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**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

## **September: Time of Carrot and Stick**

This time of the year there are lots of carrots and sticks presenting before us all! I was walking in a school yard yesterday and passed by an apple and a pear tree, both laden with healthy fruit nearly ready for the picking. This sight was alongside the falling autumn leaves and forthcoming dormancy and evident overground growth. My sense of smell caught the smell of freshness from the fruit and that of decay from the mushy leaves underfoot.



The carrots and sticks present in the choices that we make this time of the year. The choices determine what resources we need in order to sustain a way of being where we can draw on the sustenance that we need along with the necessary time to let efforts reap fruits in the correct time also. As the trees currently hosting fruit need a fresh supply of nutrients to bring about the same growth next year, we need the same also in whatever form is relevant: balance of life, choice of family weekly activities, rest time.....

The results that the year will bear, grow from the moment we make a commitment to anything that becomes regular in our lives or for that year. For me, this month is the one which takes most effort as it is the foundational one with heavy lifting that will smooth the path for the months ahead, as is the case for anyone influenced by the cycle of the school year – most people.

The image of a stick is generally a negative one! Yet, we use sticks to ease pressure and give strength when climbing mountains; we use sticks to build beautiful and protective boundaries around property; we use sticks for many games..... Perception is sometimes everything! The image of a carrot or apple dangling before a donkey, mule or pony as a reward for work has almost always worked; unless the animal is exceptionally stubborn!

So with whatever sticks we need to support us as we climb into autumn, let's keep an eye on the carrot also!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

## Register to vote for the President before 7 October 2025

The Irish Presidential election will be held on Friday, 24 October 2025. Are you planning to vote?

You can vote in the Presidential election if you're:

An Irish citizen

Aged 18 years or over, and

Registered to vote

Check to see if you're already on

[Checktheregister.ie](http://Checktheregister.ie)

### Register to vote

If you're not on the register, you must register to vote on or before 7 October 2025. You can register online at [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie).

### Registering for a postal vote

If you're eligible to vote by post, your application for postal and special votes must be received by your local authority on or before 29 September 2025. Find more about who can vote by post on our website or in the local CIC.

You cannot register to vote if you live outside Ireland, although there are some exceptions.

**More information** is available on our website: Presidential elections in Ireland, Registering to vote, Your right to vote

## What is the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance?

The closing date to apply for the Back to School Clothing and Footwear Allowance is **30 September 2025**

## When can a driver be tested for drink and drugs?

Did you know?

As a driver, you should know that Gardaí can use a breathalyser to test you for alcohol levels and test your saliva for drugs.

It is an offence if you refuse to be tested for drink and drugs if the Gardaí stop your car.

### When can I be tested for drink or drug driving?

Gardaí can set up a roadblock to conduct random alcohol and drug testing of drivers.

### Drug testing after a car crash

If you are the driver in a serious car collision, the Gardaí must test you for drugs in your system at the roadside.

You must stay at the roadside until the test shows either a presence or absence of drugs in your system. This can take up to 30 minutes.

### What happens if I am convicted of drink driving?

You will be disqualified from driving for a certain period and may have to pay fines or get a prison sentence.

**More information** is available on our website or in your local CIC.

## It's now legal to cut your hedges

From Monday 1 September, it's the time of year you can start cutting your hedges again.

This is because it is illegal to cut hedges between 1 March and 31 August.

The ban gives species like birds the chance to nest safely and raise their chicks.

## Women's Aid

Women's Aid provide free and confidential support to women experiencing domestic violence, family and friends, and professionals supporting victims of abuse.

National Freephone Helpline 1800 341 900 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Telephone Interpretation Service 1800 341 900 available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Text service for Deaf and Hard of Hearing women available 8am – 8pm, 7 days a week on 087 959 7980

## Griffeen Art Group

Hi all, we are back to the drawing boards on Tuesday, 16th September, hope everyone had a good Summer and is rearing to go with some new painting projects. Hope to see you all back.



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.

## Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

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

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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



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

### What's On at the Centre:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Lucan Drama

After putting on The Weir and an evening of One Acts before the summer break it was great to be gathered upstairs in Courtney's last week for our Open Mic night. We had some fabulous talent on view with poetry, music and drama to the fore. We were delighted to be part of Lucan festival again this year.



Next up will be another evening of One Act plays which will be staged toward the end of October.

Rehearsals are well underway and we will publish more details in the coming weeks.

*Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep.*

## Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2025

**CANCELLED**

Due to unforeseen circumstances  
Back for 11<sup>th</sup> October

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We meet in St Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street. Lucan on Thursdays from 11.30 am to 2.30 pm. We have tea/coffee and cake at 1pm.

New members are welcome - why not come and join us, our activities include Indoor Bowling, Scrabble, Cards, Choir and the chat. There is no charge for your first meeting.



Why not join us in a friendly atmosphere.

## Carers & Toddlers Group

St. Mary's Parish Carers and Toddlers Group are starting back on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** at 9.30am in St. Mary's Parish Centre.



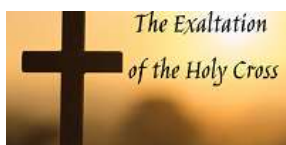
We look forward to seeing you there!

Yvonne and Joan

# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

**Normal Schedule resumes:**

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

**Masses live-streamed on** [www.lucanparish.com](http://www.lucanparish.com)

### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Church Refurbishment

There will be a short Powerpoint Presentation (just all the pictures of then - on loop) will be shown in the church after Masses **THIS Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September** to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the refurbishment of the church.

**Confessions:** Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

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

**Christian Meditation:** We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

**Bethany Bereavement Support Group:** We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday (at 10.45am) and the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday (at 8pm) each month, in the Parish Centre. We are available to listen or just be there for anyone who is feeling lonely or lost following the death of a loved one. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact the Parish Office. (Phone 01 6217041)

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

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

**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.

**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.*

**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 **Tony Carey**, Ballydowd, to the family and friends of **Sylvia Behan**, Cherbury Park, to the family and friends of **Sheila Callaghan**, formerly Esker Cottages. *May they rest in peace.*



### St. Vincent de Paul

Church collection at all Masses

**THIS**

**Saturday/ Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> September.**

*Many thanks for your generosity.*



**Koins for Kids**

Thank you to everyone for all your donations over the summer of various amounts of old coins and notes.

We accept all donations and they can be left at the sacristy or parish office or by contacting me.

*Many thanks,  
Damien Douglas,  
0879519222.*

### Lost

#### Small Black Purse

(round with gold studs)

Lost between Ballydowd and Lucan Village. Sentimental value. Lost around July. If found please hand into St Mary's Parish Centre or church.





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

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



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

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

**Normal Schedule resumes:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Church Gate collection before and after all  
Masses **NEXT Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September**

*Thank you for your generosity.*

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

For further information, please log  
onto [www.breastcancerireland.com](http://www.breastcancerireland.com)

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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

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

Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

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

**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.

### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Divine Mercy Church A date for the diary:

We will celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Church of Divine Mercy on **Sunday 28th September at 12 Noon Mass.** **Bishop Donal Roche** will be the main Celebrant of the Mass.

We look forward to this special occasion.

**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 cannot come to Mass would like to receive Holy Communion at home from Fr. Aidan or a Minister of Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office 01-4572900.

**Vocations Society of St. Joseph:**

We will now be meeting on the last Monday of the month at 9.45am in The Church of Divine Mercy, Lucan South.

The Society has been set up in Divine Mercy Church, Lucan for all the Lucan parishes and are looking for new members.

**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.

## Rest in Peace



### Tony Carey R.I.P.

We at Lucan Newsletter were saddened to learn of the death of Tony Carey last week. Late of Carey's Newsagents, on Main Street, his business was an outlet for our weekly copy for many decades. He was also a great fan of all things to do with Lucan, and stocked our local history books and postcards back in the day. It is true to say that Tony and his shop have been greatly missed over the past couple of years.

To his family and friends, we extend our deepest sympathy.

*Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis*

### Fr. Cathal Price R.I.P.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Fr. Cathal Price last week. Fr. Cathal was the first Parish Priest of Divine Mercy, Lucan South Parish and a regular caller to our Newsletter Office on a Thursday. *May he rest in peace.*

## Anniversary



### Pam Meenan

**12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 9<sup>th</sup> September**

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

*Love always,*

*John, Anna, Claire and family*

## Birthday Remembrances

### Orla Carey

**53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Of our much loved and missed daughter, sister and aunt Orla

### Forever Young

Orla if memories keep us close

Then we are never far apart

You are always on my mind

And forever in my heart

May the winds of Heaven blow softly

And whisper in your ear

How much I love and miss you

And wish that you were here

In laughter and in sorrow

In sunshine and in rain

I know you are watching over me

Until we meet again Orla

Today, tomorrow, my whole life through

I will always love and remember you

*Happy Birthday sweetheart,* I hope you're having a big party with your brothers, Dan and your Dad.

*Love you, your heartbroken Mam xxxxx*



### John (Johnny) Griffin

**87 years, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

*"Those we love don't go away,  
they walk beside us every day,  
unseen, unheard, but always near,  
still loved, still missed and very dear"*

### Happy Birthday Da'.

*Still greatly missed and always remembered by his wife Lil, children Anne, Claire, Ed and John, his brother Eddie, sister Nancy and all his extended family and friends. With lots of love especially from his grandchildren Saoirse, Finn and Molly who miss their Grandad up in heaven xxx*

Also, remembering Johnny's brother **Joe** who passed away earlier this year, may he rest in peace. United now to tend Heaven's garden.

## Esler Active Retirement Association

Wednesday was our first day back after summer break, it was lovely to meet up with our friends and welcome new members to our club. People are still reminiscing about our day trips to Wicklow and Kildare which we enjoyed during July and August.

We are planning an afternoon out on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 to see the new Downton Abbey film in VUE.

We meet up every Wednesday at 1.30 in St. Andrew's Parish Hall, Main Street Lucan. Members enjoy bowls, scrabble, whist and bridge, followed by light refreshments.

Queries to 087 6427746.

## Lucan Toastmasters



Lucan Toastmasters is a friendly, vibrant club which offers a safe environment to develop public speaking and communication skills. Our next meeting is a special 'Guest Night' on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September at 7.45pm at the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, and guests are most welcome to join us.

Come along on the night or contact

[vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com) to register your interest.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 7.45pm  
Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, W23 W280**

Do you want to finally conquer your fear of public speaking?

Do you have a speech or presentation coming up that you need help with?

Do you want to make new friends?

If so, then Lucan Toastmasters is the place for you.

We meet two Thursdays of each month in the Springfield Hotel, Leixlip at 7.45 p.m. Admission is free for new guests – don't worry, you won't be asked to speak! Come along on Thursday next, September 18<sup>th</sup>, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact [vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com](mailto:vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com)

## Lucan ICA

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025: We will have our annual collection for St. Francis' Hospice, Blanchardstown. Please give generously to this worthy cause. There isn't a family in Ireland that hasn't been touched by cancer at some time.



We will have a few exercises to music with Sally and continuing with our crafts also.

**Tea Hostesses:** Abigail and Mary D.

**Computer Class** for members is on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept at 9.30am, in the Life Centre.

## LOST / MISLAID

**Set of House Keys lost or mislaid** – has a photograph on them: 2 silver keys, one has a green cap on it. Photography has brown cover on it. Please hand in if found to Church or Parish Centre. Lost 'July'.

## Our Lovely Village

Our village had a heart and soul  
Till 11 months ago  
But now it's like a battle zone  
Where no-one wants to go.  
The trees are gone, there's no more grass,  
The paths are in a heap,  
We still have no completion date  
And we guess it won't be cheap.

We had a village centre  
That really was unique  
This side of Dublin County  
Where locals came to seek  
Some quiet time, to feed the ducks  
Or just to sit and talk  
With children, friends or strangers  
That they'd met along their walk.

But maybe the great Master Plan  
Will be worth the devastation  
And we'll have a Central Plaza  
That's the envy of our nation  
Where we'll get to sit on concrete steps  
To enjoy the latest views  
Of our gridlocked revamped village  
With its endless traffic queues.

*Rita O'Brien  
Lucan Writers Group*



**Congratulations** and well done to Joe and all the Festival Committee, on a job very well done! It was great to see so many unfamiliar faces around our village, over the weekend!



A bit of USA above, travelled over from Lucan South, and never seen before in Lucan Demesne, some Ninja Warriors!



The Ukelele Band were back again, and a big attraction on both days, as were lots of other performers. Well done to all, and looking forward to 2026, when hopefully we'll have our village back to ourselves!

**Chestnuts!** Well, some of us got clobbered by chestnuts on the way to the festival last weekend – a sure sign of Autumn!

**On the sporting front**, our hopes are high for the Girls in Green at the Women's Rugby World Cup, but it doesn't look like Ireland will be represented at the FIFA World Cup next year.



### Women's Collective Ireland – Lucan

With back-to-school in full swing, Leaving Certificate results just behind us, and a taste of autumn in the air, we're delighted to be starting a new term at Women's Collective Ireland Lucan.

We had a really successful **Registration Morning**, with most of our classes filling to capacity and waiting lists now in place. A huge thank you to everyone who came along!

We do still have some spaces left in the following programmes:

#### **HERStory: Our Stage – Creative Writing Workshops**

Starts Tuesday, 7th October 2025  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Ballyowen Community Centre

#### **STEM Passport for Inclusion (Level 6, NUI Maynooth) FREE**

Information Session on Tuesday, 11th November 2025  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Ballyowen Community Centre

#### **Conversation Club** – an interactive space for women to practice their English

Starts Wednesday, 1st October 2025  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Adamstown Community Centre

#### **Everyday Eco Living: A Sustainability Masterclass**

Wednesday, 17th September 2025  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Ballyowen Community Centre

We are also delighted to announce the **relaunch of our Book Club** and are inviting new members to join us.

#### **GET IN TOUCH!**

Contact Details:  
Ballyowen Community Centre, Ballyowen Ln,  
Lucan, Co. Dublin, K78 N263  
083 860 7947

[lucan@womenscollective.ie](mailto:lucan@womenscollective.ie)  
[www.womenscollective.ie](http://www.womenscollective.ie)

*Women supporting women, always*



## CHOOOL NEWS

### St. Kevin's Community College

#### Open Night

Join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> of September for our annual open night. A great opportunity for kids in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> class to see their possible choice of a secondary school and to meet some of their future teachers. There will be lots to see on the night, from Woodwork displays, experiments in our science labs, brilliant art pieces in our art room and lots more. Looking forward to seeing you all!



### Irish Conversation Group



St. Mary's Parish Centre  
On **Wednesday Mornings, 10.30am.**

*Come join us for Cúpla Focal agus Cupán Tae!*

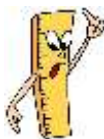


## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Open Night 2025:** The Coláiste Phádraig Open Night will take place in the school on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October** from **7pm-9pm**. The Open Night is undoubtedly one of the highlights of our school calendar, with teachers, management, staff and students alike in attendance to showcase the fantastic array of modern facilities available in our school. There will be presentations, guided tours, classroom-based demonstrations and displays, quizzes, interactive games, dramatic performances and many other surprises and fun activities throughout the school on the night.

There will also be opportunities to chat with current students and hear about their school experiences to date, as well as learning about our wide range of extra-curricular activities including soccer, GAA, basketball, golf, badminton, athletics, music, film and graphics clubs and many other appealing activities for our students to get involved in.

We ourselves look forward to meeting the prospective students on the night who we hope will join the extended Coláiste Phádraig CBS family in the coming years. No registration required – just come along!



**Soccer:** The first round of trials for the 1<sup>st</sup> yr soccer team got underway last Wednesday and Thursday after school. A fantastic turnout saw 54 enthusiastic and talented first-year students take to the pitch, all eager to impress the coaches and earn a coveted spot on the school panel. With only 20 places available on the final panel, some very tough decisions lie ahead for the coaching team.

**Transition Year:** Our 90 TY students enjoyed an educational and fun afternoon at Explorium, Ireland's National Sports and Science Centre, located in Sandyford, over the past two Wednesdays. This much-anticipated outing was part of the school's TY programme, aimed at promoting experiential learning beyond the classroom.

The students were taken aback by the sheer size of the centre, which spans 110,000 square feet! The nervous TY students got to conquer their fear of heights by doing some exhilarating wall climbing under the guidance of experienced instructors. They also got to visit an augmented reality room where they got to experience a number of immersive experiences and games such as motor racing, boxing, sky diving, water slides and even trekking through the Amazon jungle! The G-force anti-gravity loop was another highlight as the daredevil types were harnessed

into a bicycle and rotated 360 degrees on a circular track.

They also visited the dedicated sports science unit and learned about anatomy, biology, nutrition, physiology and sports psychology. They then received a unique and intriguing talk entitled "How to find aliens", which explored the science behind the search for life beyond Earth.

The TY Horticulture class has been busy rejuvenating the school's memorial garden and tidying up the polytunnel in preparation for the year ahead. Their hard work is already paying off, and the space is looking refreshed and full of potential.

Every Wednesday, our Transition Year students are rolling up their sleeves and getting stuck into a new DIY module, under the guidance of Mr. Todd — and their first project has already made a noticeable impact.

The module kicked off with a practical and much-needed task: cleaning and tidying the school changing rooms. Over the course of a number of timetabled classes last Wednesday, students worked together to declutter, scrub, and reorganise the changing room space, transforming it into a cleaner and more functional environment for everyone.

**1<sup>st</sup> yr news** During their time in the Home Economics room this week, our 1<sup>st</sup> yr students put their culinary skills to the test in a fun and educational class focused on baking delicious chocolate cookies. The lesson began with a focus on understanding the key ingredients. Students discussed the role each one plays in baking – from butter and brown sugar to flour, eggs, and, of course, chocolate chips. They learned how to measure the correct quantities of each ingredient using a digital scale, which reinforced the importance of precision in baking.

A highlight of the class was learning how to crack an egg correctly, using one hand over the bowl to avoid shell fragments in the mixture – a skill that takes a bit of practice but is very handy in the kitchen! The students then used an electric mixer to blend their ingredients thoroughly, experiencing first-hand how different textures develop as ingredients combine.

Brown sugar was used in the recipe to give the cookies a rich, caramel-like flavour – a small detail that made a big difference to the final result. The classroom soon filled with the mouth-watering aroma of freshly baked cookies, and the students couldn't wait to try their creations!

## St. Joseph's College

### Public Access to Law

We have 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.



### TY Movie Magic

This week TY students took place in a movie making workshop. The students were shown how camera editing works and took part in a green screen workshop. Students used software and were shown how sound engineering layering can impact a movie or tv show or even an on stage play. Thanks to Susan and Lavinia for coming into the school and spending a day with the students that they learned so much from.

### Junior Camogie

Hard luck to our junior camogie team who were beaten on Monday in their first championship game. Our team were beaten by Castleknock Community College in a tight game.



### Leaving Cert Geography field trip

On Tuesday our Leaving Cert geography students visited Kippure estate as part of their leaving cert geography course. On their field trip students were measuring, recording and analysing river velocity, cross sectional area, sketching valleys and river gradient and bedload analysis. All this was done on the Athdown Brook, a tributary of the River Liffey.

### 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.

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Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegelucu

Find us on our Website: [www.stjosephslucan.com](http://www.stjosephslucan.com)

### Cúpla Focal Club

#### Lucan Sarsfield's Club House

FREE Beginners and Improvers conversational classes will start on **22<sup>nd</sup> September** from 8pm to 9pm every Monday



email [cuplafocalclub@gmail.com](mailto:cuplafocalclub@gmail.com) to book your place **before 15<sup>th</sup> September**.



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.

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# CULTURE NIGHT 2025 @ LUCAN HOUSE

Friday 19 September 2025 | 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Lucan House, Lucan Village

BOOKINGS OPEN NOW – LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE!

**FREE but booking is necessary - don't miss out!** <https://bit.ly/4IVTOGk>

Bookings for Walk & Talk open one week before the event.

**A New Trio on the Irish Music Scene** - Claire Sherry, Siobhan Buckley, and Ernestine Healy bring harp, fiddle, concertina and more to the Culture Night stage.

**MANzouLIN:** From Bach to Brazil and Back to Lucan - Paul Kelly joined by local bouzouki player John Ryan.

The poster for Culture Night 2025 @ Lucan House features a dark blue background with white and yellow text. At the top right, it says 'Proudly funded by SDCC'. The main title 'Culture Night 2025 @ Lucan House' is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time 'Friday 19 September, 5.00pm – 9.00pm' are listed, followed by 'As part of the South Dublin Live programme'. The poster highlights 'Themed Concerts with Special Guests' and lists activities: 'Pop-Up Performances', 'Flash Mob Session Opener', 'Children's Hour', and 'Covered Marquee with Seating Tea/Coffee & Treats'. It also mentions '...just some of what's in store as Lucan Village celebrates Culture Night'. A QR code is on the left, and a banner at the bottom right says 'FREE EVENT Booking Essential'. The bottom of the poster includes social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, and the Artscope logo.

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Full Culture Night Details on [www.artscope.ie](http://www.artscope.ie)  
[www.facebook.com/Artscope.ie](https://www.facebook.com/Artscope.ie)  
[www.instagram.com/artscope\\_events/](https://www.instagram.com/artscope_events/)

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CULTURE NIGHT

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Artscope, in association with South Dublin County Council, is proud to present Culture Night 2025 @ Lucan House, as part of the South Dublin Live programme. Set in the stunning grounds of Lucan House, this FREE evening of music, performance, and community celebration will include:

**A Culture Night Gathering** - A celebratory Flash Mob led by members of The Rubik's Ensemble - all musicians, all instruments, and all ages welcome.

**Sonic Tapestry:** Sounds of Lucan House - composed by Abigail Smith with students from local primary schools for Ruaille Buaille Lucan Children's Music Festival 2025. Abigail will be on site to guide audiences through the piece.

**Children's Hour with the Johnny d'Juggler Show** - breathtaking circus fun for all ages.

**Walk & Talk on Lucan House** – Paul Butler from the Society for Old Lucan leads two short tours of the grounds of Lucan House. Numbers are limited, so a special ticket is required - general Culture Night tickets will not allow access.

## HEADLINE ACT: Lisa Lambe & her band

Internationally renowned singer and folklorist Lisa Lambe & her band presents Nightvisiting, joined by Vincent Lynch, Claire Sherry, and Eoghan Scott.

Tea, coffee, and treats will be available from Sleepy Panda in the Food Corner throughout the evening.

**This is a FREE event but booking is essential as capacity is limited.**

This event is funded by South Dublin County Council as part of the South Dublin Live programme. Presented by Artscope in association with South Dublin County Council.

**Stay connected for updates:**

[www.artscope.ie/culture-night-at-lucan-house](http://www.artscope.ie/culture-night-at-lucan-house)





## Lucan Library – September Events



**Lucan Lifestyle with Lucan Community Healthcare Network.** Speakers will include: Consultant Neurologist, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Community Gardaí, Dietician, & Nursing. Tuesdays 16th, 23rd, 30th September. 12noon - 1.30pm. Pre-Booking Essential. Please contact 01-7955236 / [Lucan.chn@hse.ie](mailto:Lucan.chn@hse.ie) to book your place.

**DDLETB Adult Education at Lucan Library Digital Literacy Skills** - classes begin on Tuesday 30th September, 10am - 12noon.

**Adamstown Blue Connect STEAM Club for 9 – 12 years.** Mondays 15th, 22nd, 29th September and 6th October. 5pm-6pm. Adamstown Blue Connect STEAM Club for 9 - 12 year olds - supporting Neurodiversity in the Community. Booking

essential, email:

[Adamstownblueconnect@gmail.com](mailto:Adamstownblueconnect@gmail.com)

**STEAM Saturday with Helen for 9-12 years**  
Saturday 20th September, 2pm. Booking Essential via Eventbrite

### Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner

For 9-12 year olds: Thursday 18th September, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite



### Events for Younger Children:

**Storytime** - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

**Arts and Crafts** for 3-5 years with Méabh: Tuesday 16th September at 3.30pm, booking essential via Eventbrite

### Lucan Library Classic Film Club:

Tuesday 23rd September, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.



### Lucan Library Book Clubs:

#### Monday Lunchtime Book Club:

Monday 29th September, 12noon

#### Wednesday Book Club:

Wednesday 24th September, 7pm

#### Junior Book Club:

Wednesday 24th September, 3.30pm



### Lucan Library Knitters Club

Every Monday 10am - 12noon – New members welcome



**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group –**  
Thursday 25th September, 10am – 12noon.

### Ogham Laser Engraving For Adults – ancient writing, modern making.

**Friday 29th September, 11am - 1pm.** Join William Davis to explore the ancient Irish writing of Ogham, and inscribing words, names or phrases onto slate and glass using the new Laser Cutter at Lucan Library. Materials provided- inscribe drink glasses and stone coasters. For adults 18+. No experience required. Booking essential via Eventbrite.

**Maker Space Drop-In Session** showcasing Lucan Library's new 3D printer and laser cutter. Resident Maker William Davis will be on hand to answer any questions. All ages welcome!  
Friday 29th August, 2pm - 4pm

**Cuidiú Breastfeeding Support Group** meets monthly. Friday 19th September at 10am. All welcome.

### Exhibitions:

Presidents of Ireland / Na Gael Óga / Woodville, Lucan: A Disappeared House





## UPDATE FROM NEPAL

*Greetings one and all,*

I hope this finds you all well and in good health. It has been a couple of years now since a Nagarmail has been sent out, but that's not to say nothing has happened in this time. Myself and my own family returned to Ireland just over 2 years ago in June 2023. It was a big move for myself after 18 long years full-time in Nepal and indeed for my wife and two children, uprooting our home and taking very little back with us on a plane.

In 2022, Nagarhope Basic School got funding for a 5-room earthquake proof primary block from the provincial government in Nepal. At a cost of about €75,000, half funded by Nagarhope Ireland, we spent the next 6 months or so constructing a vital infrastructure of the school. This block, which includes a library and computer lab has housed the four youngest classes for the last 2 years.

On its completion, we then set about improving the ground and surrounds, constructing support walls and metal barriers at all levels as well as a boundary compound for safety. The kids were delighted that now they literally do not have to run down the mountain when the football gets kicked down!

On my most recent visit in July 2025, I was thrilled to see so many old faces after two years, as well as many new ones. Nagarhope once paid the salaries of 10 staff members in the school, but we only cover five now, as the local municipality has doubled their own support over the last few years. Also on my brief trip back this year we started running a larger bus in the mornings and evenings due to overwhelming demand.

The village and its surrounds have seen such changes in the 11 years since we started running an infant class, everything from housing, roads electricity and clean running water, which were all once a dream are now a reality making life easier for the locals. Having a good road means villagers can transport crops easily to the markets and get a better price.

I'd like to think that one reason villagers have been not only happy to stay put, but indeed returned to the village from larger urban areas is because the education of their children is being taken care of. The standard of education given to the 120 kids attending Nagarhope Basic School is constant and of good quality. What we have built and continued improving over 10 years is exactly what the village of Sathikurya lacked in years gone by.

Nagarhope Ireland still supports teachers' salaries, mid-day meals for students and staff and supplements the cost of running the school bus, as well as contributing to other extracurricular activities and sports.

It has been a privilege for me to have been a part of it all since its inception and a sheer joy to revisit the school after two years to check up on them. I'd like to think that all the work Nagarhope has put into this project over the years will continue to bear fruit and provide a great education to the children of the area.

And whilst many people over the years have been involved on the ground in Nepal, none of this would have happened if not for the support and dedication of sponsors and donors back home in Ireland and elsewhere. Myself and the Nagarhope thank each and every one of you for your continued support and encouragement.

*Mise le Meas*

*Fachtna 'Doc' Clandillon*

*August 2025, Athy, Co. Kildare*



I would like to thank the members of the Committee for their hard work since January which resulted in another great Festival. The Volunteers who joined the Committee members for the week end were just great.

On behalf of the Committee, we would like to thank the following which due to the early printing of the programme were left out of the Supporters Page: The Cartridge Expert, Costa Coffee, O'Briens Sandwich Bar, The Food Centre at Hills Mills and Eoin O'Broin TD.

We would also like to thank South Dublin County Council and Fingal County Council for their co-operation in allowing the use of Lucan House grounds (SDCC) and Shackleton's Mills (FCC). Of course, we thank the people of Lucan for supporting all the events held over the week.

The winners of our world-famous duck race are as follows:

First - Duck no 203 - €100

Second - Duck no 295 - €75

Third - Duck no 66 - €50

Winners will be contacted over the next few days.

We look forward to next year but not for a few months.

*Joe Byrne*



## Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Weekly Lotto Sponsorship for Season 2025/2026.

Lucan Sarsfields are launching their 2025/2026 Weekly Lotto Sponsorship Season in mid-September. Each week, the Sponsor's name is highlighted on the Lotto Tickets, the weekly result sheets, on all Lucky Dip and Winners complimentary slips, the weekly online Club notes, in the Lucan Newsletter, and media outlets, the Club's website, social media and email communications to members. The actual weekly draw is broadcast on the Club's Facebook every Thursday night.

The Rates of Sponsorship are: 1 Week, €50. 2 Weeks, €90. 4 Weeks, €150. 6 Weeks, €200. Please contact Séamus at 087 2189960 as soon as possible if you wish to avail of this very proven advertising forum. We look forward to your support of the biggest and vibrant sporting organisation in West Dublin.



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,400. The Numbers were **7, 15, 25 & 28**.

**Lucky dip's** go to Roisin Hollywood, Miriam Egan, Declan Murphy, Sarah Hazel and Barry O'Gara. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,800. This draw is sponsored by O' Grady's Hearing Care Services. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code below.



### Academy

Our academy for boys and girls aged 4-7 starts back after the summer break, and we can't wait to see everyone again! All children are welcome to come along - no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try. Starting back on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of September in the club grounds. Age group times are as follows; 2020/2021 - 9am, 2019 - 10am and 2018 - 11am.

### Cúpla Focal Club

Our Cúpla Focak club is back and open to new faces. This is a FREE conversational class for beginners and improvers. Starting back on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September from 8-9pm and running every Monday. Located upstairs in Lucan Sarsfield's Club House.

Contact [cuplafocalclub@gmail.com](mailto:cuplafocalclub@gmail.com) to book your place before 15th September.

**Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**

### LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Bridge Classes for beginners commencing on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Leixlip Parish Centre 8.00pm**

Contact Bert or Marian McKay 0879220233 – [bertmckay538@gmail.com](mailto:bertmckay538@gmail.com)  
0877677548 –  
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*Feile Lin Leamhcáin*

**Lá Spraoiúl - Family Fun Day**  
**St Catherines Farmers Market**

Domhnach/Sunday  
14<sup>th</sup> September 12-4pm

**Ceol Beo-Draíodóir-Péinteáil**  
**Aghaidhe -Scileanna CLG-Balún**  
**Cruthaíochta**

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# POLITICAL NOTES

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### Playground Arson – Update:

Last week's deliberate act of arson on the playground in Castlegate Park has resulted in extensive damage and the temporary closure of the playground. I have raised the matter with the council, but more importantly with An Garda Síochána. I have also issued a formal statement calling for more Gardaí and visibility in our communities.

### Tree & Hedge Pruning:

With bird nesting season coming to an end, the council are actively pruning trees and hedgerows. It was great to see work in this regard along the Newcastle Road and Station Road. If you wish to raise any area of concern, please drop me an email.

### Lucan Festival & Lucan Harriers Road Race:

Last weekend saw both the wonderful annual Lucan Festival and the Lucan Harriers 5-mile Road Race taking place. Well done.

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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[Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie](mailto:Emer.Higgins@oireachtas.ie)

Huge well done to the Lucan Festival Committee for all their hard work in putting on another brilliant Lucan Festival this year.

### School Secretaries and Caretakers:

I welcome the agreement that allowed Forsa to withdraw recent strike action by school secretaries and caretakers and begin talks with the Department of Education at the WRC. It is encouraging to see schools back to normal this week, with secretaries and caretakers continuing the essential work that keeps our schools running every day. I remain committed to supporting them in securing a fair and balanced outcome.

### GP Visit Card:

The GP Visit Card is a great support for individuals and families, removing the cost barrier to GP care and potentially saving a family of four up to €600 a year. Many people may qualify without realising it. See [GPVisitCard.ie](http://GPVisitCard.ie) for details on eligibility.

## Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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### Lucan Festival 2025:

Superb work by Lucan Festival team, volunteers, groups, businesses and performers to deliver a fun festival for all.

### Village Works:

Village Green works appear somewhat behind schedule. Expecting formal update from SDCC on 23rd September at the Area Committee Meeting.

### Data Centres in South Dublin:

My amendment to Cllr. Jess Spear's (PBP) motion on data centres was carried following a vote, in September's full Council meeting, as I felt that we need to protect the environment and business investment in the County in tandem. *"Calling for the council to write to the Minister for Climate, Energy and the Environment requesting a national moratorium on further data centre expansion, except for those data centres that are demonstrably powered by 100% renewable energy sources, such as solar, wind, water, wave, and thermal energy."*

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

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**Sports Pavilions:** Contracts signed for modular sports pavilions at Griffeen and Corkagh. Each will include up to eight dressing rooms and storage. Works begin shortly. AGP Griffeen and Willsbrook Parks will follow under SDCC's wider ten-site Part 8 pavilion programme, supporting clubs, schools, and wider community funded by SDCC and Sports Capital Grants.

**Lucan Festival:** Well done to the Lucan Festival committee, a voluntary group who delivered a fantastic week and secured €10,000 in SDCC Community Events Funding. Their commitment delivers a vibrant, inclusive festival celebrating Lucan and bringing the community together year after year.

**Lucan Village Enhancements:** Following my motion at the last area meeting, the Lucan Village Enhancement Scheme will be discussed as a headed agenda item at the next Area Committee Meeting on 23/09/2025 at 3pm. Residents may watch live at [www.sdcc.ie/en/service/our-council/council-meetings/](http://www.sdcc.ie/en/service/our-council/council-meetings/) or scan the QR code.





## Political Notes *cont'd.....*

### Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

*"Not just at election time"*

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#### Leisure Centre Access:

I've forwarded on video evidence that shows ample space at school drop off times, suggesting there is no reason to put barriers down and force vehicles into neighbouring housing estates like Ash Park.

#### Lucan Festival:

Fantastic event yet again and great to see fireworks in grounds of Lucan House. Well done to all volunteers and thanks to everyone who supported the events.

#### Anti-Social Behaviour:

This is the subject of my Private Member's Business motion and I look forward to the debate on Thursday morning in the Dáil.

## Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

Craobh Leamhcáin CCE Lucan

Traditional Irish Music Classes

We had a great turnout for our registration night last Tuesday. In case you missed it we still have a limited number of slots available in most instruments and levels for both adults and children, including guitar, whistle, flute, accordion, fiddle, concertina, and more. Please visit our new website on [www.lucancomhaltas.net](http://www.lucancomhaltas.net) for more details and to register online.



## Meaning of U3A

U3A stands for University of The Third Age. It is a university in the sense of a gathering or collective where members teach and learn from each other, not for qualifications but for pleasure and personal reward.



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Lucan Community Healthcare  
Network on 01 7955236.  
Lucan.chn@hse.ie



## St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree headed back to the Parish Centre last Friday to start planning their 13<sup>th</sup> annual Exhibition. The next exhibition will take place in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Saturday and Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025. Once again, the Soiree is grateful to their friends in St. Andrew's for the loan of the frames without which the exhibition could not take place.

Turning to this week's photographs, Anna was down at the National Stud and Japanese Gardens and sent in some nice shots of animals, fairy trails and aquatic life.



Josie gave us a photo of sunset at the iconic boat house in the grounds of Carton House.



Joe took a photograph of the Cross of Cong taken when he was in the National Museum recently. The Cross is an early 12th-century Irish Christian ornamented cusped processional cross, which was acquired in 1122 Tairrdelbach Ua Conchobair (Turlough O Connor) High King of Ireland to donate to the Cathedral church of the period that was located at Tuam, County Galway. The cross was subsequently moved to Cong Abbey at Cong, from which it takes its name. The Cross of Cong was made in 1123 to encase a fragment of the True Cross.

*Stay safe till next week!*