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Sunday 6th September 2026

Social Influencers!

Social influencing is now a lucrative job for those who invest themselves and their time in it with enormous efforts. It's not an easy job as the expectation of followers is for long and frequent streams of postings of script and pictures. Few make big bucks from it, while many try and depart from the scene very quickly. It takes a very thick skin to deal emotionally with the backlash postings and thoughtless opinions from those who either get out of bed on the wrong side or those who live on boiling point!

Most of us are not professional social influencers, but we all have some influence through every word we say or write, every attitude we express facially, every time we offer either our presence or absence.

Those who inhabit WhatsApp groups out of necessity can either stay on target for the original purpose of forming the group or take advantage of the belonging for agendas or opinions that are not relevant there. Following on from that it is all too easy to react to or to take on board what a person declares strongly if one doesn't take time to consider the veracity of the content and how deserving it is of time.

An ingredient that is valuable in interpreting any statement in-person on casual encounter, or at meetings or on social media platforms, is that of a moment's silent consideration. We all know that there are situations in which if we had only just taken a breath, that we would have dealt with an encounter so much more differently. The pace of life and of life's interactions is now so incredibly fast that merely keeping up is like taking part in a strongman event! So much energy is expended on thoughts and reactions that are draining.

I'm incredibly fortunate to work in the three Lucan parish locations where I am guaranteed to encounter people who are warm-hearted, generous in their time, considerate of others and aware that one never knows what anyone is going through on any day of encounter. In my experience they don't sweat the small stuff. I walk away from almost every encounter feeling more ready for whatever the next part of the day involves. The best influencing expression is that of a smile and encouragement. Life is not a long battle we need to survive! We are all social influencers!



*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 to 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am to 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Reception open*

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

Wednesday: 2pm to 4pm subject to Team Meetings

Thursday: 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 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



PARENT SUPPORT EVENING

2ND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER
7.30PM - 9PM

2026 DATES

- 14th September
- 12th October
- 9th November
- 14th December

Maldron Hotel,
Whitestown Way,
Tallaght, D24 XC9W

**Bereaved parents
please join us**

For online meetings and more information
contact: info@anamcara.ie
www.anamcara.ie
085 288 8888

Anam Cara is very pleased to announce our first **Bereavement Information Evening especially dedicated to supporting surviving siblings.**

As part of our commitment to supporting everyone following the death of a child, we are exploring opportunities to further support the entire family. This event is the first, hopefully of many, of that commitment. This event is open to all parents whose child or children have died, regardless of the age of their child, circumstances of their death, or time since bereavement. We are also opening this Bereavement Information Evening to bereaved adult siblings over 18.

This event will take place online on Tuesday 15 September at 7pm.

We are joined by an exceptional panel of local organisations and experts in sibling bereavement. **Michelle Hartnett** is a senior play therapist, systemic practitioner, and bereavement specialist currently working with **LauraLynn**, Ireland's Children's Hospice

Anna May is founder of **The Student Grief Network** and Executive Head of Grief Programmes at Kaplan International.

We are also joined by **Childhood Cancer Ireland**, **Jacinta's Smile**, and **Rainbows**.

Bereaved parents and adult bereaved siblings are warmly invited to register here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/9tj6t-RhtRju5bzN9fQuIVQ#/registration>

**NATIONAL DAY OF RENEWAL
LIVING WATER
FOR EVERY GENERATION**

10am—5pm, Sat 5th of September
Aula Maxima, St Patricks College, Maynooth

Fr. Patrick Cahill
"brings Scripture to life in a way that is deeply relevant to the challenges of life"

Pippa Baker
"passionate about helping others discover the transforming power of the Holy Spirit"

Simon Genoe
"helping communities grow deeper in love for Jesus and experience the power of the Holy Spirit"

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Traditional Irish Music

Classes, Set dancing, Sessions, Fleadh, Pléarácha and more.

Classes are held in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road, Lucan on Tuesday evenings from 6pm. Registration open from 1st to 9th September online on www.lucancomhaltas.net

Tin Whistle, fiddle, flute, banjo, mandolin, guitar, button accordion, concertina, harp, set dancing, traditional singing and pre-instrumental classes for jnr/snr infants. All levels and ages are welcome.

Also as part of the Lucan Festival we will be performing at Lucan Garda Station in Sunday 6th at 4.30 followed by an open session. Cr Slí Dhála CCÉ will be performing on Sunday 5th at 3pm on stage in Lucan House. Set Dancing Céilí in the Church of Ireland Wednesday 2nd September with the Beartla Ó Flatharta Céilí Band. Free but donation welcome.

People's Art & Craft Fair

Lucan

in

Church of Ireland
Parish Centre

Main Street,
Lucan

Saturday 5th &
Sunday 6th
September
12pm - 6pm



Please come along
support local Artists and Crafters,
enjoy a Cuppa and maybe win a Prize!

Everyone is welcome!

In aid of Alice Leahy Trust

Fees for both days for Artists 6ft Stand €60,
Crafters 6ft table €60

Contact: peoplesartlucan@gmail.com

Lucan Senior Citizens

Wednesday 9th September: Social Morning in St. Mary's Parish Centre, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our members back, safe and well. New members welcome!



Cupla Focal Club 2026/27

Starting: **Monday September 21.**

Venue: **Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club**

Time: 8.00pm.

If you wish to join us, email your name, mobile no and email address to

cuplafocalclub@gmail.com

Deadline: Friday September 11.

Beidh fáilte romhat.

Lucan Dementia Café

Saturday

September 12th 2026

2.00pm – 5.00pm

St. Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future Dates: Oct. 10th, Nov. 14th, Dec. 12th

Kindly sponsored by:



Please drop by and join us for a cuppa!

The **No Name** Club

are looking for volunteers interested in helping create a safe social space for young people, 15 – 18 years of age in the Lucan area. Volunteers would be required to give up 2 hours, one evening a week.



As a National Organisation No Name Club encourages young people to build their confidence, grow in self-esteem, and develop their personalities in friendly, safe environments.

You can find out more detail about No Name Club on our website, www.nonameclub.ie, reach out to admin@nonameclub.ie or feel free to contact Ethan directly at ejordan@nonameclub.ie or 087 217 2490 and he will be delighted to tell you more about you more about how No Name Club operates in different areas.

Parish Notes

St Mary's, Lucan

www.lucanparish.com



Sunday Mass Times: Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

Masses live-streamed on www.lucanparish.com

Weekday Masses: Monday to Saturday 10am.

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

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

Christian Meditation:

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

All welcome, Sr Geraldine

Legion of Mary: Meeting every Thursday 6.30pm 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.

St. Mary's Readers' Roster September 2026

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

Bethany Bereavement Support Group:

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

To make an appointment please contact the Parish Office by phone 01 6217041 or email

secretary@lucanparish.com



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.

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

Divine Mercy Devotion: Every Wednesday, in St. Mary's Church after the 10am Mass until 11am (unless there is a funeral), the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy is prayed.

With the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar, we ask God to atone for our sins and the sins of the whole world.

We pray together for peace in the world and defeat of evil, for those who are unwell, worried, depressed, or grieving the loss of loved ones and for those who no longer believe or practice the faith, that they will find again God's infinite love and mercy.

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



Deepest Sympathy to the husband, family and friends of **Bernard Greene**, Castle Riada.

May he rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul

St Mary's Conference

Church collection at all Masses

NEXT Saturday / Sunday

12th /13th September

Many thanks for your generosity.

Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan.

Monday 14th September

Mass at 6.15pm.

(Rosary and Prayers 5.45pm)

All Welcome

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.

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

Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mon: 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.

Fri: 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.

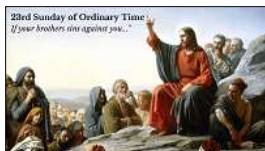
Fri: 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

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

Divine Mercy Food Bank: Donations of **non-perishable food items** can be left in the green containers inside the doors of the church.

Wednesday tea/coffee morning: There is a cup of tea/coffee and a slice of cake after 9.15am Mass in the St. John Paul II Room.

Bingo: Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7 for 7.30pm. *All welcome.*



St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown

www.stpatrickslucan.ie

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

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

Weekday Mass: Monday to Saturday 10am

Masses livestreamed at www.stpatrickslucan.ie

Confessions: After 10am Masses on Thursdays and Saturdays.

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

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

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

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



Helping the Christians in The Holy Land

A missionary group from Bethlehem,
The Holy Land will be visiting

St Patrick's Church on the 12th and 13th of September and

St Mary's Church on the 19th and 20th of September to briefly talk about the Holy Land and to sell religious articles (Crucifixes, Rosary Beads, Plaques and Nativity Cribs) made out of olive wood in Bethlehem to help and support the poor Christians families, any help you could give them it will be highly appreciated.

*Ajif Khader,
The Holy Cross Group - Bethlehem*

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Anniversaries



Tony Carey,

1st Anniversary, 4th September

Late of Ballydowd
and Carey's Newsagents, Main Street, Lucan.

A year without you, Dad, has felt so long,
But your love and your memory still carry us on.

We miss your voice, your smile, your way,
And think of you each and every day.

The ache of losing you, Dad, still remains,
But so does all the love you gave.

*With much love, Caroline, Adrian, Edel and
Roisin, grandchildren, great grandchildren xx
Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.*

**Dad's 1st Anniversary Mass, Saturday,
September 5th at 6.30pm, St Mary's Church,
Lucan.**

Pam Meenan

13th Anniversary, 9th September

God has you in his keeping
We have you in our hearts.

Love always,

John, Anna, Claire and family



Birthday Remembrance

Neill Muldowney

49th Birthday, 8th September

It's especially difficult today
Not to have you here.

To celebrate the times we've shared
Over another joyful year.

We wish we had one more chance
To see your happy smile,

To laugh and celebrate with you
Just for a little while.

We'll hold onto you forever
Deep within our hearts.

And though you are not here with us,
Know that we'll never part.

This day was always special

So, we just want to say

That we are thinking of you with love

On this your Birthday.

*Love always, Mam, Paula, Nicola, Liam
and families. xxx*



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Lucan is wearing her festive gown this weekend, as the great annual event takes place, with lots of activities for young and old over the weekend. Good luck to the hard-working committee, we hope all goes well!

The Weir! At long last, we can get down alongside the weir in Lucan Village. After almost two years, it is open to the public again, and not before time. It looks well, and the steps up to the bridge are definitely easier on those elder knees.... You just wonder how it could have taken so long!



With plenty of seating and litter bins, it should be a pleasant spot to sit and take in the river view.

Not too sure what the rounded stones are for!

Best of all, we'll be able to view the 65th Liffey

Descent, on Saturday 19th September, having missed this vantage point for the past couple of years.....

Storm Names! These were announced for the coming year, in the past week – 7 Irish ones in there! **Austen, Evelyn, Kilian, Miriam** (*from Met Eireann*), and **Heather, Laoise and Phelim** (*from the Irish public vote*).

Nice names, but let them stay on paper!!!

Carers & Toddlers Group

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



Society for Old Lucan (SOL)

SOL is the **local history group** for Lucan; open to everyone. Free to join - email OldLucan@gmail.com to be added to our members' mailing list where full details of projects are shared.



Private Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*".

<https://soc4oldlucan.wordpress.com/>

Sol Volunteer-Led Historical Walks in Lucan Demesne

A big shout-out to all our volunteer helpers who both give and assist with our free public historical guided tours that we advertise on our Eventbrite page here: <https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>

If you would like to get involved in helping or guiding on one of our monthly historical tours, please get in touch with oldlucan@gmail.com.

There is no regular obligation and you can attend one to try it out first, if you want to see how they go? We are also interested in talking to anyone who might be interested in blogging on local history or promoting our work on social media, so please get in touch to the email above if that is something of interest?

Our September 2026 historical walking tour is fully booked already but the October tour will go live on Eventbrite shortly

Sol Lucan Village Heritage Trail: Update and Final Stages

For a long time, people have wondered why Lucan village has no heritage trail like Clondalkin does. Society for Old Lucan Research Group (Ray Stallings, Mary Jackson, Antonia Scallan, Caroline Hogarty, Ber Boylan and Helen Farrell) have been working on this over the last year.

We have visited other places with heritage trails, to get ideas, and shortlisted stops for a Lucan village circuit. We have now drafted the "blurbs" for each stop and are gathering images and editing the wording. We hope to link each "stop" back to a spot on our website that can store additional information for the truly eager history enthusiasts to read. Best of all, SDCC Tourism are partnering with us to look into getting this installed at various locations around Lucan in the coming year, so watch this space for more!

Follow SOL on Eventbrite here and you'll be notified when we post a new event

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/society-for-old-lucan-sol-16654987491>

Lucan Festival

1st - 6th September 2026

Sunday 6th

from 12.30pm to 5.30pm

Garda Open Day

Station open to the public from 2pm.

*Garda Band, fingerprinting, Garda Horses, see the Cells, Garda Water Unit.
Historical display of Garda Memorabilia.*

Local groups and business's stalls

Kiddies Road Train (outside Kennys)

Pet Farm and Puppet Show (Methodist Church)

OLDE Cemetery by side of O'Neill's Pub open

Main stage (outside Carrolls Pub) featuring local and international acts.

Street Entertainers, Face Painting, Balloon Making, Bouncy Castles

Monster Slide

Model Railway Exhibition in Methodist Church

World renowned **Duck Race** on the Griffen at 4.30pm

International and Irish food Stalls

Local Community Groups

Liffey Sound 96.4FM radio Outside Broadcast

Craft Stalls

Dogs must be controlled by owners

This is our Family Fun Day

*The Village will be closed to through traffic from Ardeevin
To the Permanent TSB from 10am to 7pm*

Most events are free

Fri 4th

Bygone Schooldays

Present day primary students meet a panel of their predecessors

10am Presbyterian Church **FREE**

Sat 5th

Lucan House Grounds (12.30 - 9.30)

Annual fund raising day. Gates open from 12.30.

Entrance from Main Gate (Main Street) to see the magnificent 1772 Lucan House with an exhibition of its history and owners.

HOUSE CLOSED

Vesey Family Cemetery, Sarsfield Monument, 12cen Bath House and early 1700s Stables to see.

Childrens entertainment with Wild Birds, Walking Dinosaurs, Chinese Lions. Big Dig workshop, find bronze swords etc

Irish Dragoons display of 17th century soldiers, musket and cannon firing

Many displays of local organisations.

On Stage Music throughout the day to 9pm with local groups.

Free samples at the International Food Fair in the Stables yard.

On entry you will receive a wristband which allows you to enter, leave and return throughout the day from 12.30 to 9pm.

Spectacular Fireworks Display at aprox 9pm

For safety reasons attendance will be confined to 4,900 wristbands.

when this number is reached no new entrants will be allowed in.

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Lucan Festival Traffic Restrictions

Sunday Morning, 6th of September

The Village will be closed off to public traffic from 10.00 AM.

The following road closures will be in place.

The N4 Slip Road to Lucan Inbound will be closed. Access to Lucan village will be by Adamstown Road at the Newcastle Junction and N4 Slip Road at Woodies.

The Celbridge Road at Ardeevin Avenue will also be closed. Traffic will be diverted at Celbridge Road and Ardeevin Ave and will not be allowed to proceed into Lucan Village.

Traffic will be diverted onto Ardeevin Estate, exiting back onto the N4.

The N4 / Adamstown Road at Newcastle Junction will be closed. The Main Street in Lucan will be closed, and traffic will be diverted onto the Lucan

Road. Traffic wishing to travel to Clonsilla and Strawberry Beds may use the N4/Lucan Road exit at Woodies.

There will be no restrictions on traffic at the Newcastle Junction. Traffic will be allowed to travel down Adamstown Road into Lucan village, turning right only onto the Lucan Road.

Looking for Wool

A couple of ladies continue to knit hats and scarfs for the children of North Albania through the Heart and Hand Foundation.

So if you have any leftover wool, you do not want anymore, please leave it into St Mary's Parish Office and they will contact the ladies to collect.

Thanks to all those who have already donated.



WINE GLASS IN THE LEBANON

The sun over the sea was far too bright to look at as it painted the towns that stuck to the shore a bright white with shadows. These are some of the world's oldest inhabited places; a Crusader castle juts from the shore at Sidon and well-preserved Roman mosaics lie on the hippodrome floor at Tyre.

We left the coast and drove inland into a lush river route where people washed clothes in the river and had picnics. Light through the trees dappled the rushing waters. Unknowingly we passed a large fenced camp and soon we were stopped by a darkened car and had our passports requested but Irish passports dissolved all tension and soon we were climbing up to the Bekaa Valley.

The Bekaa is Lebanon's wine producing area and although mostly controlled by Hizbollah the Christian community produces a series of vintages; these were sometimes produced by Christian monasteries. The Bekaa itself is more a wide open upland plain or plateau. Churches stand beside Minarets in the great historical mix of the area. Fly blown rubbish mingled with new houses being built as this land is ageless and never gives up.

The ruins at Baalbek are strewn around the top of the valley. Columns and cornices abound in a wide scattered area. At the Temple of Bacchus a large slipped keystone stands supported by Roman pillars, looking like a representation of Lebanon itself.

Time was when I was critical of the disciples of Bacchus. Was wine tasting and references to nose, terroir and hints of various fruits all an endeavour of those out to impress? Was pairing wines to various dishes just an attempt to confuse us mortals who grew up in a world of very few types of wines, and sweet wines at that.

The Palmyra Hotel is an age-old building with a view of Baalbek. It was much visited in the early part of the 20th Century in more peaceful times.

"Stay with us, sir, Room 22 has a straight view of the ruins."

The Palmyra served dinner in a walled garden with a wild profusion of plants and trees. Away in the distance lone cedars stood on a ridge, the symbol of this mixed, complicated yet intertwined country. A light breeze caused the dappled light to shimmer as the muezzin called the world to prayer through a speaker- his call just as likely to remind Christians of the Angelus.

A Lebanese meal is usually a meze-a mix of various salads and meats. The table was fed by ageing staff who filled plates with parsley laden Taboulehi, couscous, French fries and kebabs of all sorts but not pork. Salads, hummus and tzatziki bowls appeared endlessly

The wine was brought. We had expected the dark St Emilion type and pricey Chateau Musar which is marvellous with meat but there was a plethora of the Bekaa's ordinary wines like Ksar, Ka or Reserve du Couvent. These are mouthfuls of a light and fruity easy to drink wine, like a Cotes du Rhone. They will accompany any meal and have a basic country taste that will, years later remind you of the day we sat under the trees and enjoyed the scene and ambience.

Poor Lebanon, a victim of its position. The ebb and flow of clans, races and religions have washed up on its shore. Yet within is a belief that all must live together, work together and respect each other. The Bacchus keystone has not fallen, if a wine glass full of Bekaa's best can taste this good as a product of a mixed up and complicated area we can be hopeful in a dark world.

"Yes sir, I will have another glass, I won't be driving"

The Cedars of Lebanon were used to build the Temple at Jerusalem. Some of them still stand, sentinel like, usually on a lone ridge. Oaken hearted they speak of the survival of what is best in us.

Tony Feeney
22/11/22





CHOOL NEWS



Lucan Community College Night Classes

Autumn term is opening for booking on our website Lucancc.ie. If you would like to meet new people, make new friends and learn a new skill, why not try one of our fun evening classes. Italian, Spanish, Knitting, Crochet, Pilates, Drawing and Watercolours, Tai Chi, Yoga, Gardening, Guitar etc.

St. Vincent's Castleknock College

Open Day 2026 Wednesday 16th September

St. Vincent's Castleknock College is delighted to invite 2026 Sixth Class boys and their Parent(s) / Guardian(s) to the Open Day. 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. There are two sessions on the day commencing with an introduction to the College and followed by a tour. There are two sessions on the day which last for one hour each.

The link to reserve tickets will go live at 10:00 on Friday 4th September 2026.

Link to reserve tickets for the 14:00 to 15:30 session:

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/2372539>

Link to reserve tickets for the 16:00 to 17:30 session:

<https://app.tickettailor.com/events/stvincentscastleknockcollege/2372540>

Please note, if attending the 16:00 session, please do not arrive before 15:45 to permit earlier attendees to leave the campus.

Regarding Admissions for 2027, full information will be published on our website on 11th September 2026.



Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 7th September:

Welcome back to all our members, hope you all had a great summer and enjoyed the beautiful warm (too hot sometimes), sunny weather and are ready to start another year of I.C.A. activities. **Tea Hostesses** are Mary Coyle and Anne Beales. We will have a short business Meeting and will continue with our crafts.

We remember Mary Shanagher on her anniversary on 27th August. We miss her at our craft mornings. May her soul rest in heavenly peace.



Date: Friday, 11th September

Venue: North Clondalkin Library, 1 Liscarne Close, Rowlagh, Dublin, D22 E2Y2

<https://bookwhen.com/dublinsouth-kildare-west-wicklow/e/ev-s4r2p-20260911103000>

Time: 10:30am – 2:00pm

Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

Welcome back everyone, hope you all had a great holiday. We are be back on **10th September**, rearing to go.

We will have Scrabble, Bowls, Table Tennis, Cards and other games as requested by the members. Most importantly we have Coffee & Cake at 1pm.

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

New members always very welcome.

Older people need your support!



ALONE is recruiting volunteers to provide companionship and support through their Telephone Support &

Befriending service for older people.

ALONE asks that interested volunteers commit to one set shift of 2 hours per week for a minimum of 6 months.

Visit alone.ie/volunteers for more information.

Lucan from the air c.1951

No Sarsfield Park – No Lucan Heights nor Esker Lawns – No Laraghcon

At the bottom of the picture are a few houses along the main road in Ballydowd, then Presentation Convent and St. Mary's Church, and the Girls School, all surrounded by fields. Note the St. Eds lands on the far side of Chapel Hill! The Main Road (the first Lucan bypass), heads for the Village, while Main Street wends its way from Chapel Hill down through the Village, and the Liffey Bridge leads to the houses of Mill Bank and Weir View, and the northern lands of Lucan.



Lucan Library – September Events

Children's Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Brontannas Festival Am Scéalaíochta Monday 14th, 21st, 28th Sept at 3pm. Suitable for up to 6 yrs.

Cuidiú Breastfeeding Group Friday 18th September at 10.00am. Meets twice monthly. No need to book, all welcome.

Art and Creativity with Elena for 9-12 yrs Thursday 17th September 3.30pm – 4.30pm.
A fun arts and crafts session.

Musical Tots Saturday 12th September at 10:30am.
STEAM Freeplay session Saturday 12th September 2pm. Self-led STEAM play. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

The Cool Food School Friday 11th September 3pm. Suitable for kids from age 5+

Teen Book Club Tuesday 15th September 4-5pm. Meeting the third Tuesday of every month. Please register at the library desk.

STEAM event: Coding for 8+ Tuesday 29th September 5pm.

Neurodiverse Events:

Please book events on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)
Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner. Thursday 17th September at 10am.

Self-Led Sensory Space: Friday 25th September from 12pm -2.00pm. Selection of sensory toys and Magic Table games in calm, dimmed environment. Self-led session suitable for babies and young children.

Adult Events: No booking is required for the below events - all are welcome to attend!

Lucan Library Knitters Club Every Monday 10am – 12pm.

English Conversation Group: Every Tuesday 2pm. For people who would like to practice their English. Suitable for Basic to intermediate English Speakers.

Adult Chess Monday 7th September 6:30pm.

Lucan Library Creative Writers Group Thursday 10th & 24th September at 10am. Whether writing a short piece or a whole book, bring along your work to discuss.

Living with Ambiguous Loss – Support Circle:

Wednesday, 9th September 5:45pm - 7:45 pm, meet the second Wednesday of each month. A gentle peer support group for people experiencing ambiguous loss, such as when a loved one is physically present but psychologically absent. A safe, supportive space for people experiencing grief or ambiguous loss.

“What’s the Story” Writing Club! Saturday 19th September 12pm – 1.45pm. A Short Story Writer Club for Storytellers! Share 5-min tales, tackle a live prompt challenge, and creatively collaborate. Adults welcome! Booking via Creative Socials on [Eventbrite.ie](#).



Eco Friendly Puzzle Swap: Thursday 17th September at 6:30pm-7pm. Swap jigsaws/puzzles, meet and chat with likeminded people.

Lucan Library Classic Film Club: Tuesday 22nd September from 5.30pm.

Irish Sign Language Conversation Circle: Wednesday 23rd September 6pm. Building from our recent ISL classes, you are invited to come along for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat using ISL.

Additional Adult Events:

Lucan Library Table Quiz: Thursday 10th September 2pm. Test your knowledge at Geraldine’s Table Quiz! Please book in at the library desk.

Morning of Indian Classical Music: Saturday 19th September 10am. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Braveheart And The Art Of Painting The Curragh: Saturday 19th September 2:30pm. Talk in relation to the Braveheart exhibition by Michael Rowley. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Building a retirement fund: Thursday 24th September 6:30pm. Join us for a talk by financial advisor John Miller from Lucan District Credit Union who will give a presentation on building a retirement fund and knowing your options on retirement. Please book event on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

The Blue Max film showing: Saturday 26th September 11am. Film will start at 11:30am sharp. Book on Lucan Library [Eventbrite](#)

Genealogist Consultations: Wednesday 30th September. If you are interested in your family tree or want to get advice on how to start, here is your chance to book a one-to one session with genealogist Ita O’Boyle. Sessions available from 10am-4pm. Contact the library desk to book your slot from 1st September.

DDLETB Beginners Computers Class: Register at the library on 22nd September at 10am. Class starts on 29th September at 10am and runs for 10 weeks until 8th December.

Book Clubs:

Enquire at the desk about joining our book clubs - new members welcome!

Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 28th September at 12pm. **Wednesday Book Club:** Wednesday 30th September at 7pm.

Read and Eat Cook Book Club: Monday 21st September 6:45pm.

Coming Soon: This years Red Line Book Festival will run from the 12th to 18th October. Brought to you by SDCC Libraries, the festival Celebrates books, writing & reading in South Dublin! Sign up to the newsletter here: <https://redlinefestival.ie/>

September Exhibitions:

From Monday 14th September:
Braveheart Movie Exhibition by Michael Rowley.

Experience Using the new Stone Construction in the Village Centre in Lucan

The new massive cement and stone structure in Lucan Village replaced the largely green grass and plant structure that composed the village green before this change. After 4 months since completion, some significant service experience has been revealed based on the public usage to date. This information is worthy of consideration, especially when 70% of locals do not approve of this new construction.

The Limestone structure is very susceptible to all kinds of staining particularly dark oil-based stains. After 4 months of effort, the SDCC has failed to remove the most objectionable black oily stains. The SDCC has stated that in general Limestone is self-cleaning during rain events. .

This optimism has not been realized on the Lucan Village site to date. The black oily stains have persisted on the limestone blocks after several cleaning attempts by the SDCC. It is evident that the honeycomb bricks used in the centre walk are a hazard because shoe and pram wheels get caught in the hollow grass portion of the brick.

It has been demonstrated that when the harshly white limestone is wet after rainfall, the colour changes while still wet to a much more acceptable Gray / Blue colour. It is monumentally obvious that this colour change improves the ambience of the site in relation to the rest of the village. Unfortunately, when the limestone blocks dry out, the harsh over white structure remains.

After a rain fall, puddling occurs on the lowest section of the half round structure, because during construction no drain facility was installed to allow the rainwater to drain into the river Griffeen.

No long-term action has not been attempted by the SDCC to rectify this unacceptable staining problem to date.

It is evident that the limestone is too bright; highlights the construction has replaced too much greenery with the less attractive stone and cement. The fitment of the wood effect tiles would substantially alleviate the limestone cleaning problem.

A drain channel is required to prevent rain puddling on the lowest section of the half-round structure.

The new structure, although flawed as described, has the merit of increasing the public numbers using the new site.

The SDCC should examine the facts of the current situation and take appropriate action to resolve the know problems.



The recent photo above shows the stains continue even after the recent heavy rainfall.

*Sincerely
Liam Murray*

THE Alzheimer SOCIETY OF IRELAND

Would you like a career in Care?

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland are looking for carers to work in our Homecare team, (South Dublin)

- Fetac level 5 desirable but not essential
- All hours considered.

If you are interested in this position, please contact
Homecare Manager - Adrienne McAvinue
086 838 1215 to find out more.

Together we can make a difference.

POLITICAL NOTES

Minister Emer Higgins TD- Fine Gael

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Best Wishes to Lucan Festival:

Best of luck for this year's Lucan Festival weekend. Saturday's festivities in the Lucan House Grounds run from 12.30pm to 9.30pm, featuring live bands, food stalls, family entertainment and a spectacular fireworks display from approximately 9pm. On Sunday, Main Street comes alive from 12pm to 5.30pm with the Garda Open Day, pet farm, puppet show, musical entertainment, craft stalls, and the ever-popular Griffeen Duck Race at 4.30pm. See you there!

New Driving Test Centre in Leixlip:

Good news for Lucan learner drivers. The new RSA Driving Test Centre, Springfield Hotel, Leixlip, is now open. Already booked? You can switch online to the new Leixlip test centre.

Lucan Weir Reopened:

The Lucan Weir and Promenade area has fully reopened, opening up the area once again for walkers, families and visitors.

Cllr. Caroline Brady - Fine Gael Peace Commissioner

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CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie

Social Media @CarolineBradyLucan

Lucan Weir:

I'm pleased to see the works completed and access to the River Liffey restored ahead of the Lucan Festival this week and the Liffey Descent on Saturday 19th September.

Flooding Finnstown:

I continue to raise flooding at this location. Jetting and cleaning works took place on 20th August which identified sections of the drainage network blocked by silt. However, further work was hampered by sealed manholes and the drain running across the Newcastle Road. Crews are at work all this week to resolve these issues.

Cooldrinagh Water Leak:

Leak was found and fixed last week.

Airlie Park Free Community Movie Day:

Movie from 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Lucan Festival:

Well done to the committee for putting together another great week of activities for all to enjoy. I look forward to seeing you there.

Cllr. Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

Email: hfarrell@cllrs.sdublincoco.ie

Tel: 087-2794936.

Facebook: <http://bit.ly/4jHwriR>

Promenade Open at Long Last:

Following two urgent reports to me recently about possible delays at Promenade (Weir), I made a high-level call within SDCC. Delighted to see the promenade opened a couple of days later, in time for Lucan Festival 2026. Great timing also for 65th annual Liffey Descent, 19 September, from K-Club, Kildare to TCD Boat Club in Islandbridge.

SDCC Free Mattress Amnesty & Waste Electric Recycling:

The popular electric recycling and mattress amnesty returns to AGP0 car park (Lucan Harriers), Newcastle Road, from 10.00am to 1.00pm 9th September.

Adamstown GP Service Delay:

Despite HSE assurances that a GP service would operate from the Adamstown Primary Care Centre by June 2026, delays now mean an alternative service may not be in place until 2027. I will follow up.

See New Metro Dart Plan at Lucan Festival



On behalf of Lucan Planning Council and ACRA the main promoters of the alternative Metro Dart Plan would like to show this simple idea to the people of Lucan to ensure the users in Lucan and most of Ireland don't lose out. This is a great opportunity to finally get public transport right, if missed it may take several more decades to get a solution or if ever. This with the ever-increasing numbers of cars from the massive extra housing that will be built over the next few decades. This new proposal allows users to be taken direct to all destinations essential for work not only the city centre as many activities are now located outside the city centre and increasing. This new rail plan maximises rail use by up to five-fold by both way usage. The present rail network is mainly one-way; rail line is full inwards at morning peak with little usage outwards at the same time. We will have a pull up banner near Lucan Village bridge to help explain this plan. We would like to hear your views and inputs welcome.

Tom Newton, 086 312 7364, on behalf of Lucan Planning Council and ACRA @acratu.com



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



Lotto

We had no winner of Thursday 27th August lotto jackpot of €17,800.

The numbers drawn were **4, 12, 26 & 32.**

Lucky dips go to Paul Fahey, Maryanne Ryan, Jack O'Neill, Karen Boylan, Willie Coogan. This week's Lotto on Thursday 3rd September will be for a jackpot of €18,200. This draw is sponsored by Lucan Village Pharmacy and will be led by Seamus Clandillon.



Please scan attached QR Code to see details and register to play.

U16 Hurling Championship

A brilliant start to the championship for our U16 hurlers, with both teams coming through two hard-fought games with victories.

U16A. Lucan Sarsfields 1-18 - Castleknock 4-05

U16B. Lucan Sarsfields 2-06 - Trinity Gaels 0-11

Two great performances, plenty of determination and a fantastic way to get the championship campaign underway. Well done to all the players and coaches

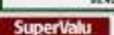


Thank You for supporting Lucan Sarsfields GAA Club.

Minor Camogie Championship

Our Minor Camogie teams got their 2026 Championship campaigns underway this week, with all three sides in action in the opening round. It was a positive start for our Minor A and Minor B teams, who both recorded good wins to get their championship campaigns off to the perfect start. Our Minor C team battled hard but unfortunately came out on the wrong side of their opening fixture. Well done to all the players and management teams across the three squads. Plenty of camogie still to come over the weeks ahead as the championship continues. Best of luck to all three teams for the remainder of the championship.



LUCAN SARSFIELDS				
MINOR CAMOGIE CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS 2026				
MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026	PTSB CAMOGIE MINOR CHAMP 2026 DIVISION 1			
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	09:45hr BALLYBRODER ST ENNAS			
MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026	PTSB CAMOGIE MINOR CHAMP 2026 DIVISION 2			
		LUCAN SARSFIELDS B	2-8 V 0-7	CLONTARF B 
	09:45hr CLONTARF			
MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2026	PTSB CAMOGIE MINOR CHAMP 2026 DIVISION 3			
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	09:45hr LUCAN SARSFIELDS			
				

Academy

Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy is Back!

We're delighted to welcome our youngest stars back as the Lucan Sarsfields GAA Academy returns on **Saturday, 12th September!** Our Academy is all about giving boys and girls the chance to get active, have fun, make new friends and enjoy their first experience of Gaelic Games in a friendly and welcoming environment. New players are always welcome! No previous experience is needed — just come along and give it a go. If your child has a friend, neighbour or schoolmate who might enjoy it, bring them along too! The more the merrier.

Saturday, 12th September. Boys & Girls Ages 4-7. Our Academy groups will continue at their usual times:
2021 & 2022 – 9am. 2020 — 10am.
2019 — 11am.

A huge thank you to @abcgym.ie for their continued support of the Lucan Sarsfields Academy. Their ongoing

backing is greatly appreciated and helps us continue to provide a brilliant environment for the next generation of Lucan Sarsfields players.

SPORTS

LUCAN HARRIERS A.C.

Lucan Harriers 5-mile Road Race 2026

Author Charlotte Smith



The Lucan Harriers 5-mile Road Race is back, on the 13th of September. Start time is 10am.

Run along the beautiful Grand Canal, finish on the tartan track in Lucan. The flat route is perfect for a personal best. With pacers to push you along. The race also incorporates the Dublin 5 Mile Championship.

Each year Lucan Harriers is proud of how great this race is for all levels, from Olympians to the Fit4Lifers, every day to casual runners. Being such a popular race with runners from all over and a crowd full of support. The race is wheelchair accessible, with space for visually impaired runners, and a sign language interpreter, it really is a race for all.

Before the 5 mile begins there's races for 6–16-year-olds from 08:45am, and a 1 Lap Fun Run (All Inclusive Race/Special Olympics) at 09:20am. Medals, refreshments, and goodies for runners.

The marquee will be full of chat, tea, coffee, cake, and most importantly ice cream. The great atmosphere will be amplified by the DJ, and the sound of personal achievement. The race organisers are grateful to their sponsors, for helping make the race possible.



Sign up for the race online from the Lucan Harriers website.



LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Bridge Classes for beginners commencing on

Monday 21st September at Leixlip Parish Centre 8.00pm

Contact Bert or Marian McKay
0879220233 -
bertmckay538@gmail.com
0877677548 -email:
mmckay539@gmail.com

Qualified CBAI Teachers



LUCAN BRIDGE CLUB

**Wednesday at 7.30 pm
Springfield Hotel**

New members very welcome

Griffen Junior Parkrun

Join us at Griffen Valley Park **every Sunday morning at 9.30am** for a free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4- to 14-year-olds). Register at www.parkrun.ie before you first come along to get your individual barcode and bring this along each week to scan and receive your finish time. The aim is to have fun. Please come along and join in whatever your pace!

For more information or to volunteer just

Email griffenjuniors@parkrun.com

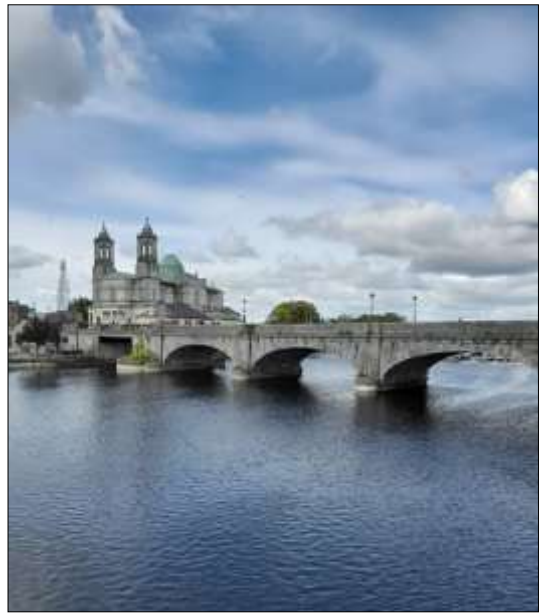
and follow us on Facebook and Instagram for weekly updates and news.



St. Mary's Camera Soirée

The Camera Soiree resumed in the Parish Centre this Friday full of enthusiasm for our forthcoming exhibition.

This week Irene sent in a lovely photo of Athlone looking across the River Shannon with the church of Saints Peter and Paul in the distance. This church was constructed between 1932 and 1939, and contains Harry Clarke Studio stained glass windows.



Nuala found a vintage Morris Minor on a petrol forecourt. This model was produced from 1947 to 1971. Remaining in Count Wicklow Donal was down in Avondale and sent us a photo of the spectacular inside of the Avondale Viewing Tower.

Josie was out in Howth on Monday and sent in a nice photo of activity in the harbour.



Rose sent us photos of a Robin and of what I must say is a pretty revolting jellyfish.



Last week Donal had sent us a photo of the Foynes Flying Boat and Maritime Museum and I mentioned that in 1939 Pan Am's luxury flying boat the 'Yankee Clipper' landed at Foynes to become the first direct commercial passenger flight between the USA and Europe. The "Yankee Clipper" was certainly luxurious! For example, the dining lounge had seating for 11 passengers during daytime while in the evening the furniture converted into a formal dining configuration seating 14 passengers at five tables. Five and six course meals were served with linen tablecloths, crystal glasses, and full waiter service. There were even separate male and female toilets. However, a one-way ticket cost about \$15,000 in today's money!

On that note stay safe till next week!