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**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

### **Do Our Very Best, Everyday!**

This time last year, I met my mother in the long and wide corridor of the nursing home in which she and my father lived latterly. She was pushing her rollator and stopping to sit intermittently avidly watching every single person, activity and interaction around her. She was clearly struggling even though smiling. I suggested that I use a wheelchair – to which she said ‘Sean (my father) said that we must do our very best every day’ making clear that while she needed to move more slowly, that the capacity to move freely was still there and would be used to the very last bit of energy! This attitude of resilience and positivity in the face of any challenge provided them with an amazing quality and experience of life and of people. They both loved every interaction with people giving and gaining lots in each instance.

As we look at the year ahead of us with a broad-brush sweep and consider how many ‘things’ we have to do in the months ahead, the quality of every moment and of every day can easily be eroded or forgotten. This day, today, will never come our way again! The opportunity to experience people today will be unique in the moment. Look at the friendships that have grown from a small chance encounter! Look at the opportunities that come our way when we are least expecting them! Challenges come in much the same way – how we deal with them makes all the difference. The universe is not out to get any of us, even though it seems like that on some days!

In this crazy, busy month of September, if we were to take five minutes, daily, to stop and interact with someone with whom we don’t usually talk or give a few moments of real listening to someone each day – it would make a difference to both ourselves and those with whom we interact! Alternatively, or as well, to take time each day just to evaluate or reconsider what we do or how we are, so that we can be the difference we might need.

Doing the best with every day leads to doing the best with all of life! No regrets!

*Cathy Burke*

*Catechist in the Lucan Partnership of Parishes*

## Lucan Citizens Information Centre

Our telephone number is **0818 07 5090**

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

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

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



### Opening hours

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

Tuesday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

Wednesday: None

Thursday: 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4 pm

### Reception open

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

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

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

We are closed on Mondays and Fridays.

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

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

## The Presidential Election

The President of Ireland (Uachtarán na hÉireann) is elected directly by the people of Ireland for a term of 7 years. The President can then run for re-election for another 7-year term but may not serve more than 2 terms.

The current President is Michael D. Higgins. He was inaugurated on 11 November 2011 and re-elected in October 2018.

### When is the next presidential election in Ireland?

A presidential election must take place in the 60 days before the term of the current president ends on 11 November 2025 - the date of the election is Friday 24 October, 2025. If a President resigns, dies or becomes incapacitated, an election must be held during the 60-day period that follows.

### Who can vote in a presidential election?

To vote in a presidential election, you must be:

An Irish citizen

Aged 18 or over

Ordinarily resident in Ireland\* and

Registered to vote

\*There are special arrangements for Irish officials on duty abroad (and their spouses or civil partners) who may register on the Postal Voters List.



You can use [checktheregister.ie](http://checktheregister.ie) to see if you are currently registered to vote. Read more about registering to vote on our website.

### Who can run for President of Ireland?

To be eligible for election as President, you must be an Irish citizen who is 35 or older. You must be nominated either by:

At least 20 members of the Oireachtas

At least 4 local authorities

Former or retiring Presidents can nominate themselves

### How does the presidential election work?

Voting is by secret ballot and based on proportional representation by the single transferable vote.

Most people will vote in person at their local polling station. Postal voting is available to certain people who may be unable to vote in person.

If only one candidate is nominated for the office of President, an election is not needed.

The President of Ireland (Uachtarán na hÉireann) is the head of State, as set out in Articles 12–14 of the Constitution (Bunreacht na hÉireann).

### The functions and powers of the President

The formal powers and functions of the President are prescribed in the Constitution.

Many of the powers of the President can only be exercised on the advice of the Government.

For example, Government approval is required to address the Houses of the Oireachtas, or address a message to the nation, on a matter of national or public importance.

However, there are a limited number of areas in which the President has absolute discretion, such as in referring a Bill to the Supreme Court for a judgment on its constitutionality or in refusing to dissolve (end) Dáil Éireann (lower house of parliament) on the advice of a Taoiseach (Prime Minister) who has ceased to retain a majority.

### Representing the people

As a representative of the Irish people, the President makes State visits abroad and receives other Heads of State on visits to Ireland. The role also includes receiving the credentials of foreign diplomats accredited to Ireland, undertaking a wide range of public engagements, and organising awards such as the Gaisce and the Centenarian Bounty.

**More information is available on our website or from our office.**



## Lucan I.C.A.

Monday 8th September 10-am to 12-30 pm.

We will have a session of movement to music with Sally, before we continue with our various craft projects.

**Tea hostesses** are Patricia and Mary.

It was lovely to see all the ladies back after the summer break, full of vim and vigour ready for a new term in crafting.

*Pauline & Mary*

## Mary Shannagher RIP

It was with great sadness last Tuesday we heard that our member and friend Mary Shanagher sadly passed away.



Mary joined the ICA in 1989 and as her children had all grown up, she enjoyed having another outlet in her life. Mary was very interested in crafts that brought passion with her to ICA. Crochet & knitting were Mary's favourite crafts, she organised day trips, weekends away for the members, made new members feel welcome, shared her knowledge and taught transition year students from St Joseph's College how to crochet a baby blanket for many years.

Mary will be sorely missed in ICA by all the members. We send our sympathies to her husband Eddie, son Vincent, daughters Deirdre, Frances and Angela & their families.

## Lucan U3A

Lucan U3A are reopening on September 8<sup>th</sup>.



1. We meet in Ballyowen Castle on the second Monday of each month at 2pm. Bus L54 from the Village.
2. We meet for coffee and a chat at 11am on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday each month, in Reeds on the River.
3. We have an outing on the last Thursday of the month to a wide variety of destinations.

New members are very welcome, so do come and join us. Further information: 086 8097038

## Lucan Dementia Café

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

2pm – 5pm

St Marys Parish Centre, Lucan



Future 2025 dates:

October 11<sup>th</sup>, November 8<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>

Kindly sponsored by:



*Please drop by and join us for a Cuppa*

## Lucan Active Retirement Assoc.

We welcomed back members on Thursday 4th September after our summer break. Some members are having another break to Ibiza next week. Hope they have good weather and have a great holiday.

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.

## Lucan Senior Citizens

Our Senior Citizens Club starts back on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September**, 10.30am to 12.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our members back safe and well. New members are always welcome!



# Parish Notes

## St Mary's, Lucan

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



**Mass Times:** Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 10.30am, 12 noon and 7pm

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

**Summer Schedule Extended for Weekday**

**Masses until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday and **Saturday** 10am

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

### Thank You

A big thank you to Chadwicks for the trestles for the Cemetery Mass last Sunday.

Always appreciated.

Billy



### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Divine Mercy Church

#### A date for the diary:

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

**Bishop Donal Roche** will be the main Celebrant of the Mass.

We look forward to this special occasion.

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

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

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

*All welcome, Sr Geraldine*

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

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

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

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

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

## Medjugorje Mass

St Mary's Church, Lucan

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September**

**Mass at 6.1**

(Rosary, Confessions and Prayers 5.45pm)



## MEDJUGORJE Pilgrimages 2025

**22nd October  
7 NIGHTS**

€875pps (normal price)

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Spiritual Director Fr. Ubaldo)



**To Book Please Contact PAT on**

**087 223 8911**

**or call Marian Pilgrimages on**

**01 878 8159**

(AND SAY YOU ARE TRAVELLING WITH PAT'S GROUP)

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

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

## Divine Mercy, Lucan South

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



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

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

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

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

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

### Adoration and Holy Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon:** 7.30pm: Divine Mercy Adoration.  
**Fri:** 1.15pm: Adoration MMPH Cenacle.  
**Fri:** 2-3pm: Divine Mercy Devotion/Adoration.

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

**7.00pm:** Rosary and Confessions.  
**7.30pm:** Holy Mass. **After Mass:** Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction. **8.15pm** Adoration and Confessions **8.50m** Benediction.

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We look forward to this special occasion.

### Catholic Faith Formation for Children

Active and enjoyable faith formation and learning.

Would you like your child to learn more about their faith in a small group setting?

**Venue:** Divine Mercy Church

**Saturdays** at 4.45-5.45p.m. starting on 13 September.

**Children** aged 5-15 years all welcome from all parishes.

**Register** on line [www.lucansouthparish.net](http://www.lucansouthparish.net)  
Forms also available at the parish office or sign up after any Mass in the church.



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

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

### Vocations Society of St. Joseph:

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

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

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

**Bingo:** Bingo takes place every Wednesday in the St. John Paul II Room. Doors open at 7.00 for 7.30pm. All welcome.

## St. Patrick's Esker/ Dodsboro/ Adamstown [www.stpatrickslucan.ie](http://www.stpatrickslucan.ie)

**Sunday Mass Times:** 9am, 10.30am, 12 noon.  
**The 10.30am Family Mass** is aimed at younger parishioners and their families.

**Summer Schedule Extended for Weekday Masses until Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10am

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

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

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

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

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

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on **Monday 8th September at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Whitestown Way, Tallaght.**

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

We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

## Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann

**Craobh Leamhcáin CCÉ**

**Lucan**

**Traditional Irish Music**

*Calling all budding musicians, dancers, and enthusiasts!*

Join us at Lucan Comhaltas' registration night on Tuesday, Sept 9th at 6pm in Coláiste Cois Life, Castle Road Lucan!



Whether you're a seasoned musician, a budding dancer/musician, or just starting out, all are welcome to come along and register for the new season.

Meet our teachers, learn about our classes and activities, and get ready to immerse yourself in the world of traditional Irish music, song and dance!

**Date: Tuesday, September 9th**

**Time: 6pm**

**Location: Coláiste Cois Life**

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information on classes and instruments

Email: [lucan@comhaltas.net](mailto:lucan@comhaltas.net)

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

## LOST

**Gold Sovereign Bracelet**

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## Proud Grandfather

Pat Colgan recently celebrated the Passing Out of his grandson, in Templemore.



Pat congratulates the new Garda Colgan

## Thank You

A heartfelt thank you to our wonderful community for your incredible generosity in supporting our bake sale in aid of The Gavin Glynn Foundation, in memory of James Mulligan Redmond. With your donations and support, we raised an amazing €8,838.96. We are deeply grateful to each and every one of you.



A Mass will be said for the people's intentions.

*The Mulligan Family*

## Anniversaries

**Alan Carey**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 7<sup>th</sup> September**

**Shane Carey**

**4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 13<sup>th</sup> September**

Of our much loved and missed sons, brothers,  
Dad and uncles.

**Forever Young**

Those special memories of you both  
Will always bring a smile  
If only we could bring you home  
For just a little while  
Then we could sit and talk  
And have a laugh or two  
Just like we used to do  
You always meant the world to us  
No matter what went wrong  
We always tried to put it right  
And tried to carry on  
Shane, Alan you had hearts of gold  
Your nature was a gift  
That we were so proud of  
The fact that your no longer here  
Will always cause us pain  
But you will forever be in our hearts  
Until we meet again  
Miss you so much Shane and Alan  
And love you both forever

*Mam, Dad, brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews.  
Shane's daughters Zoe, Keisha and Nicole and  
his granddaughter Sivenna. xxxxxxxx*



## Birthday Remembrance

**Neill Muldowney**

**48<sup>th</sup> Birthday, 8<sup>th</sup> September**

We gaze up to the stars so bright  
sending birthday wishes heaven's height.  
Missing you here but feeling you near  
on your special day and all through the year.  
*Love always, Mam, Dad, Paula, Nicola, Liam  
and families. xxxx*



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**JubileeCamino**  
Men's Hike - Carlingford to Newry  
Saturday September 13<sup>th</sup>

Mass, Adoration, Fraternity.

Cost: €70 (Lunch, Dinner, Bus)  
Strictly an over 18yrs, Catholic male event.  
Contact [op.evangelisation@gmail.com](mailto:op.evangelisation@gmail.com) for further details  
Organised by Dominicans and Friends [www.dominicans.ie](http://www.dominicans.ie)

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## St. Patrick's Parish Lucan Lottery

**Join our weekly Parish Lotto**

Your support makes a real difference. The jackpot  
increases every week plus a weekly prize.

To join now simply go to our parish website  
<https://www.stpatrickslucan.ie/st-patricks-parish-lucan-lottery/>





## SCHOOL NEWS

### Lucan Community College

#### Fantastic Leaving Cert Results

Well done to all our Leaving Cert students on their outstanding results. Aoibhe Fleming, Maggie Jez, and Róisín Duddy each scored over 600 points, with two achieving the maximum 625. Many students earned over 400 points, well above the national average. Our LCA students also achieved excellent results, including 5 overall distinctions. Wishing all our graduates the very best in their next chapter!

#### Past Pupil Business Success

Our fantastic past pupil Aine Kennedy, founder of the Smooth Company was back in Lucan CC shooting some footage for an upcoming RTE programme. Áine has been shortlisted for the prestigious EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards 2025 and was back visiting her old Business classroom today where she set up her first business in TY. Áine is an inspiration to all our students and everyone in Lucan CC wish her well with the awards and in her future endeavours.



#### TY Trip to Causey Farm

Our TY students enjoyed their first trip of the year with a fun-filled visit to Causey Farm. The day was packed with activities including group bonding, brown bread baking, bog jumping, animal petting, and exploring the farm. A great start to what promises to be an exciting year ahead!



**HE** F55 Bhaile Átha Cliath agus Lár na Tíre  
HSE Dublin and Midlands

A free 4 week group

## LUCAN LIFESTYLE

Lucan Library  
Tuesdays in September (9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th)  
12:00-13:30

Speakers will include; Consultant Neurologist, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Community Gardaí, Dietician, & Nursing

- The individual – keeping well physically, maintaining cognitive resilience
- The home – safety at home, grants system, preventing falls at home
- The activities you do – volunteering, exercise, leisure groups in the area

To book a space, phone the  
Lucan Community Healthcare  
Network on 01 7955236.  
Lucan.chn@hse.ie

## Coláiste Phádraig CBS

**Leaving Cert Results:** Congratulations to all of our Leaving Cert students who received their exam results on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August. The results were issued directly to students through the State Examinations Commission's candidate self-service online Student portal at 10am

We would like to sincerely congratulate the class of 2025 on their very impressive results this year. This year's cohort achieved, on average, five CAO points higher than last year's group — a clear indication of the continued academic progress and commitment to excellence that defines our school. While just one student attained over 600 points — slightly fewer than in previous years — what stands out this year is the notable improvement in the lower and mid-range of results, showing a broader and more inclusive distribution of success across the year group. This improvement reflects not only the hard work of the students but also the consistent dedication of their teachers and the wider school staff.

Well done to Alex D'Alba on achieving the best Leaving Cert results in the school. Alex applied himself from his 1<sup>st</sup> day in school and his outstanding results were a just reward for his phenomenal work-ethic, extraordinary dedication and unwavering commitment to academic excellence. Alex also attained the school's 1<sup>st</sup> ever H1 in Italian! Bravo Alex!

The uptake of Higher Level in all subjects was in line with, and in many cases exceeded, the national averages. This reflects the sustained effort in recent years from Subject Departments to encourage as many students as possible to push themselves and stick at HL for longer.

A particularly notable highlight this year came from our Leaving Certificate Computer Science students. In what is only the fifth year of the subject being examined nationally, our students have outperformed the national average significantly. There was a 100% uptake of Higher Level in the subject this year, and an impressive 20% of our Computer Science students achieved a H1 grade, which was double the National Average.

Of course, it was not all about the high achievers on Results Day. We would also like to pay special tribute to the Resource Department, whose work over the years has helped ensure that every student has the opportunity to reach their potential. Students who availed of additional educational supports have, once again, achieved excellent results — a testament to their perseverance and the patient, expert support provided by the SEN team. The role of inclusive education is central to our ethos, and it is

inspiring to see how students of all abilities have flourished.

On August 28th, the first round of CAO offers was released, marking a major milestone for the Class of 2025. The school is proud to report that the vast majority of our students received offers in courses aligned closely with their preferences, with many securing their first-choice options.



**1<sup>st</sup> yr news:** We are thrilled to welcome our 144 new 1st Year students who have joined our school community this year. From their very first day, these students have impressed everyone with their co-operation, good manners, enthusiasm, and genuine positivity. Their smooth transition from primary to post-primary education has been a joy to witness, and it's clear that this is going to be a fantastic year group to work with.

One of the first challenges they faced was learning how to use their coded locks and lockers — a small but important part of becoming more independent. They've already mastered the routine of preparing for each class and bringing the right materials and books, a habit that will stand to them throughout their school years. Getting used to moving from classroom to classroom between every subject is another big change from primary school. Our 1st Years have handled it superbly, showing great organisation and time management. Whether it's Irish, Science, Wood Technology, Home Economics, German or French, they've taken on every new subject with interest and curiosity.

Over the course of the past week, the students have also had opportunities to meet their Principal and Deputy Principals, as well as their dedicated Year Head Mr. Lyons, who will guide and support them during their time in 1st yr.

They also met their Class Tutors, who have played a vital role in helping them settle in. These tutors have guided the students through the practicalities of school life — from understanding their timetables, to using the various school facilities, and becoming familiar with the wide range of wellbeing supports available.

We are so proud of how well our 1st yrs have begun their journey. The positive energy they've brought to the school has not gone unnoticed.

## St. Joseph's College

### Public Access to Law

The fundraising for our Public Access to Law team continues in earnest in school. Our PAL team finished on 27 students and 5 teachers finished second in the All Ireland competition last year and as a result will be competing in the prestigious 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 decorated mock trial events on the international stage. As you can imagine, the opportunity to travel to Chicago and participate in the finals will provide invaluable educational experiences, help to develop skills of our students in law, public speaking, critical thinking and teamwork.

The overall cost of the trip is estimated to be between €55,000 and €60,000. While we will be undertaking fundraising efforts involving our students, their families and wider school community between September and November 2025, we are also seeking support from local businesses and organisations to help cover the cost of travel to this event. We would be happy to acknowledge sponsorship on any that is most suitable, whether through promotional material on our schools website and social media channels, Your logo will be included on the teams t-shirts which will be worn at each fundraising event and travel to and from Chicago. We would be delighted to discuss sponsorship opportunities with you further and explore how we can best collaborate.



### School Fitness Ireland with TYs

On Monday our TYs were busy being put through the paces by School Fitness Ireland. School Fitness Ireland provide expert professional coaches to both primary and secondary schools to deliver students favourite high quality, progressive and inclusive activities such as core strand activities like Gymnastics, Athletics and Dance, along with linked activities such as BoxAerobics, Yoga and Karate all done in a fun environment.

### School Mural

Our new mural in the school has been completed by the wonderfully talented Ajao Babatunde Lawal. The project which was completed over the summer perfectly captures the many aspects and diversity of our school community and is a wonderful addition to our new building. For more videos of the project please check our school Instagram page. Many thanks to Ajao for all his hard work and dedication to the project.



### Debs ball

The Debs ball for our class of 2025 will take place this coming Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September in Dunboyne Castle.

### Public speaking

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

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

### Minder & Toddler Group

This group will resume on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September** in **St. Mary's Parish Centre**, from **9.30am to 11.30am**. All Welcome!



## Lucan Library – September Events

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

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

**2pm - 4pm. Maker Space Drop-in Session** showcasing Lucan Library's new 3D printers and laser cutters, demonstrating fun, hands-on learning opportunities. All Welcome.



### National Public Libraries Day, Saturday 27th September 2025. 10.30am - 11.30am:

Bi-Lingual event, specially designed for children with additional needs:

**Daithigh le Chéile / Colour Together for Families:** Create art with your child in a gentle, nature and identity-themed workshop led by Michael Bollard, specially designed for children with additional needs. Booking Essential via Eventbrite

**12noon: Stories from Around the World with Roisin Murphy. All Welcome.**

**2pm: Digital Art with Olla for 8-12 years.** iPads provided. Booking essential via Eventbrite from 20<sup>th</sup> September

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

**Art and Creativity with Elena Buttner** For 9-12 year olds: Thursday 18th September, 3.30pm. Booking essential via Eventbrite



**Lucan Lifestyle with Lucan Community Healthcare Network.** Speakers will include: Consultant Neurologist, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Social Work, Community Gardaí, Dietician, & Nursing. Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September. 12noon - 1.30pm. Pre-Booking Essential. Please contact 01-7955236 / [Lucan.chn@hse.ie](mailto:Lucan.chn@hse.ie) to book your place.

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

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

### Events for Younger Children:

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

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

**Musical Tots:** Saturday 13th September 10.30am. Booking essential via Eventbrite

**Sensory Play Session for Pre-School Children with Rebecca McDermott**, founder of This is Me and qualified Play Practitioner Wednesday 10th September, 10am. Booking essential via Eventbrite

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

**Lucan Library Classic Film Club:** Tuesday 23rd September, 5.30pm. Register at Library Desk.



**Lucan Library Book Clubs:** Monday Lunchtime Book Club: Monday 29th September, 12noon

Wednesday Book Club: Wednesday 24th September, 7pm  
Junior Book Club: Wednesday 24th September, 3.30pm

**Lucan Library Knitters Club** - Every Monday 10am - 12noon - new members welcome

**Lucan Library Creative Writers Group** - Thursdays 11th and 25th September, 10am – 12noon.



## SOCIETY FOR OLD LUCAN (SOL)

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

Facebook group; "*Society for Old Lucan (SOL)*" & X: [@Soc4OldLucan](https://twitter.com/Soc4OldLucan).

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



### Sol Fundraising Merchandise

SOL framed prints - As part of our fundraising efforts at the Society for Old Lucan, we now have our "Elevating Lucan", framed prints by Jonathan Cully ready to order. There is a big range to choose from and are available framed in a white frame (16 x12) and cost €35 each, with free local delivery.

The prints depict graphic elevations of a variety of buildings from around Lucan, focusing on the architectural streetscape of the village by highlighting buildings and features that have shaped the character, heritage, and daily lives of generations of Lucanians.

Showcasing a mixture of nostalgic and current views, the prints will make a nice gift for any Lucanian, home or abroad. If you would like to purchase any of the prints, please contact us at [OldLucan@gmail.com](mailto:OldLucan@gmail.com) with your preference.

We also have our Keyrings available with Lucan house added to this years' collection as pictured left. These cost €3 each or two for €5. Other exciting news, our annual 2026 calendar is gone to the printer to get ready for sale.

Hopefully they will be ready in the next few weeks for sale. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details. We have decided this year to promote various buildings in Lucan from Jonathan Cully's collection of renderings and think you will love them!

### Lucan Festival

Make sure to meet us as part of Lucan Festival 2025 2nd – 7th September, on Saturday 6th September in Lucan

Demesne. SOL will have a stand that Saturday with some of our information, SOL prints and merchandise, and we hope to see you there.



## Cúpla Focal Club

Lucan Sarsfield's Club House

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

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



**Lucan is in festive mood this weekend, despite the damp weather!**

We urge everyone to get out and soak up (*in the nicest possible way*), the atmosphere on

Saturday and Sunday.

Good luck to the hard-working committee!

**Women's World Cup Rugby** – Lucan girl, Molly Scuffil McCabe certainly played her part in last Saturday's win over Spain. Molly wears the 9 jersey!

A past pupil of Lucan Community College, she took up the sport under former Ireland international, Fiona Coughlan, who was a teacher at the school back then.

We make it that Molly has 23 caps for Ireland at this stage, and no doubt, plenty more to come.....

We'll have our eye on the game against New Zealand, this Sunday. Come on Ireland!



**Storm Names for 2025 – 2026:** The new list was published by Met Eireann this past week, and the chosen Irish named storms will be:

**Bram, Fionnula, Gerard, Kasia, Marty, Patrick**, and there's a **Tadhg** in there towards the end. Mightn't get to see him at all.....

**Playground in flames** We heard that the newly refurbished playground in Adamstown was set alight on Wednesday evening last. This senseless act will only leave small children without a safe place to play, and leave ourselves, the taxpayers, footing the bill.

**The Mall footpath** – You would think that those council consultants would have spotted a bad spot when surveying Lucan! But no! It's a miracle that someone has not been badly injured trying to negotiate this stretch. It must be impossible to wheel buggies along it, never mind wheelchairs.



Cumann na Sáirséalaigh Leamhcáin



### Lotto

We had no winner of last week's lotto jackpot of €5,000. The

Numbers were **3,6,22 & 25.**

**Lucky dips** go to Paul Heneghan, P&O Benson Gabriel (CO Sean McCaffrey), Willie Coogan & Paul Heneghan.

This week's Lotto will be for a jackpot of €5,400. This draw is sponsored by Newcastle Golf Centre. Lotto entries can be purchased by scanning the QR Code below.



### Academy

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

### Cúpla Focal Club

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

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

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

## LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE

Bridge Classes for beginners commencing on

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**

at

**Leixlip Parish Centre 8.00pm**

Contact Bert or Marian McKay  
0879220233 –

[bertmckay538@gmail.com](mailto:bertmckay538@gmail.com)

0877677548 –

email: [mmckay539@gmail.com](mailto:mmckay539@gmail.com)

*Qualified CBAI Teachers*





## Celbridge Camera Club Welcomes new members

**Are You Interested in Capturing Moments and Creating Super Images?**

**Celbridge Camera Club Offers:**

- Beginners Course
- Hands-on workshops, tutorials
- Competitions and exhibitions to show off your work
- Fun photo outings and creative challenges
- A community that shares your passion

**All Skill Levels Welcome-**

- Absolute Beginners
- Experienced Photographers Seeking to Improve
- Smart Phone Photographers

**Can't wait to hear from you!**

Scan me



# POLITICAL NOTES

## Minister Emer Higgins TD – Fine Gael

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### Free Travel for Under 9s:

I am delighted to see the launch of the new TFI Child Leap Card, which extends free travel on all TFI services to children aged 5 - 8. This builds on existing free travel for under 5s and will benefit almost a quarter of a million children nationwide. This scheme will support families, promote sustainable travel, and ensure fair access across cities, towns, and villages. More info at [leapcard.ie](http://leapcard.ie)

### Lucan Festival This Weekend:

Wishing the Lucan Festival Committee the very best of luck this weekend as they host what promises to be another fantastic celebration of community, music, culture, and fun for all ages. It's always a highlight of the year in Lucan, be sure to go down and enjoy. Full schedule of events available on Instagram @lucfestevent or Facebook - Lucan Festival Ireland.

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

(085)2551602.

[CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie](mailto:CBrady@Cllrs.SDublinCoCo.ie)

### Glenvale Laneway:

I requested action on ongoing littering at Glenvale laneway. The Litter Warden inspected the site; no evidence found to prosecute. "No Dumping" signs requested for the area. Thank you to **Lucan Tidy Towns** for organising a community cleanup. **Ballyowen (Lidl & Eurospar) Traffic Light Update:**

Residents reported severe congestion and delays of up to an hour exiting Eurospar. I requested an urgent review of the traffic light signalling at the junction. The Council confirmed damaged traffic loops on the Castle Roadside. Temporary measures are in place, and repairs will be completed within 2–3 weeks.

### Airlie Heights Laneway:

The lock was replaced for residents and keys distributed, pleased to assist residents with this issue.

### Lucan Festival:

Best of luck to the Lucan Festival team, a voluntary group doing fantastic work, and wishing them a great festival weekend.

## Paul Gogarty TD – Independent

Working with Cllr Helen Farrell

*"Not just at election time"*

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### Leisure Centre Access and Village Works:

I continue to work with Helen on these issues which are causing much frustration to residents.

### Lucan Festival this weekend:

Even with all the works in the village this is still well worth a visit over the weekend. Access to Lucan House is on Saturday with family fun events on the Sunday. Programme at [www.lucanfestival.wordpress.com](http://www.lucanfestival.wordpress.com)

### Presidential Election:

The date has not been set yet, but 24<sup>th</sup> October has been mentioned. In my view this would be a bad date given that it's a Bank Holiday Friday and I will query.

### Weston Rescue Helicopter Noise:

Am querying bodies responsible for monitoring as I am getting mixed messages

### School Secretaries and Caretakers:

I am 100% behind these hard-working staff in their fight for fair pay and conditions.

## Helen Farrell, Independent

Working with Paul Gogarty, TD, Independent

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### Lucan Leisure Campus – Parking Update:

I can confirm that SDCC said no restriction or security personnel stopping public access to the car park will occur again.

SDCC & Aura plan to lower car park barriers for 30 minutes each morning during school drop-off for Gaelscoil Eiscir Riada. During this time, cars needing access to the gym or park can buzz Aura for entry—though SDCC hasn't clarified how access will be managed. This setup may add to congestion and will likely need to be revisited. I also have concerns about restricting access to certain users, in a public car park.

### Lucan Village – Taxi Drivers' Concerns:

Met with local taxi drivers about SDCC's proposed changes to the roads around Village Green. We're preparing a joint report. Also working with Cllr Liona O'Toole to raise concerns.

*Political notes continued over....*

## Shane Moynihan - TD – Fianna Fáil

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Find me on Facebook, Instagram, X and TikTok.

### Free public transport for 5-8 year olds:

Children aged 5 to 8 years are now eligible for free travel with their own Child Leap Card, valid until the day before their 9th birthday.

Applications can be submitted easily at [leapcard.ie](http://leapcard.ie). Your child must have a Child Leap Card to travel.

### Lucan Festival:

Congratulations to the Lucan Festival on a wonderful programme of events this week, including the Chess Tournament for under 16s in Ballyowen Community Centre. Thanks to the small but mighty group of volunteers who have put this together.

### Lucan Leisure Campus:

I received clarification from SDCC this week that the car park at Lucan Leisure Campus is also for users of the public park, as well as the leisure campus.



Josie, from St. Mary's Camera Soiree submitted a photo she took of a Christmas Tree in Brown Thomas last week. Soon it will be Christmas all year round!

## Hate has 4 Letters - So does Love

Enemies has 7 letters, so does  
Friends.

Lying has 5 letters, so does

Truth.

Negative has 8, so does Positive.

Under has 5, so does above.

Cry has 3 letters, so does Joy.

Anger has 5 letters, so does Happy.

Right has 5 letters, so does Wrong.

Hurt has 4 letters, so does Heal.

It means life is like a doubled edged  
sword....

So transform every negative side into an  
aura of Positivity.... We should choose the  
better side of life.

### ADVERTISING RATES

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

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

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

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

*While Lucan Newsletter accepts items for publication in good faith, we cannot be held responsible for the reliability of our advertisers.*

## St. Mary's Camera Soirée



The members of the Camera Soirée have headed back to the Parish Centre this Friday to start planning their exhibition.



It is not surprising that there is an Autumn flavour to some of the photos submitted this week. Josie submitted great photos of harvesting. The photo of children pushing a bale around a field reminds me that about three quarters of a century ago hay was harvested by hand. The hay was stacked in cocks in the fields and then transported to the haggard by horse and 'traces'. 'Traces' were similar to reins with a hooking attachment that was tied around the 'butt' of the cock. The horse then moved off bringing the cock with it. In the days before health and safety us children sat perilously and happily on the top of the cock for the journey.

Josie also submitted a photo taken in the Botanical Gardens, Belfast which was established in 1828.



Rose submitted a very cheerful image of a "cyclist" although I'm not sure he is making much progress.



She also submitted a photo of the Painted Lady butterfly and the magnificent head of a Sunflower. The Painted Lady, noted for its fast and erratic movement, is a marvel in motion. I read recently that this year has been a great year for butterflies whereas last year they were decimated.

*Stay safe till next week!*