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Meow!

Cats are interesting creatures! Physically, they have changed little over thousands of years. The physical structure of small house cats is simply the miniature of that of large wild cats. House cats have adapted over time to know how best to get what they want from us besotted humans who fall for a heart-warming purr, a friendly head bump against a human body part or a beguiling, cute meow!

Cats navigate the built environment doing as little harm to themselves as possible as they often seem to pour their bodies through the tiniest of crevices. We had a cat, Mouser (how original), who loved to go for a walk with my father early in the morning. This was not a good idea as Mouser's idea of a walk was to wind himself through my father's feet with each step! On one occasion I tossed him into a shed before my father and I set off for a walk, only to be greeted by Mouser sitting coolly upright on the pillar at the end of the short driveway. To this day, I don't know how he got out of the shed or how he got to the pillar unseen!



To adopt some of the coolness of a cat would not be a bad idea for us mere humans! How often do we look at the challenge of what seems like large obstructing doors blocking movement in relationship or other progressions. Pigeons batter themselves to death or into disabling injury on my conservatory roof on an ongoing basis, never learning! The perceived closed doors and conservatory glass are sometimes excuses for not bothering, for giving up and for blame!

Part of the gift of the day is that each day is part challenge and part bonus! The challenge of today, if embraced today, becomes tomorrow's bonus. The greatest bonus that unfolds from it, is in realising that we are able for more than we thought. There usually is a crack or a crevice that will grant us enough leverage or opportunity to get out of tight corners to a more open space or mind. Like the very cool cat on the pillar, it sometimes looks like everyone else has it sewn up! We're all on the tightrope of life just edging ourselves safely along and everyone falls sometime. Are you a cat or a pigeon?

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

Registering to Vote

The deadline to register to vote in the next presidential election is

Tuesday 7 October 2025.

You can use

www.checktheregister.ie to see if you are currently registered to vote.



Budget 2026 will be announced on Tuesday, 7 October 2025

More information on Budget 2026

You can access a range of information from

www.gov.ie before the Budget:

The Budget Cycle

Tax Strategy Group Papers (setting out options for tax policy changes)

Where your money goes website

Pre-Budget submissions for 2025

SCAMS

Competition and Consumer Protection

Commission – CCPC has information online about scams.

These include videos about Fake Online shops, Phishing, Rental Scams, Investment scams, Social Media scams and Romance scams.

Buying tickets to live events

I want to buy a resale concert ticket, but the price is above face value. Is this legal?

It's illegal to sell tickets for some live events, matches and concerts for more than face value.

The rules on ticket reselling and touting are set out in the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Act 2021.

Does this law apply to tickets to all kinds of events?

The law on ticket touting applies to tickets for designated events or events in designated venues.

A designated event is an event that causes significant demand, or where it is in the public interest to ban resale above the original value. A designated venue has a capacity of 1,000 people or more.

You can find a register of designated events and venues on the Department of Enterprise, Tourism and Employment website. The ticket and ads promoting the event should say if the tickets cannot be resold for more than face value.

What do I need to know about buying tickets from private sellers?

When buying tickets from unauthorised sources, like secondary ticket websites or private sellers, you need to remember that you may have fewer legal rights if things go wrong.

When buying tickets from an unauthorised source be aware that:

Irish and EU consumer law generally applies to contracts between a trader and consumer, and does not cover consumer-to-consumer deals. Some venues might only allow admission to the person whose name is on the ticket (the original buyer).

You might have problems getting a refund if the event is cancelled or postponed, as the money would go back to the original buyer's card.

If you get fake or duplicated tickets, it can be hard to trace the seller to get what you ordered.

There could be a delay in getting tickets, or you could be told they're no longer available.

When paying for tickets from unauthorised sources, pay securely to avoid being caught by a ticketing scam. Only use websites that allow secure payment facilities, like debit or credit card, or PayPal, and never pay through bank or wire transfer.

Read more about tickets and events on

<https://bit.ly/ResellingTickets>, or call us on 0818 07 4000 (Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) or your local CIC.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 8th October: **Pink Day Social Morning** in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in something pink. Craft items on sale.

All proceeds will go to Breast Cancer Charity.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 11th of October, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates:
November 8th and December 13th

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa

Thank You

Thanks to Ann and Fran who helped me after my accident in the village on the 23rd of September. It was very kind of you both.



Best regards
Angela Biewer

Is liom
Gaeilge
GAEILGE

Would you like to improve your conversation Irish?

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

Beidh Fáilte Romhat!

Lucan Active Retirement Association

New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there. Lots of activities to enjoy - Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, and the chat. Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.



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

Lucan Drama

Small Box Psychosis is a darkly comic psychological thriller where class tensions, hidden desires, and dangerous secrets surface between the walls of a high-rise apartment block. Written by Barry McKinley, and directed by Trevor Murtagh this play will have you on the edge of your seat. Tickets will be available soon.



Our upcoming evening of One Act plays will run from October 20th to the 23rd.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays

in

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



All Welcome!

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 6th October: Craft group meet as usual 10am till 12.30pm. Different crafts being worked on.

Tea Hostesses: Anne Beales and Noreen Doolan.

On Friday 10th October, some members will travel to An Gránán for the weekend. We are looking forward to a nice relaxing weekend, meeting members from other Dublin Guilds.

We send sincere sympathy to Josie Carey on the death of her brother in law, Denis Carey.
May he rest in peace.



Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

All are welcome.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2025:

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group: We meet 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. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

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

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 5.30pm in the **Parish Bungalow** for Rosary and Prayers. *All Welcome.*

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

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

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

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

Deepest Sympathy to the family and friends of **Mary Leahy**, Beech Park. *May she rest in peace.*



St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT

Saturday/ Sunday 11th / 12th October

Many thanks for your generosity.

NAGARHOPE

Nagarhope's recent Churchgate Collection at both St. Mary's and St. Patrick's churches, totalled €2555.

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.

Niamh Clandillon



Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

Monday 13th October

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)

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

Eucharistic Healing Service

Saturday 11th October 7.15pm

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

Saturday 11th October at 7.15pm.

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

Rosary

Saturday 11th October 5pm

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

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

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

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

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

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

7.00pm: Rosary and Confessions.

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

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

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

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.

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 Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

All are welcome.

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

Confessions: Confessions after Saturday 10am Mass and after Thursday 10am Mass.

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

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

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

Annual Church Gate Collections



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

Divine Mercy Church, Lucan on Saturday 4th October and Sunday 5th October.

Also at St. Patrick's Church Esker-Dodsboro-Adamstown on Sunday 12th October.

Anniversary

Gus Keogh

1st Anniversary, 2nd October

A dad's love is special
A gift beyond compare
We only knew the meaning
When you were no longer there
Sadly missed by Peter, Ray, Trudy and all the family.



Dave Murray

2nd Anniversary, 7th October

"As you were, you will always be,
Treasured forever in our memory"
*Missed by his sisters Marie, Nina,
Josephine and Kay, sister-in-law Lily,
brother-in-law Joe, nieces and nephews.*
Also special thoughts for **Sean**.



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

Support Evening on **Monday 13th October at 7.30pm** in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.

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

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

MEDJUGORJE

Pilgrimages 2025

22nd October
7 NIGHTS

€875pps (normal price)
€780pps
(Save €95)

Spiritual Director Fr. Ubaldo



To Book Please Contact PAT on
087 223 8911
or call Marian Pilgrimages on
01 878 8159
(AND SAY YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH PAT'S GROUP)

family Day in KNOCK



dominican sunday,
october 12th 10:30am – 5pm (includes Mass)

parents Mini conference led by Martin and Mary Moran with Yvonne McGuire.

teens Fun & Formation, with Dominican Youth Leaders.

children Supervised Fun & Formation.
(over 4yrs):

Cost: €70 (Discount for Newlyweds), which includes lunch for all the family.

To book please go to
www.dominicans.ie
or email op.evangelisation@gmail.com



Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place October 1st-31st.

For further information, please log onto www.breastcancerireland.com.

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, you don't throw it away, you change the batteries.



When a person messes up and finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not, you help them change their batteries!

Some need **AA**...attention and affection
Some need **AAA**...attention, affection and acceptance
Some need **C**... compassion
Some need **D**...direction.

Presidential Hopeful

I am putting my name into the hat,
for the race to the Áras in the Phoenix Park.
Amongst the stars and the also-rans, my name
up in lights won't that be just grand.
Lucan Councillors be aware
I am seeking your help to get me there.
Hopefuls line up, each with a plan
To charm the masses each woman and man
For Heather Humphries to the football Jim
whose aim in life is to win again
Still flying high he will have a go
A guarantee this time seven years in a row
Billy boy the race did join,
To nurture his county body and mind
With rebel grit and Glanmire grin,
His dream has ended to make Cork great again.
Bertie on TV was promising more
He found not a welcome
As he knocked on each door,
No ballot, no crown just a sceptical frown
From Micháel the Taoiseach who just let him
down.
Candidates should lead with courage and flair,
Let truth and justice fill the air,
So mark my name (it won't take long)
A single vote can't go
wrong,
History's cruel, but
hope is free
No chance at all...
Still, vote for me.



Agnes McMahon

Here we go again!



Storm Amy, the first of this year's named storms is coming our way as we go to press.....
Hopefully, it won't be too bad - might ease us in to the stormy season.

What's the odds on **Storm Bram** hitting us for Hallowe'en?

Colours of Lucan! What a colourful place we live in, at all times of the year, but Autumn has those really vivid colours.....



Virginia Creeper at Vesey Park

Junior Cert! Our thoughts and best wishes are with those who sat the Junior Cert last June – the results are due on Wednesday next.



What a footpath we're going to have in Lucan Village! We'll be the envy of everyone....

NEWSFLASH from AONTAS!

Aontas was founded in 2017 (initially in St Patrick's) by Gelaine Elises, Gail Elises and I. With the encouragement of our parents, Miriam Hodgkinson & Jean Elises, we decided to set up a youth choir tailored specifically for young teenagers and young adults, like ourselves at the time. We were still students in secondary school and were hungry and enthusiastic to serve our parish community with our love of youthful liturgical music.

Although it may be hard to imagine, we, three, would spend hours rehearsing and were even nervous at times to sing at masses - it wasn't common to see many young people even attend mass, let alone sing in a choir. We slowly, through our early years, encouraged more young people to join us. Jordan Murphy, now co-musical director with myself, and Jessica Power, another of our other senior members, also joined our mission. Over the last number of years, we have continued to grow in numbers, with more members taking on senior leadership roles within the choir.

Despite the challenges of reaching out to young people, we truly believed that what we stood for was a hopeful vision, that one day we would see young people involved within our parish community. At times the journey was challenging, to say the least. However, with the support of Fr. Pius, Fr. Ubaldo, Cathy Burke and of course, Fr. Philip, our former Parish Priest, we continued to independently run Aontas, and have since extended our music ministry across both parishes under the parish partnership. We carried on with our mission to evangelise and to encourage young people to join; to share their talents, grow in faith and to make new friendships, and we hope to continue this journey with Fr. Bill's support and guidance, going forward.

Bringing youth to the church was not an easy task almost 10 years ago. Many attempts were made, however, we are grateful that God has blessed us with the success of Aontas, and for the life-long friendships and family we have. From 3 members, we are proud to now tell you that we have over 23 members and 4 new joiners this year.

Although Gail, Gelaine and I are not as young as when we first started, I think the young people in the choir today are living

proof that the church and our parish will not only stay alive, but will continue to grow.

To celebrate Aontas Choir's 9th year anniversary, next July 2026, our choir will be traveling to the Philippines for a volunteering trip. We have chosen the Philippines as it is the home country of several members of the group; Gail, Gelaine, Moira, Angel, Jam and Juleanne. They have given so much to our community here in Lucan for many years, and so, we hope to give back to their home communities as well.

During our time there, we will have the privilege of sharing our liturgical music with local parishes around the Philippines. In addition to this, we will also be volunteering in a medical mission, providing classes, workshops, cleaning local schools, giving food to the poor, connecting with other parish youth groups and of course, youth development and group projects.

To make this possible, we will be organising a number of fundraising events in the coming months so we have a lot of work to do to get this project over the line.

We warmly invite you, our parish family, to support us in any way you can—whether that's by coming along to our fundraisers, helping to spread the word, or simply keeping us in your prayers. And of course, if there is anyone who is in a position for themselves or indeed their company to offer sponsorship, we would warmly accept any offers of kindness and you can reach out to us at aontaschoir@gmail.com. Please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We are so grateful for your ongoing encouragement and your continued support. Thank you once again, and we look forward to sharing more news with you very soon!

Adam Hodgkinson
Co-Musical Director, Aontas Choir





CHOOL NEWS



St. Joseph's College

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



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

Baking Demonstration: Odlum's Master Baker, Tony Kane, will be hosting a baking demonstration on Thursday 2nd October at 7.30pm in St Joseph's College. Tickets are €10 at the door and all funds raised will go towards the school competing in the World Championship Mock Trials in Chicago. Tony will be showcasing Halloween and Christmas treats. Recipes will be available on the night and there will be a gift for everyone in the audience.

Jacqueline Brunton: We were delighted to welcome past pupil Jacqueline Brunton into the school today. Jacqueline who starred in the lead role in the Bord Gais this summer in 'Little Barber Shop Of Horrors' came in to speak to our 5th year music students and TYs as they prepare for their upcoming musical. Jacqueline spoke to the students about her career and experiences in the industry to date.

Higher options: Sixth year students attended Higher Options and Work Skills Ireland at the RDS last Friday. The day gave the students an opportunity to meet with people working in

universities, trades, apprenticeships and PLC colleges and explore their options for the future.

Religion trip: The religion department took TYs on a walking tour through Lucan village last week. Students examined the religious past and religious buildings around the town. They met with Rev. Ivor Owens and Annette in the Methodist church and Rev. John in the Presbyterian church also and the staff and students were extremely grateful for the time they were given in being shown around. The tour ended with a visit to St. Marys, the convent and the church of the Blessed Virgin.

Senior Camogie: Well done to the senior camogie team who had a fantastic win in their first championship game last Thursday. The team bet a strong Castleknock Community College team in St. Brigids GAA.

Glendalough trip: Last Thursday, second year students got the opportunity to unplug and reconnect with each other on their retreat to Glendalough. Students had the opportunity to enjoy the walking trails and take in the beautiful lakes, round tower and scenery.

School basketball: A mixed start to the season for our school basketball teams. The under 19s were defeated by a strong Maynooth Community College team. The under 16s however had a great opening to their season with a very good win over the same opposition.

Soak a teacher: As the fundraising continues in the school to send the PAL students to Chicago – a massive well done to all the staff who took part in the Sponge / Ice – Bucket a teacher fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who donated, a brilliant €755 was raised from the event.



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Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Soccer: Our senior soccer team suffered a heart-breaking defeat in the preliminary round of the Leinster Senior Cup on Tuesday as they were beaten 3-1 by Moyle Park in a penalty shoot-out after a remarkable game finished 5-5. Jamie Cassells (2), Mark Horan, John Donohue and Matthew McEvoy scored the Lucan goals. The game finished 3-3 after 90mins, with 30 mins extra time bringing a further 2 goals apiece. Niall Ryan Doyle managed to make a brilliant save from a penalty in normal time and he made another one in the shoot-out, but Moyle Park ultimately kept their composure from the spot to break Lucan hearts.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams continued their East Boys "A" League campaigns on Tuesday with their 2nd group matches against Le Chéile, Tyrellstown. Our u16s put in a determined and spirited display but ultimately fell to a strong opposition side, losing 42-20. Our seniors had better luck in their match as they claimed their 2nd victory in the group with a hard-fought 59-53 victory in what was a high-class, exciting and dramatic encounter.

Hurling: Our u16 hurlers were in action on Monday as they faced Maynooth PP in their opening group game of their Dublin Junior Hurling League campaign. Aaron Farrell and Shane Brennan were exceptional in the 1st half especially with their clinical finishing as Lucan opened up a pretty unassailable 4-9 to 0-5 lead. In the 2nd half, Ken Kirwin and Aaron Farrell continued to dominate midfield, and Lucan eased to an emphatic victory with the final score-line of 6-18 to 2-8 an accurate reflection of their domination.



Memorial Garden: Over the past few days, our Memorial Garden has undergone a wonderful transformation, thanks to the creativity and

dedication of Ms. Casey. With a keen eye for colour and detail, she has carefully decorated the space with a collection of stunning Mandala rocks and two vibrant flower pots – each proudly displaying the school's name.

The Mandala rocks are placed in a thoughtful sequence at the front of the raised bed near the Reception area, creating a peaceful and eye-catching border for our special garden. Each stone has been hand-painted with intricate and colourful patterns, drawing inspiration from the traditional art of Mandala design.

To ensure that all of the artwork remains bright and intact throughout the changing seasons, each rock and pot has been finished with a coat of resin. This protective layer helps to shield the designs from the weather, keeping them looking fresh and colourful for months and years to come. The addition of these artistic pieces has brought new life and colour to our Memorial Garden, turning it into not just a place of remembrance, but also a space for reflection, peace, and beauty. It has become a spot where pupils, staff, and visitors alike can pause and enjoy a moment of calm among the bright patterns and nature.

Ms Casey's plan is to do more in the days ahead and make it even more colourful than it already is. With more Mandala rocks and creative designs in the pipeline, our Memorial Garden will continue to grow as a space of beauty and inspiration for our whole school community.

Football: Our 2nd yr football team began their Dublin League campaign with their opening group fixture against Coláiste Choilm, Swords last week. An impressive 1st half showing from Swords saw them open up a commanding half-time lead, but Lucan improved greatly in the 2nd half and finished the stronger of the two teams. The gap was too big to close however, with Swords winning 8-7 to 2-6 to claim the points.

Athletics: On Thursday, 26th September, our Junior cross country team travelled to the Phoenix Park to compete in the Dublin Schools Cross Country "Pop-Up Hit Out" — the first major outing of the season. Held in one of the most iconic running venues in the country, the event drew large numbers from schools across Dublin, with stiff competition and a fantastic atmosphere. Our boys rose to the occasion in every race, showing true grit, teamwork, and ambition. We are proud to report that our school finished 2nd overall, just behind Belvedere College, with six individual medals won across the age groups and several top-tier team finishes. The strong start bodes well for the upcoming season.

Lucan Community College

TY Students Visit Peamount Healthcare

As part of Active Aging Week, our Transition Year students had the amazing opportunity to visit Peamount Healthcare, connecting with residents and sharing skills across generations. This was Civic and Community Engagement in Action – a core value of the Transition Year Programme. A big thank you to Ms. Higgins for accompanying the group and helping make this special experience possible!



TY Reptile Workshop

Our Transition Year students took part in an exciting reptile workshop that gave them a unique opportunity to get up close and personal with a variety of reptiles, including snakes, lizards, and a tortoise. Throughout the session, students learned about the natural habitats of these fascinating creatures, their diets, and the important role they play in the ecosystem.



survive&thrive
Information and support for those who have completed treatment for cancer

Survive and Thrive Programmes 2025

The Marie Keating Foundation's *Survive and Thrive* programmes have been created to help men and women who have finished cancer treatment to adapt to their 'new normal' after a cancer diagnosis.

The programmes include information and support guided by facilitators, lots of discussions on issues such as coping with emotions, feelings, stress and anxiety; becoming a self-manager - managing fatigue and other symptoms; changing nutritional and physical activity needs.

There is lots of engagement which creates a space to learn and grow and empowers you going forward in life.

This is an eight-week programme, we would love to help you to transform yourself and meet people who have gone through a similar experience who gets you and you get them.

For further information contact Fiona on 087 9657144 or 01 628 3726 or e-mail fsullivan@mariekeating.ie


To book a place log on to www.mariekeating.ie

All programmes are free to attend but places are limited and registration is essential.

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**METASTATIC BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS DAY**

ANNUAL SEMINAR AND AFTERNOON TEA
Monday 13th October 2025
at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip

"Living with Uncertainty"

FREE REGISTRATION





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Lucan Library – October Event



Please Note:

1. All events and activities are free of charge.
2. All events are subject to change, but we will endeavour to keep any changes to absolute minimum.
3. To register for events via Eventbrite, a valid email address is required.

Red Line Book Festival is back! Check out www.redlinefestival.ie for all the events, loads on for all ages and interests.

Here at Lucan Library we have 4 Festival events: Monday 13th October, 7pm: I Hear You: Paul McVeigh in conversation with Niamh Donnelly.

Book your ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597383861129?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Tuesday 14th October, 7pm: It's Not All Balls and Bonnets: Jane Austen at 250.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597441373149?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Thursday 16th October, 7pm: Financially Healthy For Life with the Money Doctor John Lowe.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597628613189?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Saturday 18th October, 2.30pm: Dillon

Rediscovered with Kevin Rafter.

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1597629776669?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Events and Talks for Adults:

Soap Making Workshop with Horticulturist

Create soap from natural materials.

Friday 10th at 11am: Book your place here:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/soap-making-workshop-with-horticulturist-aoife-munn-tickets-1652826692129?aff=oddttdtcreator>



DDLETB Mixed Crafts starting Wednesday

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



Halloween and Mid-Term events for Children!

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



Halloween Costume Swap on 09th October at 6.00pm: Drop off your costumes from 6th.

Booking open:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1715938130139?aff=oddttdtcreator>

Arts and Crafts for Halloween for 6-8s.

Thursday 23rd October at 3.30pm. Book your place on Eventbrite from 16th October:

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

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

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

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



Viking Show with Knights For Hire on Thursday 30th October at 2pm and 3pm.

Full details on Eventbrite, book your place on Eventbrite from 30th October: 2pm:

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

3pm:

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

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

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

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

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

Neurodiverse Events:

Wednesday 15th Oct, 10am: Sensory Play

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

Exhibitions:

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

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



The Festival Quilters Celebrating 25 years!

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

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

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

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



Raffle Tickets from:

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

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

SOL Society for Old Lucan

The Society for Old Lucan are delighted to announce our first SOL Fest – a one day festival of local history.



It takes place in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday November 1st.

The day will include talks by local historians and guest speakers.

Refreshments, a tour of Lucan House and a two-course lunch are included.

Tickets, which are limited, cost €35, and will be available soon through Eventbrite. More details to follow.



Birthday Greetings

to

Sean Malone

Who celebrates his **90th Birthday** at the weekend.

From all your friends in St. Mary's

Did you know.....

The average cloud weighs over one million pounds.

Finland has ranked as the happiest country in the world for 9 years straight.

Your brain alone burns around 400 to 500 calories each day.

Your heart beats an average of 100,000 times each day.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



25 Card Drive

Our 25 Card Drive will be back every Friday from Friday 10th October until 8th May 2026 in the Lucan Sarsfields Clubhouse Bar at 8.00pm Sharp. Everyone is welcome- from beginner to those who played years ago and would like to resume playing. You don't have to be a Club member to play. Entry is €5 per player, and 1st prize is €50 (if 12 or more players), Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information



Christmas Gala

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

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €6,600. The Numbers were **3, 5, 6 & 8.**

Lucky dip's go to Mags

McCabe,

Emily-Kate O'Connor,

Joe Leonard,

Ollie Mann & Sinead Fleet.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €7,000.

This draw is sponsored by O'Grady's Hearing Care Services. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code here.



Hurling

Well done to our senior hurlers who now progress onto the county semi-final after their win over St Brigid's. They will face Ballyboden on Sunday 12th October in Parnell Park. Throw in at 2pm. A huge match for the lads, all support welcome!

Farmleigh Events

Dublin Festival of History and the Watercolour Society of Ireland 170th Exhibition runs until 12th October.

October 5th – Food and Craft Market.



Open House

There is a tour of Lucan Demesne on
Saturday 18 Oct 2025.

Included is a
“Building Tour of Lucan House”
on
Saturday 18th October 2025 –
which is on the Ground Floor only and
seems to deal mainly with the plans for
the house and demesne.

Booking is essential –
more information on [Home - Open House Dublin 2025](#)

12 Daily Reminders

The Past cannot be changed.
Opinions don't define your reality.
Everyone's journey is different.
Things always get better with time.
Judgements are a confession of character.
Overthinking will lead to sadness.
Happiness is found within.
Positive thoughts create positive things.
Smiles are contagious.
Kindness is free.
You only fail if you quit.
What goes around, comes around.



POLITICAL NOTES

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Website: www.paulgogarty.com

Swimming Pool:

SDCC has got back to answer my queries on the nature of the re-tender process for remaining works. This will be up on my website during the week. Helen has been highlighting the need for accountability following further delays but SDCC continue to put off an inquiry until the whole project is completed.

Dáil Report:

This week I paired for Barry Heneghan TD who is currently on a humanitarian aid flotilla heading towards Gaza. I spoke extensively on Gaza in the chamber as well as on sports funding. In the EU Affairs Committee, I queried the dissemination of valuable EU research on working conditions and housing affordability.

St Joseph's College Extension:

Was delighted to be able to attend the official opening having chased up over many years.

Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

Email: shane.moynihan@oireachtas.ie

Phone: 01-6184128. Find me on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok.

Oireachtas Committee on Transport:

I quizzed the NTA and bus operators on public transport in Lucan, specifically on weekend reliability, the need to avoid sporadic cancellations and additional provision for Clonburris. I will provide a full report on my social media.

St Andrew's NS:

Congratulations to the school community of St Andrew's NS as they marked 10 years of their school building this week. I was delighted to join them as they marked this occasion and opened their brand new sensory garden.

Lucan Advice Clinics:

I will hold my next weekly advice clinic in Lucan at the Muintir na Tíre Hall at 1pm on 6 October.

Email Newsletter:

The latest version of my newsletter is available at <https://www.shanemoynihan.ie/your-september-2025-update/>

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Lucan House & Demesne:

For Culture Night, 19 September, South Dublin County Arts Office with Artscope, (with tours by volunteers Paul & Darren, Society for Old Lucan) held a successful music event for children with themed concerts and performances.

Lucan Leisure Campus Pool:



SDCC are assessing the status of key subcontractors to maintain continuity on the build but still no opening date for pool. My comments are in Wednesday's Indo article here; see QR code.

Bulbs Not Bonfires Scheme Open Now!

Community groups, environmental groups, resident associations, and schools can apply to this popular "first come, first served" scheme.



SDCC have 300 bags of mixed pollinator bulbs, including Crocus, Muscari, Alliums, Snowdrops & Daffodils. To receive bulbs groups are asked to fill out a simple application form; use QR code for link.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

01 618 3013. Insta: @emerhigginstd

Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie

St. Joseph's College Extension:

Huge congratulations to everyone at St. Joseph's College on the opening of their new school extension this week. I was delighted to be there with Tánaiste Simon Harris to celebrate this big milestone for the whole school community.

Music Bingo in Lucan Sarsfields:

Griffen Community College Parents Association are running a Music Bingo night in Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club on Friday 3rd October. Tickets are €10 on Eventbrite or at the door. Doors open 8pm. It promises to be a fun night and all are welcome.

Free Companion Travel Pass:

A new companion pass has been introduced for people over 70, allowing them to bring anyone over 16 with them for free on public transport. This measure, which was introduced by my colleague Heather Humphreys will benefit over 500,000 people across Ireland.

Political Notes continued over.....

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

(085)2551602.

CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Taking in Charge (TIC) Gandon / Shackleton:

The Gandon estate is on the fast-track list for Taking in Charge, with most quality checks complete. However, the process depends on Shackleton being taken in charge first, because all new roads must connect directly to the public road network without passing through private sections. Shackleton is delayed due to private EV chargers in public areas. Cairn Homes wrote to residents requesting removal of chargers and repair of footpaths. Once resolved, both estates will proceed to TIC.

Sarsfield Park Age-Friendly Homes:

Construction is progressing well. Foundations are complete, with blockwork and precast underway. Next steps include structural completion, services installation, finishes, drainage, landscaping, and utility connections. The project is currently scheduled for completion in Q1 2026.

Homeowners aged 55+ may apply for age-friendly housing via SDCC's Community List. Contact me for information.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

087 279 5274. lotoole@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

lionaotoole.com

Groundbreaking:

A proud day for Griffeen Community College as we recently turned the sod for the new school building. As Chair of the Board, I was honoured to be part of this milestone after working alongside the school for over 10 years. It was especially meaningful to attend with Principal Noel Kelly, DDLETB officials, the Minister for Education, students, staff and parents. We plan to be in the new school by next September.

Healthcare Services:

I'm delighted my motions on health services in Lucan have passed resulting in a site visit to the new Adamstown Primary Healthcare Centre for local councillors. I remain committed to securing expanded healthcare services for Lucan until delivery is achieved.

Abandoned Vehicles:

I continue ensuring abandoned vehicles in Lucan are promptly investigated and removed where warranted. Please do get in touch if you notice one locally.



Hilarious Things My Mother Taught Me

My mother taught me to appreciate a job well done. *"If you're going to kill each other, do it outside, I just finished cleaning"*

My mother taught me religion. *"You better pray that will come out of the carpet"*.

My mother taught me about Time Travel. *"If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week"*.

My mother taught me Logic. *"Because I said so, that's why"*.

My mother taught me More Logic. *"If you fall out of swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me"*.

My mother taught me Foresight. *"Make sure you wear clean underwear, in case you're in an accident"*.

My mother taught me Irony. *"Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about"*.

My mother taught me about the science of Osmosis. *"Shut your mouth and eat your supper"*.

My mother taught me about Contortionism. *"Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck"*.

My mother taught me about Stamina. *"You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone"*.

ADVERTISING RATES

- Line ads of **15 words or less** cost **€2.00**
- Line ads containing **more than 15 words** cost **.20 cent for every word** in the **entire ad**.
- **Block/Display** adverts **6cm wide x 4cm high**, cost **€10 for one insert**.
- **No Business Ad.** will be carried for two consecutive weeks, with only **ONE AD.** per person or business
- **Lost & Found ads.** – No Charge
- **WEDNESDAY 10pm is the DEADLINE**

Ads should be **placed in an envelope** containing the **correct payment** and dropped to any of the following addresses before deadline:

**St. Mary's Parish Centre, Church Grounds, Lucan
Or 3 Hillcrest Walk, Lucan.**

Please do not ring doorbells when leaving in items for the Newsletter!

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

This Friday Camera Soiree finalised the selection of photographs for the exhibition on 15th and 16th November in the parish centre and things are looking good.

Continuing the autumn flavour from last week Michael G submitted a photo of the beautiful Japanese Maple or Acer with its delicate colourful leaves that change throughout the seasons.

Josie submitted a photo of her late flowering Sunflower.



Kay got to Malahide and submitted a photo of the Marina. According to the Malahide Community website the Marina is one of the largest in Dublin with over 300 berths.

Joe got to the heritage city of Kilkenny and to Mullingar. Kilkenny's foundation began as an early 6th-century ecclesiastical settlement, with a church built in honour of St. Canice. Now St. Canice's Cathedral, this has been a major monastic centre from at least the 8th century. The Annals of the Four Masters recorded the first reference *Cill Chainnigh* in 1085.



Our Joe also submitted some photos of the interior of the Cathedral of Christ the King in Mullingar. Designed to replace the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception (1836-1936), it was built between 1932 and 1936 at a cost of about £250,000. According to the conversion calculator I used this is equivalent to almost €26.5 million today!

In Mullingar Joe came across a statue of the singer Joe Dolan who was born in Mullingar in 1939 which is located in the Market Square. A 540 metres bridge is named after him in the Clonmore Industrial Estate in his hometown.

