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Stand Up for What is Right!

The last few days have been busy with situations, where standing up for what was right was called for.

Our Taoiseach, Mícheál Martin, made a very strong representation against the horrific actions of Mr Nethanyahu in Israel while speaking at a gathering of the United Nations. As An Taoiseach stated, we can see what is happening with our own eyes, unlike times in the past when such knowledge was not fed by the media. The needless death, or destruction of homes and homeland of anyone or any people, cannot be justified or leave us standing comfortably without taking some stand. This time will be a marker in history when so much of the world is in needless conflict with hundreds of thousands suffering and dying before our eyes.

In Sunday's Gospel, in an account about care of the vineyard, we are charged, as Christians, to care for what has been given to us. We are charged with upholding a just attitude in all aspects of life where not even the most seemingly insignificant person may be dismissed. Apart from any religious belonging, in fundamental existentialism we support the very safe existence of every person and life form on earth!

It's interesting that we are willing to speak up for justice and right, but if a monetary cost steps in the way, as was the case with the recent football match in Hungary, reasons can be found and justified! It is all too easy to slip into grey territory and do the unspeakable and to pretend that sport or music has nothing to do with politics. Every action and decision has something to do with politics which has to do with making decisions that affect any community!

Right and wrong exists in every basic moral understanding. However, this is very much eroded in current society. It is vital that our young be engaged in conversations and debates which bring them to consider what is right and wrong and on how we are each responsible for forming a society and world that stands for what is right!

Justice must be at the core of every community if our world is to be a resilient and fruitful place where we will have what we need to sustain a full life for every world inhabitant. Are we merely to be grateful that we don't live in the Gaza strip now, or Kyiv or Iran and to simply watch the atrocities continue to unfold! We are most fortunate not to be living in a war-torn region – however, our brothers and sisters in our human family live there!

*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

Litter and Dog Fouling

Fines for littering and dog fouling have increased. From, 1 September 2026, on-the-spot fines for dog fouling and littering have increased from €150 to €250.

If your dog poos in a public place, you or whoever is looking after the dog must pick it up and dispose of it properly.

These higher fines are to encourage people to dispose of their litter properly and to clean up after their dogs.

Read about owning a dog and littering and dumping.

New consumer rights to get goods repaired

Since 31 July 2026, you may have the right to get some goods repaired by the manufacturer after your rights against the seller have ended.

The manufacturer is responsible for the repair and must do so free of charge, or for a reasonable price. You can also choose who repairs your goods.

The rules apply to certain goods covered by EU repair rules, including:

Washing machines and washer-dryers

Tumble dryers

Fridges and freezers

Dishwashers

TVs and other electronic displays

Vacuum cleaners

Mobile phones, cordless phones and tablets

Welding equipment

Servers and data-storage products

Goods with batteries used for light means of transport

Domestic local space heaters

Not every product in these categories is covered, and the list may change as new EU rules about repairs are introduced.

Find out more about getting goods repaired after the seller's obligations have ended, on our website.

SOL Fest 2026

The Society for Old Lucan presents a one day festival of talks on Local History, Refreshments and a tour of BVM graveyard. A two course lunch is included.

Please email OldLucan@gmail.com for further information or to pre register your name for when booking becomes available.

09:30 - 16:30, Saturday, 7th Nov.

Talks by John O'Brien, Aoife Tierney, Audi Murray O'Donoghue, Ray Stallings, and Helen Farrell. Special guest speakers Christine Moore and Donal Fallon.

Tickets €35

Saturday, November 7th
St. Andrew's Church, Lucan.

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great Summer.

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 Lions Club and Special Olympics Continue Longstanding Partnership

Lucan Lions Club would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported the annual Spinathon at SuperValu Lucan, held in conjunction with Lucan Special Olympics Club. The event has become a valued fixture in the local community, with funds raised going directly towards supporting the work and activities of the local Special Olympics club. The partnership between Lucan Lions and Lucan Special Olympics has a long and proud history, dating back to the 2003 Special Olympics Host Town programme, when many volunteers came together to welcome and support athletes and their families in Lucan. Many of those volunteers subsequently became members of Lucan Lions Club, helping to build a lasting connection between the two organisations. The continued success of the Spinathon is a wonderful reflection of that enduring community spirit, and Lucan Lions extends its thanks to SuperValu Lucan, all the volunteers, participants and members of the public who generously supported this year's event.

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 I.C.A.

Monday 5th October: Members continue working on their crochet and knitting projects.

We will have a Business Meeting also.

Tea Hostesses: Miriam and Marie.



ANNUAL SEMINAR AND AFTERNOON TEA
ADVANCED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS DAY

"Psychosocial and Emotional Impact of Living with Cancer"

October 13th 2026
 The Richmond Educare and Eyemot Centre, No.1 North Brunswick Street,
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Saturday

October 10th 2026

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St. Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



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

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Griffeen Art Group

The group meets on a Tuesday night 7.30 -9.30 in the Muintir Na Tire Hall, beside Methodist Church.

New Members always welcome; why not come and join us. We would love to see you there. We don't have a teacher, but help one another with different styles of painting.



We don't take ourselves too seriously. Most importantly we have Tea, Cake and the Chat at 9 pm.

LUCAN SENIOR CITIZENS

Wednesday 7th October: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30 to 12.30.

New members always welcome!



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

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

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

St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2026:

The roster for readers at the Saturday vigil, 12 noon and 7pm Masses on Sundays in St. Mary's for the month of October 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

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.

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

Members of the Bethany Group are available to meet by appointment on the 2nd Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4th Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one, or a bereavement of any kind.

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email secretary@lucanparish.com

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

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm in the Parish Bungalow for Rosary and Prayers.

All Welcome.

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 **Noel Noonan**, Beech Park and to the family and friends of **June Murray**, Woodview Heights.
May they rest in peace.



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 12th October

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome



Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening

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

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

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

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.

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

NAGARHOPE CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

THIS weekend, October 3rd / 4th we will hold our Annual Church Gate Collection at both

St. Mary's, Lucan
and **St. Patrick's, Esker**

This is a vital fundraiser for Nagarhope.

We thank you in advance 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. Morning Mass will be at 11am until further notice.

Mases livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

Prayers of the Church:

Mon. to Fri.: 8.40am.

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm for private prayers.

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.*



Appreciation

Mr. Noel Noonan R.I.P.

It is with great sadness that we acknowledge the death of Mr. Noel Noonan, a former Principal of St. Mary's BNS.

Mr. Noonan worked in our school for over 40 years and served as Principal of for an exceptional 32 years, dedicating much of his life to the children, families and staff of our school and to the wider school community. His contribution to the life and development of St. Mary's Parish was immense, and his commitment to the children in his care will be remembered with great respect and affection.

We are very conscious of the important legacy he leaves behind and of the many families in our school community who knew Mr. Noonan, including many of the current parents who are past pupils of the school.

Mr. Noonan's daughter, Ms. Sheena Noonan, works as a teacher in our school and his son, Paul, is a past pupil.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Ms. Noonan and her family at this very sad time.

May Noel rest in peace.



Anniversaries

Gus Keogh

2nd Anniversary, 2nd October

Silent memories keep us near,
As time unfolds another year,
Silent thoughts of time together,
Hold memories that will last forever.

In loving memory of our Dad

Peter, Raymond, Trudy and all the family.

Rose (Rosie) Nolan

20th Anniversary, 7th October

Late of Sarsfield Park

Today is full of memories
Of a mother laid to rest
And every single one of them
Is filled with happiness

For you were someone special
Always such a joy to know
And there was so much pain
When it was time to let you go

That's why this special message
Is sent to Heaven above,
For the angels to take care of you
And give you all our love.
Loved always Mary, Martin, Anna and family.

Birthday Remembrance

Madge Farmer

4th October

Mam, on this your birthday weekend
It is hoped that you are surrounded
By all your favourite flowers.

The warm hugs and your beautiful smile
Are never forgotten
They live in us all
Love from Helen, Linda, Diane, Mick and David



Madge Farmer

4th October

To our Nana Madge,

We miss the chats and laughs
And hope you are surrounded
By friends and family up
above on your birthday

*Loved and missed by all your
grandchildren and great grandchildren*



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Esker Active Retirement Association

Esker Active Retired meet every Wednesday at 1.30 in St Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. We play indoor bowls, card games and scrabble every week.

We organise other activities from time to time, and invite speakers on topics of interest. For instance, in the coming weeks, we have a doctor coming to talk about avoiding falls, which is such an important factor in our lives. We also organise holiday trips away both in Ireland and abroad.

So if you're interested in participating and making new friends, do come along any Wednesday. First meeting is free.

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

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.



Autumn is on us! The past week has been very blustery, with both showers and sunshine, and the leaves and chestnuts are pelting down on us. While many of us love this type of weather, the dark mornings are a killer!

Be Emergency Ready! Did you get your booklet yet? It strikes Birdie that much of what is in it, is the way families lived years back – few tins of food, candles, torches, matches etc. It must have cost a packet to produce this tract.

Best Wishes to all the Junior Cert people who will be receiving their results this coming week. It's late enough, with a month of school gone already, and mid-term just around the corner.

Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin

Traditional Irish Music

The Branch would like to thank all members and non-members who performed in the Lucan Festival and more recently Culture Night with the Lucan Arts Collective and/or with Artscope in and around Lucan.



If anyone would like to become a member and be involved in these and future events, please contact the branch at lucan@comhaltas.net

We still have some places left in our classes for adults and children in a variety of instruments and abilities. Some instruments are available to rent too.

Classes, including in house sessions, are held on Tuesday evenings between 6pm and 8.30pm. Check website for more details www.lucancomhaltas.net

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays

in

St. Mary's Parish Centre
from **9.30 to 11.30am.**



All Welcome!

Parish Stewardship Survey Results

Thank You for Your Participation

We are grateful to everyone who took part in the recent Parish Stewardship Survey across the partnership of Lucan, Lucan South and Esker. The survey received **433 local responses** and forms part of a wider response from **914 voices** across **11 participating parish communities**.

The findings show a committed community that is ready for simpler ways to participate, volunteer and give to parish life. Key findings included:

- **87% of respondents said they give more or would be willing to give more to support parish life and mission.**
- **77% said they would be willing to volunteer.**
- **44% said they would be willing to give using non-cash methods**, while the wider findings show that **73%** already give or are open to non-cash giving.

Cash remains the most common preferred giving method locally, while standing order, tap-and-go and online giving together account for a significant and growing share of parishioner preferences. The survey also shows a broad age profile, with 40.9% of respondents aged 65 or over.

The results demonstrate that our parish community remains deeply committed to supporting the Church and is ready for simpler ways to participate, volunteer and give to parish life.

As part of this pilot initiative, clergy and parish leaders from across the Parish Partnership will now work with the Diocesan Core Working Group to move from findings to practical next steps. The priorities are to follow up personally with those open to volunteering, explore how more weekly giving can be retained locally and linked visibly to parish needs, make standing orders, tap-to-donate and online Parish Family Offering easier to access, improve recording and transparency, and explain more clearly what collections fund locally and across the wider diocesan mission.

Thank you once again for your support, generosity and commitment to our parish community.

Speaking Points for Father Aidan and Father Bill Opening

I want to thank everyone who took the time to complete the Parish Stewardship Survey. Your feedback is invaluable and provides an important insight into the hopes, priorities and commitment of the Lucan, Lucan South and Esker parish communities.

Key Findings

The results are very encouraging.

We saw strong participation, with 433 local responses from Lucan, Lucan South and Esker.

Across the wider pilot, 914 voices from 11 participating parish communities show three clear themes: a committed community, a readiness to help, and changing giving habits.

People care deeply about their parish.

People want to support the Church into the future, and many are open to simpler and more flexible ways of giving.

People are willing to become more involved through volunteering and financial support

In particular, for our Partnership:

77% said they would be willing to volunteer.

87% said they give more or would be willing to give more.

44% are willing to give through non-cash methods locally, and across the wider findings 73% give or are open to non-cash giving, while many parishioners still value cash giving.

The preferred giving responses show cash remains important, but standing order, tap-and-go and online giving are now significant options for many parishioners.

What Happens Next

This survey is not simply an information-gathering exercise.

As part of the pilot programme, I and the other clergy across our Parish Partnership will now engage with the Diocesan Core Working Group to review the findings in detail and focus on five clear priorities: volunteer recruitment, retaining income locally, easier ways to give, better recording and transparency, and clearer communication on where donors' money goes.

We will reflect carefully on what parishioners have told us and consider how these insights can be translated into practical action.

Areas for Future Development

How can we make volunteering easier and more accessible?

How can we make standing orders, tap-to-donate and online giving simpler while continuing to support those who prefer cash?

How can we explore a model that retains part of weekly giving locally, while also meeting wider diocesan responsibilities?

How can we improve recording, reconciliation and regular plain-language updates on parish income, needs and impact?

How can we communicate more clearly about how donations support both local parish needs and the wider mission of the Archdiocese?

Closing

The survey confirms that there is great goodwill within our parish communities.

Together, we have an opportunity to build on that goodwill, strengthen parish life and ensure that our parish remains vibrant, welcoming and sustainable into the future.



SCHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

Under 16 football: Well done to our under 16 Gaelic football team who had a good win against Lucan Community College last week in their first game of the year.

Romanian Ambassador visit: Last week in the school we were honoured to have a visit from Laurentiu-Mihai Stefan, the Romanian Ambassador to Ireland. He spoke to our TY students about Romanian culture and the links between the two countries, before enjoying some traditional Romanian dishes with students.

Junior Camogie: Well done to our junior camogie team who had a brilliant win in their first championship game against Loreto, Swords.

Religion retreat: Our 2nd year students Religion teachers and SNAs undertook a pilgrimage Glendalough last week. 174 students and teachers retraced the steps of St. Kevin around the lakes, Round Tower and the Cairns on our Retreat. There was fun, laughter and a lot of steps. Thank you to our Religion Department for leading the retreat Ms Whelan, Ms McMahon Ms Carey and for all staff who made it a special day for all.

Uniform collection: The Parents' Association is organising a school uniform collection to help families pass on good-quality, outgrown uniforms. They are collecting school jumpers, kilts, coats and PE tops, provided they are clean and in good condition. Donations can be dropped to the school on Friday 2nd October and Friday 9th October before 12pm. Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping uniforms find a new home.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE In association with the Parents' Association

Uniform Collection

We are collecting the following used St Joseph's College uniform items:

- St Joseph's College kilt
- St Joseph's College jacket
- St Joseph's College grey PE jumper
- St Joseph's College navy and green jumpers

If you have these items in your home that you no longer use and would like to donate and be sustainable, please send them in to school!

DROP-OFF DATES
Friday 25th September and Friday 2nd October

DROP-OFF TO SCHOOL
By your daughter or yourself to the school before 10 midday at the latest on each date.

Supporting our school and our students

Please ensure all items are in reasonable condition and have been washed.

Senior Soccer: Well done to the senior soccer team who had a great win in their first league game on Wednesday. They beat St. Marys, Killester 6-0. The player of the match was Annalise Lovett. Goal of the match was scored by Aoife Doherty.



St. Joseph's College present MATILDA The Musical! 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. It is sure to be a hit with musical audiences of all ages! As our TY students begin their auditions, dance & singing rehearsals, we will soon have ticket details available! Keep an eye on our school website www.stjosephslucan.com, as it is sure to be a sell out!



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Find us on our

Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

St. Joseph's College Parents' Association

We are having our next meeting on **Tuesday, the 13th of October at 8 pm** in the **Parish Centre**. New members are always welcome. Please come and join us.

Coláiste Phádraigh

Lotto: We are delighted to announce the launch of a new **School Lotto Fundraiser** at Coláiste Phádraig CBS Lucan, providing an exciting opportunity for our school community to support the continued development of student experiences and opportunities.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will go directly towards supporting initiatives that benefit our students. Funds raised will help enhance the facilities, activities, resources and experiences available to students throughout their time in the school.

The success of any school fundraising initiative depends on the support and involvement of our wider school community. We hope that parents, guardians, staff, past pupils, friends and supporters of Coláiste Phádraig will get behind the initiative and help us make it a success.

Taking part is a simple way to support the school while contributing to projects that can have a meaningful and lasting impact on our students. Every contribution, no matter how large or small, can help us provide additional opportunities and enhance school life for our students.

Further information about the School Lotto Fundraiser, including details on how to get involved, is available through the school website

<https://www.colaistephadraiglucan.ie> and our dedicated fundraiser page

<https://www.ourfundraiser.ie/org/colaistephadraig>

1st yr news: As part of our Subject Taster Module, 1st yr students are getting a hands-on introduction to the practical side of Junior Cycle Wood Technology with Mr. Flynn. Students are currently creating their own personalised wooden door signs, developing practical skills while discovering the beauty and versatility of wood.

The project begins with students learning basic marking-out skills before using a hand plane to shape and smooth the wood. Students are developing confidence, precision and control while learning to use hand tools safely and responsibly.

Each student can add their own personal touch. Their name is laser-cut into the wood, and they can choose how to colour and finish their sign. To complete the project, students use a pyrography pen to burn their name onto the back, creating a unique finish. The Subject Taster Module allows students to experience seven optional subjects over four weeks: Visual Art, German, French, Wood Technology, Home Economics, Engineering and Technical Graphics. By experiencing each subject and meeting the teachers, students can discover new interests and strengths before making their final choice of two subjects to study for Junior Cycle.

Music: The Music Club, under the guidance of Ms. Cooney, made a lively return this week, welcoming both new and familiar faces to Room 10 at

lunchtime. Students from 1st to 6th yr joined the first meeting, bringing a wide range of musical interests and experiences. The club aims to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for everyone who enjoys music, whether they play an instrument, sing, or simply love listening to music. A short questionnaire revealed a wonderfully diverse range of tastes, from folk, acoustic and pop to rock, hip hop and heavy metal. Students also took part in a fun “Walking Debate”, sharing their musical experiences and discovering common interests with their classmates. Looking ahead, the club plans to create a shared playlist featuring members’ favourite artists and genres. There is also strong interest in developing guitar skills, singing and performing, with opportunities to showcase students’ talents throughout the year. The Music Club promises to be a fantastic space to listen, learn, create and connect through music.

Junior Cycle Results: We would like to wish all our students the very best of luck as they receive their Junior Cycle results on Wednesday 7th October.

Gaeilge: Congratulations to four of our Transition Year students, Ollie McCormack, Caoilin Reilly, Belal Abdelaal and Kyle McCormack, who have been selected to participate in Slé Anois go Cúramach, an Irish-language quiz show on TG4. Following a video submission and an online screen test, the students were delighted to learn that they had been selected to take part. They will travel to the Phoenix Park next Wednesday to record the programme, with three students forming the team and Kyle taking on the role of reserve. Well done to all four students, and a special thanks to Mr Moran for his encouragement and support.



Football: Our 2nd yr football team enjoyed a comprehensive 11-21 to 0-4 win against St. Michael’s College, Ailesbury Road on Tuesday in their opening group stage game of their Dublin League campaign. Eoghan Ware impressed in the full forward line with a remarkable 5-5, while Luke Whelan added another 4 goals. The team next face Coláiste Chiaráin, Leixlip, where a win will secure top spot in the 3-team group. There are 6 groups in total and only the group winners will advance to the knockout phase of the competition.



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Let's Fight Back

“The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that Yahweh God had made.”

Genesis 3:1

The word “subtle” as used in the above verse tells us all we need to know about the nature of Satan. He is cunning, devious, crafty, deceptive, clever, wily, artful, and ingenious. Perhaps his most ingenious trick of all is to have convinced people that he does not exist – that there is no such thing as evil, and no bad end awaits those who follow his “subtle” leads.

Let us never forget that we have a Spiritual side. When we turn our back on God (who made us and gave us free will), a void is created. A void is not comfortable being a void! It wants to be filled with something. From the beginning of time a great spiritual battle has been going on between good and evil spirits. If we reject one, the other is only too glad to take up the space. Remember, the devil is indeed “the most subtle”. He truly is like a snake in the grass. We won’t see him or hear him until we are in his grip. He likes to keep us from knowing the truth. He whispers all sorts of suggestions – making them sound harmless. He stokes up pride and tells us we don’t need God. At a push, he will settle for us believing something that is even slightly off the truth. Anything but the truth, will help his effort.

We have a choice: We can do nothing. Or we can fight back. Have we forgotten that we have the means to fight back? How? With prayer. It is a spiritual battle. We have the Heavenly Host of St. Michael the Archangel and all our Guardian Angels waiting to be called into action. We have free will. We choose the side we prefer.

It is most unfortunate that the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is no longer said at the end of Mass as it used to be. But we can all say it daily ourselves. It’s short and powerful. We can say it for ourselves and for our loved ones. We can say it for our young people as they head out at the weekends. Better still, we can encourage them to say it for themselves. We can get a Holy Water font so we can bless ourselves as we leave the house. Never underestimate the power of these simple measures. It’s like putting on armour. Perhaps YOU were meant to be an easy target today - in the crosshairs of his scope? But prayers blurred his vision - prayers you said yourself or prayers someone said for you. We can protect ourselves from “the most subtle of all the wild beasts” or we can choose to do nothing and allow him to continue destroying what is good. Saying this prayer gives us a fighting chance in the spiritual battle that surrounds us.

“Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.”

Parishioner St. Mary's Parish Lucan



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Women's Collective Ireland Lucan

A Cup of Care

A MORNING OF AWARENESS & SUPPORT

Together, We Are Stronger

Join us:

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and we are hosting a fundraiser in Aid of the Marie Keating Foundation

On the day we will have a nurse and a breast cancer survivor for a talk followed by Refreshments. We will also have a Raffle on the day

THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 11AM-1PM

BALLYOWEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Tickets are limited and €10. AVAILABLE NOW

More Information contact: Jackie or Mel 0896112018 | Lucan@womenscollective.ie

Lucan Library – October Events

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

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](#)

Brontannas Festival Cluichí Cláir:

Saturday 3rd October. All day, all welcome.

Brontannas Festival: Ceardlann céardaíocht dírithe ar pháistí néara-éagsúla, ag fiosrú na dathanna atá sa dúlra mórtimpeall orainn agus ag cruthú ealaín agus pictiúr bunaithe ar an nádúr ag baint úsáide as ábhar athchúrsáilte. An art workshop for neurodivergent children. Saturday 3rd October, 3.00-4.00pm. Booking on Eventbrite.

Space Week - Astronauts Dinner: Monday 5th October at 5.00pm – 6.00pm. Learn about life on the International Space Station, the very different food they eat and make some for yourself. For 5-12 year olds. Booking on Eventbrite.

Musical Tots: Saturday 10th October at 10.30am. Booking on Eventbrite.

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

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



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

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.

Ciorcal comhrá: 1st October 5:30pm. Our new casual Irish language conversation circle meet monthly and is suitable for everyone. All welcome!

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group: Friday 2nd and 16th October at 10.00am. Meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Poet's Perch: Tuesday 6th October at 6pm.

Adult Chess: Monday 5th October 6:30pm.

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle:

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

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

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group: Thursday 8th and 29th October at 10am. Whether writing a short piece or a whole book, bring along your work to discuss.

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

Additional Adult Events:

Law and Life: Everyday rights that people get wrong: Wednesday 7th October 10:30am. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

South Dublin Volunteer Centre: Volunteering information stand, Wednesday 7th October, 2.00pm-4.00pm. All welcome.

Future Planning: Wills/Probate/Enduring Power of Attorney & More: Wednesday 7th October 6:30pm. Book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

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

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

Regular savings and lump sum investments:

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

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

Red Line Book Festival – Finding Calm in a Busy

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

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

October Exhibitions:

From Monday 5th October:

Airm o Shuaimhneas, meaning “chilled out / at my peace” in Irish. Created by Noeleen Grimes Maher, the exhibition is inspired by the things she enjoys 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’.



NAGARMAIL SEPTEMBER 2026

Greetings one and all. Just this morning at the UN General Assembly in New York, Nepal's 36 year old Prime Minister Balendra Shah addressed a hall full of world leaders.

His message was that after the devastating floods in Bhotekoshi / Trisuli rivers in Nepal on August 26th, that now more than ever, a cross country alliance including China and India focusing on the Himalayan – Kush mountainous area be formed – a body that will monitor the areas for danger and have a system in place where an early warning system is triggered that allows people to get out of harm's way, and to higher ground to prevent a repeat of this tragedy that has claimed 7000 lives (either accounted for or still missing).

His speech also included a section stating that to fight the wars of the world, weapons and ammo and guns frequently cross borders to fight wars without red tape, where as the Nepali farmers can't get fertiliser on time and the shortage of cooking gas in Nepal leaves families already on the brink pushed further into an abyss.

I arrived in Nepal on 9th September just gone, for an 8 day stay. I arrived at a guest house late that Wednesday evening and had a hot shower. I didn't have another hot shower until 9 days later back in Dublin. The reason – a shortage of gas used for cooking / hot water. I got by, after all I lived in Nepal for 18 years and went through my fair share of hardships.

This Nagarmail is not about the floods or the shortage of daily essentials. My mission in Nepal was to visit Nagarhope Basic School, which I did. I met with the teachers, the committee, some locals I hadn't seen in a year. I met new students in our school, which now has 122 children attending. I met ex-pupils of Nagarhope school, gone on to different lives or different schools. I spent my time sharing tea and meals with those that I had grown up with since we first built a small stone house in a village in Sathikurya all those years ago. I took classes and covered for teachers out sick or on holiday. I brought three classes to visit a local temple and fish farm.



From early 2026 until June this year, the school constructed another 5 classrooms, the 2nd floor of a building we had constructed back in 2023. There are a fair few photos attached to this mail highlighting the work. As part of the new government's push to improve the education sector, I learnt that we are receiving a grant of €8-9000 from the provincial government to finish off the works on both this building and the completion of a boundary wall. The classrooms will need to be painted fully, iron grills to go on the windows and electricity and lighting is to be completed. And up at the top an entrance gate is to be constructed leaving enough room for our school bus to park and turn.

Once the final works are completed, we will set about improving the kitchen and canteen facilities which were built as temporary classrooms after the 2015 earthquakes. Amazing the they have stood for 11 years. It is a structure of wood and corrugated tin. And with the influx of kids over the years, it is time that the dining area get a whole new look. Watch this space!



On my final day in Sathikurya, all the students and teachers were asked to send a message to the people of Ireland and beyond. To those who have helped us over the last 20 years or so. They dutifully made a giant love heart to show their appreciation.

The trip was short and sweet. But it was important to touch base. To see the people who are running the school now. We on the Irish side do the odd fundraiser and send money every few months. It is comforting to know that Nagarhope Basic School is as I left it three years ago. Thanks again to all sponsors and donors. The legacy lives on

*Mise le Meas
Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon*



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 24th September lotto jackpot of €19,400. The numbers drawn were 2, 10, 13, 16. Lucky dips go to Theresa Torsney, Viona Sheppard, Christina O'Grady, William O'Neill, Bill Ryan. This week's Lotto on Thursday 1st October will be for a jackpot of €19,800 This draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre and will be led by Cormac Gordon.

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. 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](tel:0868187070)
Maggie Mulqueen: [087 2866581](tel:0872866581)



Ladies Intermediate Football Final

The poster features the Lucan Sarsfields Ladies team in green jerseys standing on a field. Text on the poster includes: **ptsb LGFA DUBLIN INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL**, **LUCAN SARSFIELDS V BALLINLEER ST JOHN'S**, **SATURDAY 3RD OCTOBER**, **4:15PM**, **ST MARGARET'S GAA CLUB**, **€5.00** (General Admission), **UNDER 16'S FREE**, **TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW** with a QR code and URL <https://bit.ly/4AD6xX8>, and **edgeconnex** logo.

Best of luck to our Ladies Footballers and management in Saturday's Intermediate Championship Final. A huge occasion for the team and the club, and we know the work that has gone in to reach this point. The whole club is behind you —

go out, enjoy the occasion and give it everything. Let's get a big Lucan support out to St Margaret's on Saturday and get behind the girls! Lucan Sarsfields Ladies Football proudly supported by EdgeConnex.

Hurling Championship

Intermediate Hurlers Book Semi-Final Place

Lucan Sarsfields 2-21, St Olaf's 2-20

Lucan Sarsfields' Intermediate hurlers secured their place in the Championship semi-finals following a dramatic one-point victory over St Olaf's in their final group game. With qualification still to be decided, Lucan knew they needed a strong performance and, above all, a win to give themselves the best possible chance of progressing. What followed was a thrilling and closely fought championship encounter, with both sides playing at a high tempo and very little separating them throughout.

Lucan started brightly and showed plenty of attacking intent, but Olaf's were equally dangerous and ensured there was never any opportunity for Lucan to pull comfortably clear. Scores were traded throughout the contest as the game developed into a real battle, with every point becoming increasingly important as the final whistle approached. Evin Dowling led the way with a strong contribution to the Lucan tally, while Hugh Cuffe and Charlie Mulqueen also chipped in with important scores. Cathal Doody's penalty proved another crucial moment in a contest where ultimately every single score mattered.

Olaf's continued to respond and kept the pressure firmly on Lucan, ensuring the outcome remained in doubt right until the closing stages. With just a point separating the teams, Lucan had to show plenty of composure and determination to see the game out. The final whistle brought a 2-21 to 2-20 victory and completed Lucan's own part of the job. Their final qualification position still depended to some extent on results elsewhere in the group, but those results ultimately fell into place and confirmed Lucan's passage to the semi-finals.

It is a deserved reward for a campaign in which the team have continued to battle and improve, and attention now turns to a Championship semi-final against Setanta on Saturday week 10th October. The sides have already met during the group stages, when Setanta came away with an eight-point victory. That result will add an extra edge to the semi-final, with Lucan now getting an opportunity to turn the tables when it matters most.

Our Senior hurlers also came out on top against Erins Isle in comprehensive fashion on Sunday afternoon and now face Kilmacud Crokes in the Semi Final on Sunday 11th October in Parnell Park. Best of luck to both our Seniors and Intermediates.

Club 25 Card Drive resumes on Friday 9th October, 8pm.

POLITICAL NOTES

Politicians Please Note:

Due to pressure of space, each representative is limited to **150 words** in their report (*including name and contact details*).

Please keep reports relevant to Lucan

Please note: Wednesday 10pm is the weekly deadline.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Working with Cllr Tanya McDonald

Community Sports Facilities Fund: The SPRAOI Portal for the Community Sports Facilities Fund is now open, supporting sports clubs to purchase equipment and invest in facilities. I will be organising an information session for local clubs in the coming weeks, following the session with the Minister for Sport I hosted earlier this year. Please get in touch if you would like to learn more.

Additional reading classes: I have been campaigning for reform of how we support children with dyslexia, dyspraxia and apraxia of speech, particularly through expanded provision of reading classes and reading schools. I am pleased that the Minister of State for Special Education, Michael Moynihan, has committed to leading reform in this area. Thank you to all the parents and families who have contacted me about this important issue.

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Parent Peer Support Fund: Grants of up to €5,000 are available to organisations supporting parents, carers and families to establish or expand parent peer support projects. Parent peer support is about bringing together people with similar experiences to share advice, information and support.

Two funding levels are available: €2,500 for new or existing projects and €5,000 to grow an established project.

Applications must be submitted by Monday, 2 November 2026.

Arts Capital Investment Fund: Applications are now open for a NEW €6 million fund to help not-for-profit organisations improve their facilities and invest in equipment that supports organisations in arts and culture.

Three funding categories are available, ranging from €15,000–€200,000, supporting the places, spaces and community organisations that bring arts and culture to life locally.

For more information on either of these grants, please contact my office.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Peace Commissioner

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Final Rezoning Vote – 19 Oct: Final vote on St Edmundsbury and Finnstown Castle is approaching. Residents already made submissions and councillors voted against rezoning the High Amenity lands. Because this was classed as a “material alteration”, it went through further public consultation recently, and now returns to full Council on 19 October. No further public submissions can be made. I will again oppose the rezonings, plus any move to change the Adamstown West SLO from DART+SW being “completed” to merely “commenced”.

Save St. Edmundsbury Peaceful Protest Walk – Sat 17 Oct, 2pm: Meet at the Edmundsbury “eagle entrance”, opposite Esker Lane, for walk to Lucan Village Green.

Transport: I’m also continuing to collate experiences and pressing for greater Adamstown rail capacity, more carriages/frequency, better bus links for Adamstown / Hillcrest / Doddsborough.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

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Dáil Report: My Leader’s Questions slot with the Taoiseach again highlighted the need to reform the “in camera” rule in family law courts, regulate court-appointed experts and put more scrutiny on Tusla. I also emphasised the need to invest in education in the budget and contributed to other debates on energy costs and citizenship/immigration policy.

St Ed’s protest in advance of final Council Vote, 17th October, 2pm: Multiple Lucan sites have now been rezoned for housing with no tie-in of facilities or infrastructure (more anon). But Councillors can still reaffirm the earlier decision retain the St Edmundsbury and Finnstown sites zoned as amenity. To keep public pressure up, residents who are free Saturday 17th are asked to meet at the eagle gates near Woodies for a peaceful protest walk.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael

Peace Commissioner

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Dodsboro Spar Planting: I've been following up on this for some time and am pleased the Council has re-established planting in this area.

Flooding Updates: I continue to raise persistent flooding concerns with the Council. At **Esker Lane**, drainage lines were jetted, and no blockages found. The issue is the outfall into the adjoining stream. Delays in securing land access are resolved and a site meeting is scheduled to progress works. At **Crugh Cross, Finnstown**, some improvement works are complete, but further work is scheduled to reduce flooding during heavy rainfall.

WEEE Recycle Collection: Recycle electrical items at **Tesco, Hillcrest** on **Monday 12th October** 9.30am to 12pm. If you need help disposing of large items e.g. washing machines or dishwashers, email Emer.Higgins@oir.ie or phone **(01) 6183013** before 12th October to arrange local collection.

Metro Link Too Much

Now there will be too many transport facilities serving a very small area of Dublin southeast, if Metro Link goes ahead, while the rest of city and country is left waiting, while traffic congesting grows.

1. The Metro Link itself.
2. An extra Dart line proposed beside existing Malahide Dart.
3. Existing east coast Dart.
4. A new rail line from Clongriffin to Dublin Airport.
5. Port Tunnel that already provides a quick bus services to the Airport and Swords.
6. Finglas Luas line, when completed to Charlestown it will be just over two miles from Airport, easy to link up on open land.



All these lines will do little to ease traffic congestion as they are all in a very small area mainly duplicating each other, using up time and funds. All these routes are city centre only.

The one orbital rail loop alternative using standard rail gauge is the solution. It serves all areas of Dublin, country areas with rail, future rail lines into Dublin and all new housing developments in Dublin and surrounding counties at little or no costs. It provides direct access to all areas including the city centre, Dublin Airport and for work outside the centre that is essential.

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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 +

From the grotesque to the enchanting witches have been inspiring artists for centuries. Their folklore, magic and chilling trials. Join us for a spellbinding journey through art in this entertaining multimedia talk by Carol O'Neill. From Goya's dark and haunting witch masterpieces to the bold reimagining of the witch by the surrealist women artists, this talk celebrates a myriad of artists who dared to paint power, magic, and rebellion. There may even be chocolate. There will be magic.

Tickets on sale from Eventbrite:

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

The Life and Works of Batty Langley

Exploring the remarkable story of Batty Langley (1696-1751), author, garden designer, surveyor, architect, Freemason, teacher, businessman and inventor.

October 10 @ 3.30pm - 4.30pm. €5

In this talk, Christine and Tony McAleavy will tell the remarkable story of Batty Langley (1696-1751), whose innovative design for a garden building was used faithfully in the creation of the beautiful Gothic Lodge at Castletown.

Tickets on sale from Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/the-life-and-works-of-batty-langley-tickets-1998958099486?aff=oddtcreator>

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 selection of photographs for our 14th Exhibition has concluded and they have been sent off for printing, the first stage in the preparation of our exhibition.

This week we go back to the National Ploughing Championship in Screggan, Co. Offaly. Joe submitted a photo of a 1936 Massey Harris 4-wheel drive tractor which at the time would have cost in the region of \$700 – a far cry from the six-digit figures quoted for some of the machinery at this year's championship.

Josie sent in a lovely shot of the Mountains of Mourne looking across Carlingford Lough. The Mountains of Mourne are forever associated with the Percy French song of the same name. That song is a whimsical look at the styles, attitudes and fashions of late nineteenth-century London as seen from the point of view of an emigrant labourer from a village near the Mourne Mountains.



Josie also sent us a photograph of the façade of a dentist's surgery she spotted when she was in Seville recently. Personally, the mascaron on the front of the building would not encourage me to enter!



Also, this week we have a very ornate roof on a Chinese temple in Taiwan, sent in by Anna and Michael G. sent in a photo of a sculpture entitled "Wind and Water" located on the UCD Sculpture Trail. There are sculptures by 27 artists on this trail and "Wind and Water" is the work of the Irish sculptor Patrick Campbell, whose studio is in Florence, Italy.

Stay safe till next week!