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We Are Each a Vital Part of a Bigger Picture!



Last week, at the instigation of Kevin Carroll, along with the good cache of photographs of the parish, catalogued by Bernie Martin, of the major renovations in 2005, we were able to enjoy reminiscing and recounting a part of the past. As a consequence of retaining good records and photographs, we were able to form a PowerPoint presentation which was shown after each Mass last weekend.



Looking at the photographs was an experience which not only stirred memories of the church and of the time, but shone a light on the wonderful leadership of the priests along with the guiding committees and groups who, together, made the dream of an improved place of worship possible. While, clearly, it was a big responsibility for all involved at the time, it was evident that it was an experience with further reinforced what was and is a beautiful parish community. (I say this as an outsider.)



At the time, while the church was not available for worship, the facilities of the Presentation Convent, St Joseph's Secondary School and the Church of Ireland St Andrew's place of worship was opened to the parish. We remember this at the time when Reverent Scott Peoples is preparing to retire from leading services in St Andrew's parish. The ecumenical spirit in Lucan is quite unique and precious, thanks to all concerned in the past and present.

Many of those involved are still active in the parish, some have moved to other parts of the country and some have gone to their reward with God. Each of the people involved made a difference in bringing about the beautiful church which we now enjoy, with it being incrementally improved and maintained since. When each person plays their part in their own time, great things continue to happen! We are each a vital part of a bigger picture!

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

From September companions can travel free with over 70s

Since 1 September 2025, if you are aged over 70 and have the Free Travel Scheme pass, you are entitled to a Free Travel Companion (FT+C) Public Services Card. This means someone who is over 16 can travel with you for free.

If you are aged 70 or over

If you are 70 or over and your current 'Personal' (FT-P) PSC or 'Spouse' (FT+S) PSC expires after 31 August 2025, a new PSC with FT+C (Free Travel Companion) on it will be sent to your home address. You don't need to apply.

If your PSC expired before 1 September 2025, you need to renew your PSC online on [My Welfare.ie](http://MyWelfare.ie) or at a PSC Intreo Centre. A new PSC (FT+C) will be sent to your home address.



You can get the Free Travel Scheme if you are aged 66 and live permanently in Ireland. It allows you to travel, free of charge, on public transport and some private bus and ferry services.

Find more about free travel in Ireland and how to get the Free Travel Scheme pass on our website or at our office.

How do I pay tax on my social welfare payment?

If you have a social welfare payment and another source of income, you may have to pay tax. In this case, your taxable social welfare payment and your other income are added together, and you are taxed on the total amount.

The Department of Social Protection does not take any tax from your social welfare payment before it is paid to you.



Social welfare payments are taxed by reducing your tax credits and rate band. Your non-social welfare income determines how tax due is paid.

Example: If you are working or getting an occupational pension, and getting a social welfare pension

You are getting a social welfare pension and an occupational pension. Your occupational pension is taxed through the Pay-As-You-Earn (PAYE) system in the same way as a wage or salary. This means that you get your tax credits in the normal way.

To tax your social welfare pension, your annual tax credits are reduced by the tax liability on your social welfare pension. You pay tax on both pensions, but it is collected from the occupational pension. For higher incomes, the standard rate cut-off point will also be reduced. The technical term for this is 'coding in' of credits.

The same arrangement applies if you have income from a job and a social welfare payment. If your social welfare payment was not 'coded in', you would have to pay tax as a self-employed person and in a lump sum by 31 October each year.

Social security pensions from abroad

If you have a social security pension from abroad, it is also generally taxable in Ireland. The tax is payable annually, unless you have a source of income that is subject to PAYE.

Certain foreign pensions that would be exempt from tax if you were resident in the country paying the pension, are also exempt from tax in Ireland.

More information is available on our website or in our office.



Lucan Drama

Everyone at Lucan Drama is delighted to bring you another evening of One Act plays, upstairs at Courtney's from October 20th to the 23rd.



Be prepared for an evening of mystery, murder and mayhem.

Tickets will be available soon.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep

Lucan Active Retirement Association

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

Thursdays

in

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



All Welcome!

Sarsfield Park Residents Association

The estate is very busy with construction traffic and new structures we would request all drivers slow down, in the estate due to the visual obstruction now opposite the construction site. The onset of autumn brings less light, leaves on the roads and paths. Please remember our children and elderly neighbours may not be able to react in an emergency situation.

Note to Members

Next meeting is scheduled for **23rd September** at 8:30 pm in Kennys.



Robert Neary presents "Community Hour" every Wednesday at 3pm on 96.4FM. If you are a member of a Community, Voluntary or Not-for-profit organisation in Lucan or the surrounding areas, Robert would love to interview you on his programme. Robert also promotes local events and activities. Please email him on robert@liffeysoundfm.ie

www.liffeysoundfm.ie or catch up on Facebook or Instagram

Liffey Sound 96.4FM- Lucan's Community Radio Station!

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 22nd September:

Movement to music with Sally.

Crafts ongoing 10am to 12.30pm.

Tea Hostesses: Miriam and Marie O'S.



We thank all the members who donated so generously to our collection for St. Francis Hospice, Blanchardstown.

Ladies doing the Computer Class on Friday 19th September. Please meet at 9. 20am, as there will be some forms to be filled out.

Federation Meeting on Saturday 27th September, in the Teachers Club, Parnell Square, at 2.30 to 4.30pm

LOST

Set of Keys (House), one has a green top on it, also photo in a key chain covered in a brown cover. Please leave in Church or Parish Centre.

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 24th September: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm. New members always welcome!

Griffeen Art Group

The group meets on a **Tuesday nights 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.



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 onwww.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.

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.



The annual collection for Crosscare, the Social Care Agency of the Dublin Archdiocese will be taken at Masses **THIS** weekend, **September 20th / 21st**

This will be the 2nd Collection, and will replace the usual SHARE Collection.

Please do not use the card machines in the porches for this collection

NAGARHOPE ANNUAL CHURCHGATE COLLECTION

The collection takes place this year at both **St. Mary's** and **St. Patrick's** on **Saturday 27th, Sunday 28th.**

As you read in Doc's update last week, Nagarhope Basic School in Nepal is thriving, thanks mainly to donors and sponsors here in Ireland. This annual collection goes a long way towards the running costs of the school.

*Many thanks for your support.
Niamh Clandillon*

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

25th Sunday in
Ord. Time

Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6pm.
Sunday Masses: 10.30am and 12 noon.

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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.

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.

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.

St Vincent De Paul - St Patrick's Conference

Church Gate collection before and after all
Masses **THIS Sunday 21st September**

Thank you for your generosity.

Anniversary

Elizabeth Bevan

1st Anniversary, 20th September

Your memory is a keepsake
From which we'll never part.
God has you in his arms,
We have you in our hearts.
Missing you always.
Louise, John and Family.



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22nd October
7 NIGHTS

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Spiritual Director Fr. Ubaldo

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



St James's hospital launched a new hospital wide **Patient Volunteer Service** in September 2024.

The service provides personal and practical support to patients and visitors attending St James's Hospital.

From simply helping someone check in for their clinic appointment, or guiding a patient to their clinic destination, the service aims to have a positive impact on our patients and visitors experience in the hospital.

We are currently recruiting new volunteers for the service.

If you would be interested in volunteering, please contact the Patient Volunteer Services Lead for a friendly chat on 087 499 5792 or email: teamvolunteer@stjames.ie

St. Patrick's Parish Lucan
Fundraiser Lotto


Your support makes a real difference
Jackpot increases every week plus a weekly winner prize

Play
Pick 4 numbers
The same numbers will be played for you each week

Pay
1 line for €2.50, 2 lines for €4
or 3 lines for €5
Maximum 3 lines per person

Win
Match 4 numbers to win the jackpot

Join now.
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Our Fundraiser

<https://www.southcoast.ie/org/stpatrickslucan>

Powered by: Our Fundraiser - fundraising made easy For more information email: info@ourfundraiser.ie

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

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



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Our rivers are far from healthy. They may be polluted with sewage, plastic, chemicals and nutrients. We need healthy rivers for wildlife, for our wellbeing, and to handle our changing climate. Whether you are an angler, a Rambler, a wildlife spotter or someone who just likes to sit and observe, you can help our vital rivers.

As a community we need more information about how our local rivers are doing. You can help to identify and locate the problems which can then influence our local council and other agencies to take appropriate action.

You don't have to be an expert. All you need is a smartphone and less than half an hour to visit your local river. This is all you have to do.

1. Download the free BIG RIVER WATCH app from the Google or Apple Playstore.
2. Spend 15 minutes at a specific spot on your local river. Use the app to open the survey and record what you see, anything from wildlife to signs of pollution. The app has photos to help identify what you are likely to see.
3. When you are finished observing, complete the survey and upload it. The project objective is to record and map the health of the rivers all over Ireland.

If you live in Lucan the most appropriate rivers to observe are the Liffey, in Lucan Demesne and the Griffeen. The Griffeen is easily observable from any point from upper Griffeen Valley Park all the way downstream to Vesey Park.

The dates for recording the survey are from Friday September 19th to Thursday September 25th.

If you need any further information, you can contact us at lucantidytowns@gmail.ie or message us on our Facebook page at Lucan Tidy Towns.

Thank You!

Lucan Tidy Towns wish to thank **Lidl Ballyowen** for their kind donation of fertiliser. We will have plenty of use for same with the recent establishment of new beds on Adamstown Road, Lucan Heights/Lucan Road junction and others.

*Kevin O'Loughlin
Lucan Tidy Towns*



Autumn has arrived, and with it, fresh breezy days! There's nothing like the dust being blown around all over Lucan these days, from roadworks and various developments.

The Annual Liffey Descent takes place in a week's time, on **Saturday 27th September**. Lots of thrills and spills – the Weir was always a great vantage point, but heaven knows what the situation will be like with work on the new steps to the bridge – These works are actually taking longer that it would for a new baby to arrive

The new steps – a work in progress almost a year on!

There's also what looks like a wavy path or flower bed, in the making.



Celebrations all round.....

The three Lucan Parishes have something to celebrate over the next few weeks.

St. Mary's celebrated 20 years since their refurbishment on Sunday last.

Divine Mercy will celebrate the 25th anniversary of their church next weekend.

St. Patrick's will be 40 years old in early October.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: 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

Set Dancing

Palmerstown Community Hall

(opposite Palmerstown House Pub)

Every Monday 8.30 pm – 10.30 pm

No partner needed. €5.

All welcome. Come and have fun.

Further information – 086 1930278.

Irish Conversation Group



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

Come join us for Cúpla Focal agus Cupán Tae!

No Stone Left Unturned

Breaking news.

The government has announced the appointment of a junior minister to the newly formed Department of Stone Turning, Roinn Casadh Cloiche. His brief, to ensure that no Stone is left unturned.

A task force is being assembled to advance the initiative throughout the country. Teams of Stone turners will traverse the land. The public are to be incentivized to engage with the process. Grants will be made available to those who live in particularly stony areas and fines imposed on anyone on who's property stones are found unturned. The department will issue guidelines on how to differentiate between a stone and a small rock. Stone turning competitions will take place, the final to be held on Croagh Patrick on Stone turning bank holiday weekend. Ireland will become a World leader in the field of stone turning or indeed stone turning in the field. When no stone is left unturned the result will be transformative.

Public enquires and tribunals will be brought to a just and timely conclusion, criminal investigations expedited, with all perpetrators brought to book.

Legal and planning matters will proceed with haste, senior counsels will be seen playing cards in the law library. The Public Accounts Committee made redundant, RTE news reduced to fifteen minutes a day, Prime Time merging with the Late Late Show.

The cost of the initiative is estimated to come in somewhere in the region of a ballpark figure. A completion date for the project to become apparent going forward. The Minister will announce a commencement date when someone blameless can be found to turn the first stone.

By Paddy Mulhern





SCHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Final Farewell to the class of 2025

The LCC Class of 2025 had a fantastic night celebrating their Debs last week at Dunboyne Castle Hotel. Everyone looked amazing, and it was great to see so many smiles. Wishing them all the best as they head into the next chapter of their lives!



Gaelic Season Returns

Our Junior Girls Gaelic team had their first match of the season against St. Joseph's on a glorious blue-sky day. While the result didn't go our way, the girls showed fantastic team spirit. A great opportunity to build towards the season ahead. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to the teachers for their support.



St. Vincent's Castleknock College

is delighted to invite 2025/26 Sixth Class boys and their Parent(s)/Guardian(s) to the Open Evening. There will be two sessions on the night: 17:00 – 18:30 and 19:30 – 21:00.

This is a ticketed only event and you must reserve your tickets in advance for your chosen time. Each ticket covers entry for the Sixth Class boy and up to two of his Parent(s)/Guardian(s) for their chosen time.

Link to reserve tickets for the 17:00 to 18:30 session:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/1858122>

Link to reserve tickets for the 19:30 to 21:00 session:

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/1859035>

Please note, if attending the 19:30 session, please do not arrive before 19:15 to permit earlier attendees to leave the campus.

With regard to Admissions for 2026, full information on our website:

<https://www.castleknockcollege.ie/>

St. Kevin's Community College

Open Night this Thursday 18th September, 18.00 – 19.30. www.stkevinscc.ie

Join us on Thursday the 18th of September for our annual open night. A great opportunity for students in 5th and 6th classes to see our excellent school and to meet some of their future teachers and SNAs. There will be lots to see on the night, from Woodwork displays, experiments in our science labs and brilliant art pieces in our art room and to hear wonderful music, sample treats from our kitchen, experience our engineering room, and lots more. Looking forward to seeing you all.



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

Odium'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.



National Ploughing Championship

Last Tuesday, transition years along with their tutors were up early to beat the traffic as they went off to the Ploughing Championships. It was a fantastic day in the Sun for all involved. The students got involved in welly throwing and sheep shearing and also enjoyed the many stalls and

wonderful food that was available on the day. Many thanks to Ms. Say for organising the trip.

Public speaking

Transition year students have been taking public speaking classes this week with Alan Devine. Alan has previously acted in King Arthur, Hamlet, Vikings and Fair City and has over twenty years' experience working as an actor in Ireland. The public speaking workshops aim to show students how to find confidence in their voice and connect with their audience and member of the public. These skills will hopefully stand to the transition year students as they build up to their musical, Sister Act and also their work experience.

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Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com



Memories of Summer 2025.....

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Open Night: A reminder that our Open Night takes place in the school on **Thursday 2nd**

October from **7pm-9pm**. Prospective students from 5th and 6th class are invited to attend, along with their parents/guardians.

Study skills: We are delighted to announce that our school has taken a significant step forward in supporting student learning by providing access to Studyclix Plus for all students this academic year. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to equipping students with the best tools and resources to achieve academic success.

The school has purchased a Studyclix school licence, which gives every student access to the full range of Studyclix Plus features. This powerful online learning platform offers past exam questions, marking schemes, quizzes, study notes, videos, and other subject-specific resources tailored to the Irish curriculum. Students can now revise more effectively, practise exam-style questions, and build confidence across all subject areas.

Studyclix Plus is especially useful for Junior Cycle and Leaving Certificate students, offering structured, topic-by-topic revision in an easy-to-use format. We encourage all students to make the most of this fantastic resource as part of their daily study routine.

In addition to access to the platform, we are excited to announce that all students will participate in a Study Skills Seminar delivered by the Studyclix team in term two. This seminar is designed to help students develop effective study habits, manage their time wisely, and reduce exam stress. It will provide practical strategies for setting goals, improving concentration, and making the most of revision sessions.

We believe that combining the features of Studyclix Plus with the valuable advice from the upcoming seminar will greatly enhance students' learning experience throughout the year.

We look forward to seeing the positive impact of these initiatives and wish all our students the very best in their studies.

Subject options: As part of their 7-week Taster Subject Options, the new 1st yr students have been fully immersed in their Visual Art classes. Last week, the Art room was buzzing with energy as students began an exciting new portrait project introduced by the Art teacher, Ms. Carey. The new scheme of work focuses on celebrity-inspired Pop Art portraits, combining bold colours, abstract patterns, and tessellation techniques. Each student was given an A4 photograph of a well-known celebrity to use as a reference for their artwork. Among the chosen



faces were music icon Noel Gallagher and football star Cristiano Ronaldo, which sparked great interest and conversation among the students.

Using these photographs as guides, students began sketching and constructing their portraits, with a strong emphasis on Pop Art style — a movement known for its vibrant colour schemes, repetition, and use of popular culture imagery. To bring a modern twist, students were encouraged to incorporate abstract patterns and tessellations into the background or clothing in their compositions. Tessellations are created using shapes that fit together perfectly without any gaps, requiring careful planning and design.

The project not only builds on students' observational drawing skills but also allows them to experiment creatively with colour, shape, and design. The combination of structured technique and personal expression has been a hit with both groups of first years.

Ms. Carey has praised the creativity and enthusiasm shown across the two groups she has worked with so far, noting the individuality and imagination displayed in each student's approach. We look forward to seeing the completed portraits displayed around the school in the coming weeks — they are sure to be a colourful and eye-catching addition!

Well-being: At Coláiste Phádraig, we are proud to launch our new **student-friendly version of the Bí Cineálta Policy** to Prevent and Address Bullying Behaviour. This project was designed and created by students, under the guidance of Ms. Farrell. With great creativity and commitment, three Transition Year students - Shane Clare, Nate Crawford and Troy O'Sullivan took on the task of designing and producing the student-friendly version of this policy. Shane Clare provided the striking artwork, which captures the stark reality of bullying. Nate Crawford contributed the powerful caption "*Be Inclusive, Not Abusive*", which forms the heart of the message. Troy O'Sullivan designed the creative layout which makes the policy accessible and eye-catching for all.

Shane, Nate, Troy along with Senan Walsh (also Transition Year) worked together to ensure the posters were displayed throughout the school, helping to make the message visible to everyone. The posters are now proudly displayed across our school as a daily reminder to all: **Be Inclusive, Not Abusive — and above all else, Be Kind.** They reflect our students' creativity and commitment to building a safe, respectful, and inclusive school culture.



A Flawed Consultation Undermining Lucan's Voice

Public consultation is one of the cornerstones of local democracy. When carried out properly, it gives communities a real say in shaping their environment and ensures public money is spent wisely. Unfortunately, the recent consultation on the proposed alterations to the Lucan Road Boardwalk demonstrates how the process can go badly wrong.

In February and March 2025, South Dublin County Council (SDCC) conducted an online survey on these proposed changes. At first glance, this looked like a genuine effort to seek community views. Yet a closer look reveals a process that was narrow, exclusionary, and ultimately misleading.

A Digital-Only Exercise

The consultation was promoted exclusively through SDCC's website. No effort was made to engage residents through local newspapers, radio, community leaflets, or direct contact with businesses. For a project that directly affects the daily lives of people in Lucan, this is wholly inadequate.

This online-only approach raises two problems. First, it excludes people who are less comfortable with digital platforms, particularly older residents. Only 11 of the 135 online respondents (just 8%) were aged over 65, despite this group representing a significant portion of Lucan's population. Second, it signals a worrying shift towards "digital discrimination"—where the ability to participate depends on online access and digital literacy rather than an equal right to be heard.

Survey Design That Blocked Objections

Even more concerning was the design of the survey itself. If a respondent answered "no" to the proposed changes, the survey would not allow them to continue or submit further comments. This structural flaw meant that objections could not be properly registered. In effect, only supportive responses were counted through the online channel.

Recognising this problem, many residents resorted to written submissions. Indeed, the scale of written feedback far outweighed the digital input:

- 135 survey responses (13.5%)
- 23 online portal submissions (2.5%)
- 854 written submissions (84%)

Dismissal of Written Feedback

Despite this overwhelming preference for written feedback, SDCC's report categorised the 854 submissions as "repetitive" or "lobbying in nature." Worse, it downplayed their relevance, suggesting they did not specifically address the boardwalk alterations. This is both unfair and inaccurate.

A Freedom of Information request allowed for a random review by myself of 200 written submissions. Not a single one expressed support for the proposed changes. It is therefore reasonable to conclude that 100% of written submissions opposed the alterations.

The Real Picture

When all submissions are taken into account, the numbers speak for themselves:

- 101 responses (10%) supported the changes
- 911 responses (90%) opposed them

This paints a starkly different picture from the Council's report, which emphasised that 71% of online survey respondents supported the changes. By focusing primarily on digital responses while sidelining written submissions, SDCC presented a distorted view of community opinion.

The Bigger Issues at Stake

This consultation raises fundamental questions about how public engagement is being handled:

- Why rely exclusively on digital channels to communicate with residents?
- Why restrict survey design so that objections could not be fully expressed?
- Why dismiss written submissions when they represented the overwhelming majority of feedback?

Such practices undermine trust in the consultation process. They also waste valuable public funds by pushing forward proposals that the community clearly does not support.

Most importantly, this approach disregards the voices of older residents, business owners, and families who rely on local parking and accessibility. This is not just poor practice—it is discrimination.

A Call for Fair Engagement and Accountability

Lucan deserves better. SDCC must re-commit to genuine, inclusive, and transparent consultation. That means:

- Running balanced information campaigns through multiple channels (radio, newspapers, community meetings, and leaflets).
- Allowing objections to be registered equally alongside support.
- Giving written submissions the same weight as digital ones.
- Respecting the voices of all age groups, particularly seniors who are often excluded by digital-only approaches.

Public consultation is not a box-ticking exercise. It is a duty of care to the community. If the Council wishes to alter the Grand Canal to Lucan Greenway Part 8 project, it must initiate a new **statutory** consultation process—one that respects every resident's right to participate, whether online or on paper.

And crucially, our local councillors and TDs must now step up and hold SDCC to account. They were elected to represent the people of Lucan, and they must ensure that the overwhelming opposition expressed by residents is not brushed aside. Councillors and TDs should insist that SDCC review all submissions fairly, correct the flaws in this consultation, and restore public confidence in the process.

The people of Lucan have spoken clearly. It is now time for SDCC—and those elected to represent us—to listen and act.

David Lombard

Lucan Library – September Events



Adamstown Blue Connect STEAM Club for 9 – 12 years.

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



DDLETB Adult Education at Lucan Library Digital Literacy Skills

classes begin on Tuesday 30th September, 10am - 12noon.



Events for Younger Children: Storytime –

Tuesdays at 3pm.
All welcome!



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.



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

Lucan Library - Lucan Shopping Centre, Newcastle Road.

Phone No. 01-6216422

lucanlibrary@sdublincoco.ie

www.southdublinlibraries.ie

Opening Hours: Monday – Thursday

9.45 am – 8.00 pm

Friday & Saturday 9.45 am – 4.30 pm.





Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



New Ball Stop

Our new ball stop on the senior pitch is now in place thanks to the generous support from Alan & Claire Haran and Whiteform Construction! Thanks to our super crew of Henry, Derek, Freddy, Alan, Anto, Liam, PJ and Tommy who poured the concrete, erected the poles and installed the net.

Golf Society

Lucan Sarsfields Golf Society wrapped up the year on a high with Captain Eamonn McShea's Day at the prestigious Carton



House – where the fairways are smooth, and the rough is... well, very rough. The Captain's Day prize went to none other than club legend Seán McCaffrey, proving retirement does indeed improve your golf swing. The Golfer of the Year title was deservedly scooped by Damien O'Brien. Looking forward to more pars and fewer bunkers, and another great year of golf in 2026!

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.

Healthy Club

Congratulations to our healthy club committee who have achieved Silver Healthy Club Status. Their policies and activities help us to support the holistic health of our members and community. Well done to our committee for all their hard work!

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,800. The Numbers were **12, 14, 18 & 21.**

Lucky dip's go to Pat O'Keeffe, John O'Mahony, Tom Flannery, Sean McGann, Stagg Family. This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €6,200. This draw is sponsored by Diamond & Gem Jewellers.



Cúpla Focal Club

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

Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com to book your place.

Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Bridge Classes for beginners commencing

on Monday **29th September at Leixlip Parish Centre 8.00pm**

Contact Bert or Marian McKay 0879220233 – bertmckay538@gmail.com 0877677548 –

email: mmckay539@gmail.com

Qualified CBAI Teachers



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Lucan House Culture Night:

This Friday, 19th September from 5–9pm, Lucan House will host a special Culture Night celebration as part of the South Dublin Live programme. The evening will feature concerts, children's entertainment, and guest performances, all under a covered marquee with tea, coffee, and treats. The event is free, but booking is essential. Visit www.artscope.ie

Well done to Lucan Sarsfields Ladies:

A huge congratulations to the Lucan Sarsfields Junior C Ladies Team on their Championship win over Templeogue on Sunday 7th September.

Did you know?

Through libraries Ireland, once you have a library card, you can access over 600 online continuing education courses, across a wide range of subjects. Enrol in up to 5 courses, connect with real instructors and learn at your own pace. Visits sdcc.ie or ask at your local library for more information.

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More Bus Shelters fort Lucan Please!

Recently, I've been calling on the TFI to apply a common-sense approach in their consideration to actual bus shelters at high user frequency stops. SDCC have scope and funding available through the Bus Shelter Enhancement Scheme 2025/26 to assist and collaborate in these requests. For now, I've requested shelters at stops on Castle Road and outside Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada / Lucan Leisure Campus.

Griffeen Community College – Update:

A response to a recent query I submitted to the Minister for Education informs us that the new Griffeen Community College building will be completed in Q.2 2026. It is imperative this deadline is met, with the number of pupils growing significantly in Lucan. Together with my Sinn Féin colleagues, we will continue to advocate for all children in our community to have their educational needs met.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Lucan Leisure Campus – Ash Park & Parking:

I visited Lucan Leisure Campus this week and noted some improvement in traffic flow. Aura security allowed parking for safe drop-offs. Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada reopened its internal drop-off zone, easing congestion. However, some cars are blocking the cycle path and bus bays, and a few still drop off on double yellows, creating safety risks and traffic congestion. I met Ash Park residents to discuss parking and traffic concerns at length, which I'll raise with SDCC for resolution.

Lucan Village – Taxi Drivers' Concerns:

Working with me, Lucan taxi drivers have compiled operational data. I've requested a meeting with SDCC's Senior Executive Engineer and the drivers to address traffic layout issues around the Village Green and this is happening early next week.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Consequences for anti-social behaviour:

Having raised this matter before the summer, I dedicated my twice-yearly Private Member's Business to a two-hour debate on Thursday on this issue to try and get some meaningful action. There have been too many incidents of threatening behaviour, assaults, intimidation, vandalism and arson in recent months and people feel powerless to deal with the situation, especially when the perpetrators are under 18. There is a link to the debate and my opening and closing statements under "updates" on my website.

Leisure Centre Access:

SDCC refused to budge on barriers for parent drop-offs, citing safety issues. However, if parents park for 20 minutes this issue won't arise, and the car park is currently extremely empty, although they maintain it will get busier. See also Helen's related report.

Political notes continued over.....

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

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Age Friendly Homes and Housing Options for Older Homeowners:

I've had a lot of queries about housing options for older people. SDCC are developing 68 age-friendly apartments at Somerton (adjacent to Lucan Shopping Centre) due for completion in June 2026, and five more homes are underway in Sarsfield Park.

Private homeowners aged 55+ may apply via SDCC's Community List. This is a pathway to access age-friendly housing by either:

- Selling your home to the Council at an age-related discount, or
- Selling privately and making a financial contribution from the proceeds.

This enables lifetime tenancy in high-quality, age-friendly housing. The scheme is designed to support older residents who wish to move to a home that better suits their needs as they age.

Please contact me if you need further information on this or any other issue.

Liona O'Toole P.C. - Independent

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I've been engaging with residents, businesses and motorists about proposed changes outside Muintir Na Tíre/Lucan Village. The plan to widen the footpath and relocate the bus stop will reduce this road stretch to a single lane. Currently there are two lanes from Carroll's to the traffic light junction allowing smoother traffic flow. Under the new plan cars will queue behind stationary buses with the relocated stop in the single lane. Tailbacks will stretch through the village. Businesses welcome upgrades but delays already impact trade. Some report reduced footfall with customers pushed up the village toward the Liffey end.

While I support improvements like footpath upgrades, the bus stop relocation and road narrowing are wrong moves. We need pedestrian safety but without gridlock or harm to trade. I've secured an on-site meeting with SDCC engineers to push for a balanced, common-sense solution.

We are a Generation that will never come back

A generation that walked to school and then walked back.

A generation that did their homework alone to get out asap

A generation that spent all their free time on the street with their friends.

A generation that made mud cakes.

A generation that collected sports cards.

A generation that made toys and go carts with their bare hands.

A generation that bought vinyl albums to play on record players.

A generation that played board games and cards on rainy days.

A generation whose TV went off at midnight and played the National Anthem.

A generation most important with imagination.

A generation that is passing and unfortunately it will never return.

I loved Growing up when I did.

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The members of the Camera Soiree continue to work towards their next exhibition that is scheduled to take place in St. Mary's Parish Centre on Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th November 2025. Final decisions on the selection of photographs that will appear in the exhibition have to be taken in the next week or two to allow for printing, mounting and framing.

There is a touch of autumn in the air and Joe marked the occasion with a photo of a “conker” ripe to fall. Does anybody remember the game of “Conkers”? “Conkers” was a traditional seasonal children’s game played using the seeds of horse chestnut trees. The game was played by two players, each with a “conker” threaded onto a piece of string. The players took turns striking each other's conker until one broke. In my day winning at “Conkers” was a very serious business. On the continent it is common in winter to see sellers on street corners offering roasted chestnuts to eat. The texture is similar to a baked potato and they taste delicious.



Josie is off on the continent again and submitted photographs of the Piazza Maggiore, with its largely preserved 15th century layout, in Bologna, the capital and largest city of the Emilia-Romagna region of northern Italy.



Donal managed to get an interesting photograph of a rainbow over part of Dublin Port while Anne got a very moody photograph of the sunlight through trees in the grounds of the Spa Hotel.



Stay safe till next week!