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Sunday 28th September 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

Archbishop Dermot Farrell has designated today as our Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday. The theme this year is to continue working to make our society safer for children, young people and vulnerable adults.

We are all highly aware of the abuse that occurred to children in institutions such as schools, sporting associations and faith communities. Thankfully this feature seems to have lessened which is very good news. It means that all the work that has been done in our parishes, in other church organisations, sports organisations and other recreational organisations make for a safer place for minors (Under 18). Thankfully we have learned from the failures and have applied ourselves to put this to good effect. We must not become complacent and continue to make this our priority.

According to statistics there seems to have been a rise in peer abuse. This is abuse which comes from other children or young people. We can largely put this down to the use of phones and electronic devices which seems to be a platform for many types of abuse which gives a distorted perception of relationships and sexuality. This places our young people at a greater risk of sexual violence.

As a community here in Lucan we have come together with determination to protect children and young people through ongoing training of those entrusted in the care of our young people. In March this year over 30 volunteers and some staff members entrusted with the care of our young people took place in a training course in the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable adults thanks to the fantastic work and direction from Gary Kehoe who is employed by the Archdiocese of Dublin as Child/Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding, Protection and Compliance Manager.

In September 2024 both the parishes of St Mary's/St Patricks completed an audit in Safeguarding compliance which I am pleased to say both parishes were deemed to be compliant, but even so we cannot become complacent in this regard. Each of us involved in ministry with young people or those of us who encounter vulnerable adults have an obligation to exercise utmost care that the past abuses never happen again.

Archbishop Farrell has given us some areas where we can act with purpose and help the situation:

- Challenge societal prejudice against women and girls
- Support campaigns to curb activities of companies that profit from children and young people having access to online pornography
- Co-operate with other civil society groups who share a commitment to child protection and share resources where we can
- Engage with children and young people and involve them in the life of our parishes

We in Lucan are very fortunate to have a number of children and young people ministry groups actively involved and it's our responsibility to help and support them in whatever way we can and to provide care and protection and model appropriate relationships for them.

We continue to remember in prayer those who have suffered and continue to suffer as a consequence of abuse in childhood.

Miriam Hodgkinson, Safeguarding Representative St Patrick's Parish

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

Gambling - If you think gambling is affecting your job, family or your relationships, support services are available nationwide to help you.

Gambling Care National Helpline 1800 936725

Gamblers Anonymous Ireland

www.gamblersanonymous.ie

A support group service who offer free meetings and resources for individuals struggling with gambling harm.

Regional phone numbers: Dublin: 01 872 1133

Please call 087 262 2804 (10am-10pm).

Family Addiction Support Network www.fasn.ie

Tel: (042) 935 5251 / (087) 904 6405

24 Hour Helpline.

Provides supports and resources to families affected by a loved one's substance misuse or gambling harm.

Help for problem gambling addiction

If you cannot control your need to gamble despite the effect it has on your own life and the lives of your family, you may have a gambling addiction. You can get help to treat your gambling addiction.

You can: Find services that provide support for problem gambling.

Find your local service for addiction treatments.

Read about self-help for gambling addiction on our website.

Will I be cut off if I can't pay my electricity or gas bill? Do you know about the winter ban on electricity and gas disconnections?

If you're struggling with bills, you can't be disconnected during winter during the following periods:

1 Nov 2025 - 31 Mar 2026 - if you are a vulnerable customer

8 Dec 2025 - 16 Jan 2026 - all other domestic customers

Vulnerable customers: Vulnerable customers who are registered as priority services customers cannot be disconnected at any time.

You are a priority service customer if you register with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities as being critically dependent on electrically powered assistive devices.

Alternative payments plans: The supplier can agree to put an alternative payment plan in place for you. Suppliers must help you if you are in genuine financial difficulty. They must make at least 4 attempts to contact you before they disconnect your electricity or gas.

Mental Health Month takes place throughout October and October 10th marks World Mental Health Day. Throughout the whole month, we make mental health and wellbeing a national priority with a programme of events, activities and workshops.

World Mental Health Day provides the opportunity to raise awareness about global mental health issues and creates the opportunity for people to call for action and advocate for change in mental health.

Throughout the whole of October, we are making mental health and wellbeing a national priority with a programme of events, activities and workshops. Together, we can ensure that everyone across the country is involved in creating a culture that supports mental health and wellbeing.

Help – Your mental health information line – Freephone 1800 111888 or free text 50808 www.mentalhealthireland.ie

Open House Dublin is a free festival of architecture with guided tours and events taking place. Brought to you by the Irish Architecture Foundation, the festival celebrates great architecture, urban design and the people that contribute to the creation of built Dublin. Included is a “**Building Tour of Lucan House**” on Saturday 18th October 2025.

Booking is essential – more information on Open House Dublin 2025

Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 29th October: Crafts continuing doing different projects, we will also have our monthly committee meeting at 11am.

We welcome a new member Mary to ICA; hope she will enjoy her stay with us.

Tea hostesses are Sally and Marie T.

We had a surprise birthday party for our long-standing member Margaret Hynes who has reached her 93rd birthday last week. A great achievement Margaret, we are all very proud of Margaret.



Above, Margaret, with some of the ladies on Monday morning.

We welcome new members to join us, do drop in any Monday morning at 11 am for a cup of tea, home baked scones and a chat with the ladies.

Pauline

Carers & Toddlers Group

Thursdays

in

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



All Welcome!

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 1st October: Social Morning, and lunch in the Spa Hotel, 10.30am – 2.30pm.



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 2nd October 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 to register your interest.

Thursday 2nd October, 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 on the 1st and 3rd Thursday 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, October 2nd, where a warm welcome awaits you.

For further details, follow Lucan Toastmasters on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#) or contact vpmlucantostmasters@gmail.com

Lucan Drama

For our upcoming evening of One Act plays we are very happy to confirm that we will have three productions on show.



Small Box Psychosis, Daisy Market and Murder on a Budget.

Edge of the seat drama, Dublin banter and a comedic murder mystery all on the one night!

Tickets will be available soon so book early for a great night out.

Lucan Drama - Bringing Drama to your Doorstep!

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am,

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Confessions: Saturday Evening 6.30pm Mass.

Adoration:

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



St. Mary's Readers' Roster October 2025:

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

Christian Meditation:

We meet every Tuesday night at 8pm in the Parish Bungalow.

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

Baptisms in St Mary's:

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

Legion of Mary:

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

Lectio Divina:

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

Divine Mercy Devotion:

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

Visits to the housebound:

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

Cuppa:

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

**Centenary of Canonisation
St Thérèse of Lisieux &
Feast Day Celebrations**

Wednesday 1st October

**The Relics of St Thérèse & Her Parents
St Louis & St Zélie Martin will visit:**

Dublin Locations:

**Clarendon Street, St Teresa's Church,
Dublin**
11am & 12.45pm Mass

**Whitefriar Street, 56 Aungier Street,
Dublin 2**
3pm Mass

Veneration after each Mass

For further information
Contact: 085 8887548
St Thérèse Relics - The Sweeney Family

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.

26th
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Divine Mercy, Lucan South

www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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

Masses livestreamed www.lucansouthparish.net

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

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 MPMH 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.

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 recent update, 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

Anniversaries

Tommy Behan R.I.P

55th Anniversary, 29th September

Late of Dodsboro Cottages

A little prayer so warm and tender

Just to say we will always remember

Loved and missed always by Ann and Mary and
all the family xxxx

Special loving thoughts too of our Mam *Ciss*.



Paul (Maxi) Mc Morrow

3rd Anniversary, 22nd September

Our thoughts are ever with you

Though you have passed away

And those who have loved you dearly

Are thinking of you today and every day.

*Sadly, missed and loved by your Mam,
sisters and brothers xxx*



Patrick (Pat) Sheridan

6th Anniversary, 24th September

Remember Me

Remember me with smiles not tears,

For all the joy, through all the years,

Recall a closeness that was ours,

A love as sweet as fragrant flowers.

Don't dwell on thoughts that cause you pain,

We'll see each other once again,

I am at peace.... try to believe,

It was my time.... I had to leave.

But "what a view" I have from here

I see your face, I feel you near,

I follow you throughout the day,

You're not alone along the way.

And when God calls you.... You will be,

right by my side.... Right here with me,

Till then, I'll wait by Heaven's door,

We'll be united.... Evermore.

From your loving wife Anne and family,

Louise, Brian, Hilary, Mark and Sile,

Patrick and Cathy and all the grandchildren.

May his beautiful Soul Rest in Peace.



Pat Sheridan

6th Anniversary, 24th September

On this your 6th Anniversary, we pause and
lovingly recall how dearly each of us loved you,
and how you loved us all.

Forever in our hearts.

Rest in Peace Pat.

*Love from your sisters, Marie, Nuala, Ann and
Jean.*

Acknowledgement

Anthony (Tony) Carey

The Carey family (Caroline, Adrian, Edel and
Roisin) would like to extend our heartfelt thanks
to everyone who supported us on the recent and
enormous loss of our Dad, Tony.

To Dad's brothers, sisters and extended Carey
families, our neighbours past and present, and all
who sent kind messages, flowers and cards, your
thoughtfulness has brought us great comfort. We
are especially grateful to all who were part of
Dad's life and his legacy at Carey's Newsagents,
Main Street, Lucan.

A special thank you to the community palliative
care team and private home care staff for the
gentle and compassionate care you gave to Dad.

As it is impossible to thank everyone individually,
please know that your kindness will never be
forgotten. A Mass will be offered for your
intentions, with our sincere thanks.

**Dad's Month's Mind Mass will take place on
Saturday, 4th October at 6.30 pm in St. Mary's
Church, Lucan.**



survive&thrive

Information and support for those who have completed treatment for cancer

Survive and Thrive Programmes 2025

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.



We welcomed back members on Thursday from our break to Ibiza last week. A great holiday was had by all, with extremely great weather, hotel, food and entertainment. All looking forward to our next outing which will be "Fiddler on the Roof" in October.



New Members always welcome. Why not come and join us, we would love to see you there. Lots of activities to enjoy - Bowls, Scrabble, Cards, Choir, and the chat.

Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm. We meet in St. Andrew's Parish Centre, Main Street, Lucan, on Thursdays at 11.30am.



Happy Birthday Betty!!!

Betty Tully turned 90 on 19th September. She's probably one of Sarsfield Parks most senior residents.



Betty was the heart of St. Mary's B.N.S staff room for over 45 years. She was Grand Marshall in the St. Patricks day Parade for the junior and senior infants for many years carrying the flag with great pride.

On her big day she received over 100 birthday cards and a surprise visit from Mr. Lynch and his 4th class boy's. As Betty opened her door the boy's sang happy birthday. In her words such a wonderful surprise.

So from all of us here in St. Mary's B.N.S., Betty, enjoy your very special year.



Belated Happy Birthday Greetings to Betty, and also to **Margaret!**

From all at Lucan Newsletter!



Oops! We got the date wrong in last week's issue, for the Liffey Descent. Since we last checked, the date was changed due to ESB works on the river. The great event will now take place on **Saturday 18th October!**

Culture Night – We heard great reports about Culture Night at Lucan House on Friday last. Despite the weather, some hardy souls attended, and enjoyed the wonderful music and song.

The Platinum Jubilee of Sr Rosemarie Madden

Saturday 20 September 2025

Saint Patrick's Church

Parish of Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown

Pope Leo XIV speaking to a recent gathering said, "together, we will rebuild the credibility of a wounded church, sent to a wounded humanity, within a wounded creation. We are not yet perfect, but it is necessary that we be credible." Credibility has to be a trademark of authentic Christianity. Those of us who have come to know Sr Rosemarie Madden who has served in the parish of Esker/Doddsboro/Adamstown for nearly half a century can testify to the fact that she has incarnated the essence of being credible.

Rosemarie entered the Congregation of La Sainte Union (Sisters of the Holy Union of the Sacred Hearts) in 1955 at their novitiate in Highgate, London. The idea of union is the heart of their name (La Sainte Union) and mission. She lived that "union" with those she worked and volunteer with – no ego grandstanding! That way of living was rooted in the congregational spirituality of union with Jesus and Mary.

She always credited the American branch of the congregation for a forward-looking vision based on enacting the theology of the Second Vatican Council. They gave her an opportunity to shed the veil and show off her elegant hairdos. She had been called to teaching but postponed it for over two years to enter the novitiate. The transition was to Carysfort Training College in Blackrock, County Dublin. After 19 years teaching in Athlone, she arrived in Lucan in 1981 to commence a teaching post at St Thomas' JPS from where she retired in 2002. However, she continued in practical ways to continue liturgical preparations for the school along with Scoil Aine Naofa and Scoil Mhuire. She saved many a day by doing substitution teaching when a school issue emerged.

After a period of study at All Hallows College Rosemarie offered her voluntary services to the parish. A whole new life began for her in a variety of parish ministries. Those ministries included assisting Ann, Joe, Katie and John Maher with the children's choir. She assisted Marie Anderson and Irene Murphy during the children's liturgy. They were way ahead of their time in introducing mime into the liturgy. Among her generous commitments were with the Baptismal and Eucharistic Ministries. When the first Parish Pastoral Council was established, she served for many years, bringing her spiritual and pastoral resources to a more structured parish contribution. Those who were ill and housebound received the Lord from her in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. However, it went beyond ritual to personal friendships and consolation for others in their loneliness and isolation. She lived the Sacrament that she ministered – that ministry continues to this day.

Adamstown gave Rosemarie another lease of life. It was an invigorating time for all of us. The emergence of a new Ireland within the parish. A treasure of her heart over the past 15 years is the time she spent in this

new environment with the two Educate Together Schools, Adamstown Castle and Esker and the parish school St John the Evangelist. The welcome she was afforded was profoundly appreciated. Rosemarie loved meeting the staff. Special mention must go to the principals, Tony, Tom, Gemma (and previously Colette), and James, the secretaries Amanda, Suzanne and Katie, and those teachers who lead the formation of the catholic children in the schools along with the teachers from St. John the Evangelist. The former parish secretary Anne Butler supported Rosemarie in many practical ways. Not only did Rosemarie co-ordinate the celebration of the Sacraments for the Educate Together Schools but journeyed with the "parachute" children who landed in the other parish schools from all over the world and had to be brought up to speed with the three relevant Sacraments.

I marvelled at how she managed so much with massive pleasantness and calmness. She didn't set up an obstacle course for the parents. In not seeking perfection regarding some requirements, she responded to the challenges of the moment and left the rest to God. She obviously took the view that God was neither barrister nor catechetical adjudicator. To quote from the Franciscan priest Richard Rohr, one of the spiritual masters of our age, "things don't have to be perfect for me to respect them, honour them" (The Tears of Things, Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage). Truly, Rosemarie is one in a million, bringing the simplicity of the Gospel to complex human situations and arriving at a destination where God becomes gently present.



I am honoured to have had the opportunity to minister alongside her and learn from her to try a bit better to live the Gospel.

John Hassett (Fr.)



CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College

Senior Girls Hockey Match: Our Senior girls' hockey team bet St. Raphael's in their first match of the season. Well done everyone.



TY Trip to Smock Alley: Some Transition Year students headed into the heart of the city to experience a thrilling reading of a fresh new play by an up-and-coming young playwright, performed at the iconic Smock Alley Theatre.



Irish Conversation Group

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

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



Math's Hub in our school: Our school's Maths Hub continues to provide invaluable support to students during lunchtime. This ongoing initiative offers a friendly and focused environment where students can receive extra help with maths, build their confidence, and sharpen their skills.



Breakfast Club: Our breakfast club successfully reopened this week with a great turn out and lots of happy and appreciative students enjoying their breakfast. The breakfast club is open each day at 8.20 am in the dining hall. All students are welcome to attend. A light breakfast is provided. Thanks to all of the staff who volunteer to help out and thanks to Supervalu Lucan who very generously donate food items



FREE ADMISSION to Heritage Sites on the First Wednesday of the Month

Don't forget, next Wednesday, the first Wednesday of August, you can visit participating Heritage Sites all over Ireland for free!

The sites around Dublin are:

The Casino, Marino, Farmleigh House and Gardens, Rathfarnham Castle, Custom House Visitor Centre. For more sites around Ireland, visit www.heritageireland.ie

St. Joseph's College

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

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



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

Snoods for Sale: As a fundraiser for the Chicago PAL Trip, some 5th year and TY students in St. Joseph's have hand knitted snoods. They are €10.00 each on sale in the front office of the school.



Djouce Mountain fundraising hike: With fundraising continuing in the school for the upcoming Chicago PAL trip, 15 students along with Ms. Bligh and Mr. Smyth hiked from Djouce Mountain to Crone Woods. All had a fantastic day and were very lucky with the weather. All completed the 10.79Km with plenty of climbs and descending sections along the route. The students have raised over €5,000 through their sponsorship cards with more to come.

First Year Mass: On Monday our First Years took part in a celebration of mass to mark the beginning of their journey with us in St Joseph's. Thank you to Fr. Bill, the Music department, the religion department, class tutors, Year head Mr Doherty and all teachers and students who participated. We wish you every success as you begin your journey with us through St. Joseph's.

Anti-bullying Campaign: The student council in the school are working hard to put together a new anti-bullying campaign that ties in with the departments Bi Cinealta campaign. The slogan of our campaign is 'Be Kind' with the subtitle 'We are all coming from a different place'. This is in preparation for anti-bullying week which begins on 7th October. A huge thank you to Amy Hildebrandt in 6th year who made the poster for the campaign which includes 'Be Kind' in all of the languages of the students in our school. A big thanks to Ms. Banks for her continued excellent work with the student council.



Junior Camogie: Well done to our junior camogie team who had a brilliant win in their second championship group game on Friday morning against Maryfield College.

Follow Us on Twitter: @StJosephsLucan
Follow Us on Instagram: @stjosephscollegeluca
Find us on our Website: www.stjosephslucan.com

Coláiste Phádraig CBS

Subject Inspection: Last week, our school was delighted to welcome a Department of Education inspector for a two-day subject inspection focusing on Geography. The visit proved to be a very positive experience for all involved and showcased the high standard of teaching and learning that takes place daily in our classrooms.

Over the course of the two days, the inspector visited a wide range of Geography lessons across different year groups and engaged in conversations with students, teachers, and members of school management. The purpose of the inspection was to evaluate the quality of teaching, learning, and student engagement within the subject. We are very pleased to report that the verbal feedback provided at the conclusion of the inspection was extremely positive.

The inspector praised the overall quality of teaching and learning, describing it as “very good to exemplary.” Each lesson visited was characterised by a warm, inclusive, and supportive atmosphere. The inspector noted that students were highly engaged, enthusiastic, and demonstrated excellent behaviour at all times. It was clear that students felt comfortable contributing to lessons and were eager to participate in the learning process.

Another area of praise was the classroom environment itself. Geography classrooms were vibrant and visually stimulating, with lots of student work on display alongside educational posters. These resources were not only decorative but were actively referred to during lessons, helping to reinforce key concepts and support student understanding.

The inclusivity of lessons was also highlighted, with students of all abilities actively participating and contributing. The learning environment fostered collaboration and mutual respect, and students showed great respect for both their peers and their teachers.

A special word of recognition must go to our students, who were outstanding ambassadors for the school throughout the inspection. Their engagement, enthusiasm, and mature conduct were noted as key strengths and reflect the positive culture that exists within our school community.

We now look forward to receiving the written



report, which will provide further detail on the findings. In the meantime, we would like to congratulate the entire Geography department, our students, and everyone who contributed to making the inspection such a successful and affirming experience.

Basketball: Our u16 and u19 basketball teams began their Easter League “A” campaigns in contrasting fashion on Monday. Our u16s were narrowly beaten 33-30 by Pobalscoil Setanta in what proved to be a closely contested and high-intensity match

from start to finish. Despite the result, there were plenty of positives to take from the performance, and with three group games remaining, qualification for the knockout stages remains very much within reach.

Our u19s had better luck as they cruised to an emphatic 58-24 victory against the same opposition. It was an excellent team performance with Lewis Adjinakou, Aaron McCormack, Noah Dolan and Joel Mwanga all scoring 10 points or more.

Subject Options: Our 1st yr students are currently in Week 4 of their Subject Options Taster Module, and one subject that has certainly sparked interest is Wood Technology. Under the guidance of Mr. Flynn, students have been introduced to the practical and creative world of woodworking — and the results so far have been both impressive and inspiring.

As part of their introduction to the subject, students are working on their very first project: crafting their own pencil holders. This project gives them a brief but rich insight into the hands-on nature of Wood Technology at Junior Cycle level. From learning the basics of marking out a piece of wood to using a hand plane to shape it into their desired design, students are quickly developing a range of foundational skills.

A major focus of the module has been on learning how to safely and effectively use various tools and machines. Students have been introduced to the pillar drill, which they use to drill three neat holes in their pencil holders — perfect for holding pens or pencils. They’re also getting the opportunity to experiment with the Pyrography Machine. This exciting tool allows them to add a personal touch to their projects by burning in their name, favourite football team, hobby, or other creative designs into the wood.



Lucan Library – October Events

Events for Younger Children:

Friday 3rd October, 10.00am:

A Talk on Infant Development with Anne O'Connor, qualified practitioner. Book your place on Eventbrite from 24th September.

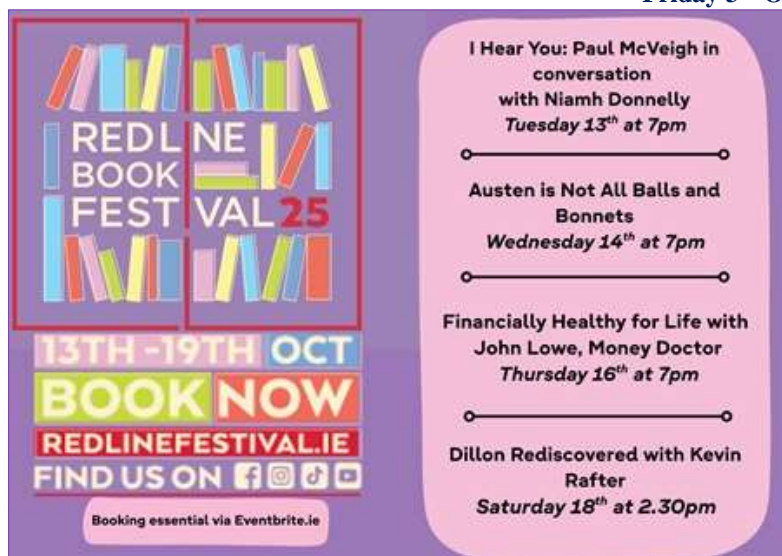
Wednesday 8th October at 10.00am:

Reflexology for Babies and Parents. Book your place on Eventbrite from 01st October.

Friday 10th October at 10.00am: Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group meets monthly.

Storytime - Tuesdays at 3pm. All welcome!

Wednesday 22nd at 6.30pm: A Talk on Neurodiversity with Melissa Moore. Book your place on Eventbrite from 15th October.



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I Hear You: Paul McVeigh in conversation with Niamh Donnelly
Tuesday 13th at 7pm

Austen is Not All Balls and Bonnets
Wednesday 14th at 7pm

Financially Healthy for Life with John Lowe, Money Doctor
Thursday 16th at 7pm

Dillon Rediscovered with Kevin Rafter
Saturday 18th at 2.30pm

Open Library - self-service, unstaffed extended hours for Lucan Library

With the My Open Library system, the library will be open from 8am to 10pm, 365 days a year, with some hours unstaffed and self-service. If you would like to be able to use the library during unstaffed hours, you will need to attend a mandatory induction session at the library and have access added to your library card. Please ask at desk for details.

Events and Talks for Adults:

Thursday 2nd October at 2.00pm:

Volunteering Ireland will have an information stand at Lucan Library. Please feel free and come and talk to them about volunteering opportunities in your community. All Welcome!

Wednesday 15th October at 1.00pm:

DDLETB Mixed Crafts starting Wednesday 15th October at 1.00pm for an 8-week course - places are very limited so please register your interest with staff at the library by phoning 01 6216422 or email us at lucanlibrary@sdblincoco.ie

Neurodiverse Events:

Wednesday 15th Oct, 10am: Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Book your place on Eventbrite from 8th October.



Lucan Library Knitters Club - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new member's welcome

Halloween and Mid-Term events for Children! Children's Book Festival

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



Thursday 9th October at 6.00pm: Halloween Costume Swap! Drop off your costumes from Monday 6th. Book your place on Eventbrite from Thursday 2nd October.

Thursday 30th October at 2pm and 3pm: Viking Show with Knights For Hire. Full details on Eventbrite, book your place on Eventbrite from 30th October.

Friday 31st October at 2.30pm: Card Swap for Kids.

Wednesday 1st Oct, 3.30pm - 5.30pm:

Adult Chess Club - all welcome

Tuesday 21st at 4.30pm: Lucan Library Classic Film Club- all welcome

Lucan Library Book Clubs:

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday, 12noon, date tbd, please contact staff.

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 29th October, 7pm

Junior Book Club: Wednesday 29th, 3pm

New Book Club: Read and Eat Cook Book Club starting Thursday 16th October at 10.30am

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group - Thursdays 9th & 23rd 10am – 12noon.

Rambling 23.9.25

These are the finite days of spangled light, slow rain and fruit-fall.

Days of gratitude for everything and everybody, and the joy of awareness as the earth turns our world towards Winter sleep.

Riverside walks to encounter heron, little egret, shag and occasional swan pair.

Sorry to see 3 Juniper trees dead behind seat and nearby installation of bronze poetry.

And barbed wire fencing left of path from farmer's gate to bridge remains in place in spite of protests - dangerous.

Thanks to our invincible Tidy Towns Teams whose seasonal planting, and after-care of all areas is inspirational.

And special thanks to the Lucan Festival folk for such joyful and instructive events.

To all who litter-pick, continuous gratitude.

Newly planted trees in Hillcrest Greene etc called "Acer Compressa" / Street Wise!!!

Circet company's 'tea rooms' pod, in situ at Cherry Lawns, includes microwave etc, plus w.c.

Here on the pulse of a new season, may we have the grace to look up and out, and say very simply with hope, "Good Morning". Maya Angelou.

B.M.L.C.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday: 11th of October, 2025

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates:

November 8th and December 13th

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Outside St. Andrew's Church of Ireland, Main Street, Lucan, Wednesday 24th September. Please contact the Parish Office on 01 6240976 or parishoffice@leixlipunion.ie

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The group meets on **Tuesday
nights 7.30 -9.30**

in the Muintir Na Tire Hall,
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New Members always
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join us, we would love to see you there.

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.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



2025 PwC GAA/GPA Hurling All Star Nomination

After an outstanding year with Dublin, our own John Bellew has been nominated for a Hurling All Star. This is a fantastic achievement for John who continues to contribute hugely to club championship. Well done John.

25 Card Drive

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

Contact Bill Ryan 086-8500376 or Mary Flannery 087-7469143 for further information



Christmas Gala

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



Weekly Lotto Sponsorship for Season 2025/2026.

Lucan Sarsfields gratefully acknowledge the support of our loyal Weekly Lotto Sponsors for the coming year, viz: Newcastle Golf Centre, Lucan Village Pharmacy, Mc Donald Property, Diamond & Gem Jewellers, Henley Forklift Group, Rugs by Design, Clandillon Motors, John Ryan Accountant, O'Grady's Hearing Care Services, DJ Engineering and Dual Printing Ltd. Please support the Sponsors in whatever way you can, in thanks and recognition of their unwavering support of the Club down the years.

Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €6,200. The Numbers were **1, 3, 16 & 18.**

Lucky dip's go to Alison Delahunt, Alan McCarthy, Sharon Hickey, Louise Cunningham, Mary Flannery. This week's Lotto



will be for a jackpot of €6,600. This draw is sponsored by Henley Forklift Group. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code below.



Cúpla Focal Club

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

Contact cuplafocalclub@gmail.com to book your place before 15th September.

Hurling

Adult Hurling Championships continues this coming weekend with our Seniors in 1/4 Final and Inters in their last group game, while Junior B are in semi-final action. Our Junior C team are in 1/4 final action. All support welcome.

Sat 27th Sept:

Inter v Scoil ui Chonaill, Clontarf Rd @ 5.15pm

Sunday 28th Sept

Senior v St Brigid's, 1/4 Final, Parnell Park @ 2pm. Tickets are available at

<https://www.universe.com/events/st-judes-v-st-oliver-plunkett-er-whitehall-colmcille-v-craobh-chiarain-tickets-YXB7T2>

Junior B v Thomas Davis, Semi Final, 12th Lock @ 3pm

Junior C v St Kevins Killian's 1/4 Final, Kingswood @ 3pm

Academy

Our academy for boys and girls aged 4-7 has started back after the summer break. All children are welcome to come along - no need to sign up in advance, just turn up and give it a try. Age group times are as follows; 2020/2021 - 9am, 2019 - 10am and 2018 - 11am.



Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club

POLITICAL NOTES

Notice:

With the forthcoming Presidential Election due to take place shortly, please note **no canvassing** will be permitted in Lucan Newsletter.

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Public Transport: Public transport operators are in front of the Oireachtas Transport Committee this week. I will be raising the insufficient weekend bus service with them directly and requesting immediate improvements. If there are other issues you would like to raise, please reach out and let me know.

Culture Night in Lucan House: Congratulations to SDCC for delivering a really enjoyable evening for Culture Night in Lucan House last weekend. Despite the rain, there was a lovely crowd, and it was great to see so many people enjoying the amenity.

Lucan Advice Clinics: I hold a weekly advice clinic in Lucan at various locations - Adamstown Community Centre at 1pm on 29 September and the Muintir na Tíre Hall at 1pm on 6 October. If you would like to make an appointment to speak to me, please contact me.

Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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Griffen Community College Sod Turning:

It was great to see the sod turned at Griffen Community College this week, and I was delighted to join Minister Helen McEntee for the occasion. This long-awaited building marks an exciting new chapter for GCC, enabling the school to expand and provide for over 1,000 students. I look forward to seeing its completion and the positive impact it will bring locally.

Fuel Allowance Applications Open:

Households are encouraged to apply for the Fuel Allowance for the 2025/26 season. The means-tested payment supports over 410,000 households with heating costs during winter. It is paid weekly at €33 or in two lump sums of €462. From January 2025, eligibility was expanded to people aged 66+, with higher income and savings thresholds, and Carer's Allowance now qualifies subject to meeting the criteria. Apply at MyWelfare.ie.

Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

"Not just at election time"

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Dáil Business: My contributions this week included a further call to speed up the Occupied Territories Bill, pushing the Government to progress the Health (Scoliosis Treatment Services Bill) to Second Stage following its passing through the Seanad, and measures to reduce vaping and nicotine usage amongst under 18s. Other areas included queries regarding the upcoming auto enrolment scheme, supporting a PMB motion on child poverty and homelessness, and contributing on cost of living issues at the Enterprise Committee.

Village Works: The current timeline is November, which is not far off the original deadline.

Noise from works and footpath reinstalment

These issues have been raised with SDCC, with clarification so far that paths damaged by contractors will need to be reinstated after settling.

Rotating Café Clinic/Peace Commissioner

signatures: Upcoming locations on website.

Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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Area Committee Meeting: At this week's ACM for Lucan, Palmerstown & North Clondalkin, I joined Cllrs O'Toole and Brady in calling for an independent review into the delays at Lucan Leisure Centre.

Traffic Management Meeting: I raised concerns about traffic issues on Hayden's Lane and parking at Ballyowen Park, following complaints from local residents. I have raised other issues with SDCC, but these ones made the agenda.

SDCC Pre-Budget 2026 Meeting: I met with the Chief Executive and Director of Finance, alongside fellow independent Councillors, to discuss priorities for the 2026 budget. I highlighted the need for improved traffic management, retrofitting houses, homelessness supports, energy efficiency (including district heating), funding cross-generational community projects, tackling dereliction, heritage funding, and sports provision. I hope these proposals will be considered in the upcoming budget planning.

Political notes continued over.....

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Tree Management Policy Consultation: Have Your Say. SDDC's draft Tree Management Policy, Living with Trees, will shape how trees are cared for until 2031. The policy is a planned, area-wide approach—maintenance will be carried out road-by-road or estate-wide, with a three-year programme approved through Area Committees. This is based on survey data and risk assessments. Individual requests will be considered if urgent or unforeseen. The draft no longer lists “actionable nuisance” as a reason for pruning or felling. Nor that overhanging branches may be pruned if causing actionable nuisance; in the draft, is limited to direct damage or danger. Legacy planting issues in estates also not explicitly addressed. The good news: canopy cover has increased from 10% to 14%. The policy aims to manage 73,000 street trees and 125,000 park trees. Make your views known at Consult.SouthDublinCoCo.ie.

Cllr. Liona O'Toole – Independent

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My motion calling for a publicly published independent review of the Lucan Pool

development was agreed and passed at this week's Council meeting. It will focus on delays, cost overruns, procurement compliance, Council interventions, public communication and lessons to prevent similar issues in future capital projects. I continue to work hard to find a solution that ensures any changes to Lucan's Road layout cause no negative impact on motorists, while prioritising pedestrian safety, traffic flow, and protecting village trade.

My amended motion was passed at this week's Council meeting asking the council to pause implementation of the planned road design (the bus stop relocation) and only proceed after a peak-traffic assessment and full consultation with local councillors, businesses and residents. I believe this balanced approach gives us the best chance of arriving at a design that works for everybody in Lucan.

Right: Swan and cygnets at Carton Estate, courtesy of St. Mary's Camera Soiree.

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A polite Message to Dog Walkers: As an animal lover, I am kindly reminding everyone to keep dogs under control – for their welfare and the safety of everyone. Recently, some residents have expressed their concerns after a near accident involving a loose dog frightening a child into the roadway.

Ballyowen Castle Community Centre

Email: info@ballyowencommunitycentre.ie

Telephone: 01 253 6105 or 085 867 1245

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St. Mary's Camera Soirée

As I mentioned last week there is touch of autumn in the air and this week Josie sent in some photos of Autumn fruits.



Joe has been chronicling the changing seasons for us and after recording the harvesting in St. Edmundsbury in recent weeks he gave us a photo of ploughing in St. Edmundsbury earlier this week.

He also took a photo of the spire of St. Patrick's Cathedral from inside the Iveagh Trust Building on Culture Night. St. Patrick's Cathedral is the largest cathedral in Ireland and the Cathedral building that we see today dates from 1220-1259. It was constructed on the site of an ancient well (which was supposed to have been used by Saint Patrick himself).



One of our members has been wandering in South East France and sent in photos of the beach at Saint Cyprien which is located just on the border with Spain on the Mediterranean side.



A few weeks ago Kay sent in a lovely shot of the countryside taken from the train to Wexford. This line started life as the "Waterford, Wexford, Wicklow and Dublin Railway Company" in 1846. The line finally arrived in Wexford in 1872!



Finally, Anna sent us a photo of a sculpture of Grace O'Malley, the pirate queen, located in Newport, Co. Mayo. The statue is the work of local artist Mark Rode, who sculpted the

statue of Grace Kelly also located in Newport. Newport is promoted as the town of the 'Two Graces'.

Stay safe till next week!

