucan presents a day of talks on Local History.' and 'Refreshments, a tour of Lucan Village's Medieval Graveyard, & a two-course lunch are included. Scan the QR code or visit the Society for Old Lucan Eventbrite page for more information & to book tickets.' The ticket price is listed as '€35'. The event is on 'Saturday, 7th Nov.' from '09:30 - 16:30'. It features talks by local historians: John O'Brien, Anlie Tierney, Andi Murray, Ray Stallings, & Helen Farrell. A special guest speaker, Donald Fallon, will give a talk on James Gandon. The bottom half of the poster shows a portrait of James Gandon and a drawing of St. Andrew's Church, Lucan. A QR code is also present.

Book your tickets here:

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

SOL 2027 CALENDARS NOW ON SALE

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.



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Lucan Library – October Events

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

Children's Events:

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

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.

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:

Ar mo Shuaimhneas, meaning “chilled out / at my
peace” in Irish. Created by Noleen 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!



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 15th October lotto jackpot of €20,000. The numbers drawn were **3, 11, 13, 19. Lucky dip's** go to Ciara Dardis, Michelle Armstrong, Joe Rooney, Louise Reid, Emma Flannery, Donal Flannery. This week's Lotto on Thursday 22nd October will be for a jackpot of €20,000 This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services and will be led by Edel Mooney.

Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.



Hurling Championship

It's a massive weekend for the club as our Intermediate hurlers take on Fingallians in the Having already secured promotion to Senior B for 2027, the lads now have their sights set on back-to-back championship titles. We're calling on all Lucan supporters to get out to Parnell Park and give the team a huge backing. Best of luck to the players and management —



hopefully we'll be welcoming more silverware back to the 12th Lock on Sunday evening

Minor Camogie

It's a fantastic achievement to reach another final, and the players and management will be determined to finish the campaign with silverware. This group has given the club plenty to celebrate, and we hope to see a huge Lucan support there to cheer them on. Best of luck to all the players and management as they bid to make it three in a row!



Intermediate Football

Our Intermediate footballers booked their place in the PTSB Junior 1 All County Championship Final with a three-point victory over St Sylvester's on Sunday morning. Lucan led by 0-07 to 0-04 at half-time, but there was still plenty to play for after the break. St Sylvester's added eight points in the second half, with Lucan's 1-05 proving enough to maintain their advantage and secure a 1-12 to 0-12

win. Congratulations to the players and management on a great result. Attention now turns to the county final, with the lads one win away from championship silverware!

Keep an eye on our socials next week for more details!!!

Minor Ladies Football

It was a fantastic weekend for our Minor Ladies Footballers, with all three teams securing places in their respective finals. Our Minor A team defeated Templeogue Synge Street by 4-13 to 3-08 on Saturday afternoon to book their place in the Division 1 County Final. Our Minor B team also recorded a great win to reach their county final, while our Minor C team completed a clean sweep by securing their place in the Shield Final. Congratulations to all three panels and their management teams. A brilliant achievement for minor ladies' football in the club, with plenty to look forward to on finals day! Keep an eye on our socials for further details.



AGM – Save the Date



Senior Hurling

On behalf of the executive, the playing panel and everyone at Lucan Sarsfields, we would like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to Charlie Carter, Dermot English, Kieran Murphy and the entire backroom team for their dedication, commitment and contribution to our Senior Hurling team.

To Charlie, Dermot, Kieran and the entire backroom team, thank you for everything you have given to Lucan Sarsfields. Your hard work and dedication have been greatly appreciated by everyone associated with the club.

We wish you all every success in the future.

Political Notes

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St Ed's Saved, but Everything Else Gone:

A hugely disappointing few months ended with Finnstown falling at the last hurdle thanks to certain votes (and non-votes), adding to other areas already rezoned west of Adamstown. I don't get the logic of adding to Newcastle Road congestion just like I didn't get other decisions adding to packed trains, missing buses, insufficient parking, inadequate playing pitches with nothing new ring-fenced. At least St Edmundsbury was saved for now. Thanks to the campaign organisers, the residents who let their voices be heard and my colleague, Cllr Helen Farrell, who did huge work, along with Cllrs Liona O'Toole and Vicki Casserly. Following this vote, I've again raised the need to protect St Ed's with the Government in the Dáil (see my website).

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Development Plan Special Meeting:

The decision to rezone Finnstown Castle is a significant disappointment for Lucan and represents a missed opportunity to protect an important part of our natural and built heritage for future generations.

I voted against the proposed rezoning in June and again at the Special Council Meeting, firmly believing that housing delivery must be balanced with the protection of our environment, green spaces and the infrastructure needed to support sustainable communities.

While disappointed with the outcome for Finnstown, I welcome the successful retention of the existing High Amenity zoning at St Edmundsbury, an important achievement in protecting the wider Liffey Valley landscape. Lucan has accommodated significant development over the past two decades, and the cumulative pressures on infrastructure, services and community amenities cannot be overlooked. The Mount Salus judgment reinforces the responsibility of elected members to exercise their own planning judgement.

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The Final Decision on Rezoning Finnstown & Edmundsbury, at Council Level:

Thanks to everyone who supported *Save St. Edmundsbury* protest marches and/or sent submissions in, over the last year. On Monday 19th October, 40 SDCC Councillors voted to retain Edmundsbury lands as “High Amenity” and not rezone for residential, at present. We need to keep the Government aware of the need to CPO these lands and add them to the Special Amenity Area of the Liffey Valley, to create a linear Liffey Valley Park - as was planned in 2006. The lands around Finnstown Castle were lost to residential rezoning by only one vote. There will be an additional 1,000 housing units built in Finnstown, as well as 1,000 immediately West of Adamstown. Our transport infrastructure is at crisis point already.

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St. Edmundsbury:

The High Amenity and Liffey Valley zoning of the lands at St. Edmundsbury was upheld, no vote, a unanimous decision of the council. My amendment pointed out that the variation adopted, plus City Edge provides sufficient residential development capacity and flexibility to support homes. I am confident this should contribute directly to protecting St. Eds until the next County Development Plan review in 2029.

This week's decision is an important victory, however, the fact that these lands repeatedly come under review despite their recognised high amenity value alongside the Liffey Valley Special Amenity area, demonstrates the need to secure their long-term future.

As climate pressures continue to intensify, St. Edmundsbury represents invaluable green space, biodiversity habitat, and climate infrastructure. I will continue working with colleagues and stakeholders to secure lasting protection for St. Eds.

Lucan Planning Council

The Annual General Meeting of Lucan Planning Council will take place in the SPA Hotel Lucan on Tuesday next the 27th of October 2026 at 7.45 PM.

Traffic and congestion in Lucan and on the M50 will not be addressed by spending billions on a MetroLink for North Dublin.



The NTA have had a poor record in relation to Lucan: Refusal to allow the L52 go one extra stop into Blanchardstown Hospital. NTA backing the (failed for now) rezoning of St Edmundsbury. Persistent refusal to engage meaningfully on the former 25 bus route. The constant message from the NTA might be right and our way or nothing!

We will outline for you our solution for the Greater Dublin Area and the shameful history of the NTA while promoting the MetroLink and turning their backs on not just Lucan but all trying to access Dublin airport from outside the city centre.

Public Transport is vital for all the new housing that are to be built in Dublin over the next few decades, it's essential that it is done right as it will difficult or impossible to put it right later. We need your support, all welcome including the media. We welcome your feedback on our plan which has already been piloted on the doors in Lucan with resounding support.

Caitríona McClean / Tom Newton

Political Notes *Continued...*

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This week at a Special Meeting of the Council it was agreed to vary the County Development Plan to rezone more land for housing. Of 16 sites proposed by the Chief Executive, 15 were rezoned. A decision by councillors not to rezone St. Edmundsbury was unanimous and was the outcome of hard work behind the scenes by Lucan councillors to persuade councillors from outside of Lucan to vote against rezoning St.

Edmundsbury. 4 sites in Lucan were rezoned: Adamstown West, Tubber Lane, Stonewall and Finnstown. The total additional capacity of these sites was estimated to be about 2400 homes - this does not include Stonewall which already has modular houses. I voted for the 4 sites. There was also an additional site in Newcastle rezoned - this was proposed by a councillor for that area. In South Dublin County as a whole land with estimated capacity for approximately 7000 homes was rezoned.

Pattern For Living

1. *Make up your mind to be happy. Learn to find pleasure in simple things.*
2. *Make the best of your circumstances. No one has everything and everyone has something of sorrow intermingled with the gladness of life. The trick is to make the laughter outweigh the tears.*
3. *Don't take yourself too seriously. Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others.*
4. *You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism hurt you.*
5. *Don't let your neighbours set your standards. Be yourself.*
6. *Do the things you enjoy doing but stay out of debt.*
7. *Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary things are harder to bear than the actual ones.*
8. *Since hate poisons the soul, do not cherish enmities, grudges. Avoid people who make you unhappy.*
9. *Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.*
10. *Don't hold post-mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows or mistakes. Don't be the one who never gets over things.*
11. *Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.*
12. *Keep busy at something. A busy person never has time to be unhappy.*

Robert Louis Stephenson.

*My face in the mirror
Isn't wrinkled or drawn.
My house isn't dirty
The cobwebs are gone.
My garden looks lovely
And so does my lawn.
I think I might never
Put my glasses back on.*



Meet our new Artist in Residence: Christine Mackey

Christine Mackey is an independent, research-based visual artist working across site-specific and socially engaged contexts to address complex environmental issues, through a blend of material, social and digital processes. She holds a PhD from the University of Ulster and a Fulbright Research Award at the University of New Mexico's Art & Ecology Land Arts programme. She is currently enrolled on a Special certificate in Nature Conservation at MTU Kerry, NPWS and Leave no Trace.



Recent solo exhibitions include Seeking to walk beautifully on the earth (The Model, Sligo, 2025) and The Long Field (Leitrim Sculpture Centre, 2021). Her residencies span Waterlands UCD, EcoShowBoat, Utopiana Geneva, Delfina Foundation London, DRAW International France, and Centre Culturel Irlandais Paris, among others. Her work is supported by the Arts Council of Ireland, Culture Moves Europe, and Leitrim Arts Office. During the residency, Christine will develop a workshop series with local individuals and communities, tied to seasonal growing cycles and building toward a lasting community resource.

On commencing her residency, Christine Mackey said: "ACRE offers exactly the kind of sustained, community-embedded time that research-based environmental work needs. I'm thrilled to be taking up the residency and excited to see what emerges from ten months in Celbridge".

The Acre Artist in Residence programme is proudly supported by Kildare County Council Arts office.



The Moon on Wednesday last, 21st October.

The Moon

The moon has a face like a clock in the hall;
She shines on thieves on the garden wall,
On streets and fields and harbour quays,
And birdies asleep on the forks of trees.

The squalling cat and the squeaking mouse,
The howling dog by the door of the house,
The bat that lies in the bed at noon,
But all the things that belong to the day,
Cuddle to sleep to be out of the way;
And flowers and children close their eyes
Till up in the morning the sun will rise.

Robert Louis Stevenson

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.

St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The highlight this week has to Michael G's photograph of the magnificent harvest floral display on the altar of St. Mary's. The team, Hanna, Geraldine and Noreen, who prepared the harvest display for the altar do incredible work throughout the year and their efforts are very much appreciated by the parishioners.

Last week I mentioned that some members of the Soiree have been abroad and I included Nuala's photo of the mosque in what is now the catholic cathedral of Cordoba. As I mentioned the mosque, constructed in 785AD, was converted to a cathedral in 1236 and that a new Renaissance nave and transept was inserted into the centre of the building during a major building project in the 16th century. Nuala provided a photo of the high altar that was inserted.



Josie sent in a picturesque photo of the landscape when she was in Menorca recently.

Irene has been in Cadiz, Andalucía and sent in a photo of sunset in Sancti Petri. The original Sancti Petri was a small tuna-fishing village. After the old town was abandoned in the 1970s, the land was looked after by the military. Today it is slowly being redeveloped as a leisure and water sports area.



Finally closer to home Joe sent us a lovely autumnal scene that he captured in St. Edmundsbury recently.



Work proceeds on the preparation of the Soiree's 14th photography exhibition that will comprise 50 photographs and will take place in the Parish Centre on Saturday and Sunday, 21st and 22nd November.

Stay safe till next week!