



## KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

24 May 2020 Ascension  
098 66198 [www.louisburghparish.ie](http://www.louisburghparish.ie)



Mass is being streamed live on the parish Facebook page at 11.30 a.m. each day

[www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77](https://www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77)

Due to the COVID-19 emergency  
All Public Masses are Cancelled  
until further notice.

**Killeen and Louisburgh Church Buildings are Closed** due to the Government directive to "Stay at Home"

The latest information from Government states that churches may re-open on 20 July if there is proper social distancing. It remains to be seen how this could work in practice.

In the meanwhile, please help prevent the transmission of Coronavirus and Safeguard Life.

***Although we may see the beginning of lifting of some restrictions the advice remains Stay at Home***

### Broadcast Mass on Radio and T.V.

- *Mid West Radio* - Wednesday, Friday, Sunday, 10.00 am
- RTE TV Weekdays 10.30 a.m. on RTÉ News Now available on Saorview (channel 21), Sky (521), Virgin Media (200), Eir (517)
- *Radio Maria Ireland* - Every day including Sunday at 10.00 a.m. Saorview, Channel 210.
- *Webcams* are available on these websites: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) [parishwebsites.ie](http://parishwebsites.ie)

**Funerals:** In the sad event of a parishioner dying we will do everything possible to honour them with a Christian burial. Current Government directives state while a funeral Mass may be held no more than 10 people in total may be in a church building for a funeral service. This is subject to on-going review.

### Mass Intentions

Sunday Mass, 24 May, 11.30 a.m.

Kai David Williams-Heneghan, 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Sadie & John Jennings, Ballyhip

Friday Mass, 29 May, 11.30 a.m.

Johnny Duffy, 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Sunday Mass, 31 May, 11.30 a.m.

Patrick Kitterick, Shranacloya  
Paddy & Kathleen Armstrong and son Tom.

**The Parish Office** is closed to the public in accordance with guidelines. Contact by phone **098 66198**. emails to the parish office should be sent to [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com)

### Re-opening of Churches

In keeping with draft guidelines issued by the bishops an advisory group is being formed in the parish so that we will all observe best practice when the time comes to re-open the churches as outlined in the Government roadmap.

In all decisions about re-opening churches of paramount importance will be the life, and the health, of every single parishioner and those who will be directly involved in sanitising buildings and marshalling the physical distance keeping,

### Government Roadmap for reopening society

- **Funerals:** In phase 2, on 08 June, slightly larger numbers may be permitted at Funeral Masses, where social distancing can be maintained, but still confined to immediate family or close friends.
- **Re-opening of Church Buildings:** In phase 4, on 20 July, religious and places of worship, where social distancing can be maintained.
- **Weddings and Baptisms:** In phase 4, on 20 July, small social gatherings by family and close friends (e.g. small weddings, baptisms) limited to a maximum number of attendees for a limited period of time where social distancing can be maintained.

### First Holy Communion

Please keep in your prayers the children of Louisburgh and Killeen who should have received their first Holy Communion over the past two Sundays.

Those parents who wish their children to receive first Holy Communion this summer will be facilitated in small family groups, in keeping with physical distancing regulations, at the first of the daily Masses to be celebrated when churches re-open on 20 July.

The option is also available for parents to wait in hope of larger gatherings being allowed later in the year or to wait until next year in the hope of very changed circumstances.

### Live Streaming of Mass - Web Camera

For the present Mass will continue to be streamed on the parish Facebook page.

Arrangements are being made to have broadband connections in both churches and following this to install web cameras.

Unfortunately some difficulties were encountered in the attempt to get broadband connections to the churches.

**Newsletter by e-mail:** Any person wishing to receive the parish newsletter by e-mail should e-mail [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) and enter Newsletter as the subject. The newsletter will be forwarded as a Word attachment.

### Trócaire

Thanks to all who returned their annual Lenten donation to Trócaire last Saturday and to the volunteers who gave freely of their time to facilitate the collection in the church carparks.

At this stage, with a few very welcome late returns, the amount donated from the parish has amounted to a staggering €10,304.

At double what would be the usual very generous annual donation it is a true testament to a living, and lived, faith that 'loves God and neighbour' by assisting others in a time of difficulty for ourselves.

### Prayer by Pope Francis

O Mary,  
You shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you,  
Health of the Sick,  
who, at the foot of the cross, were united with Jesus' suffering, and persevered in your faith.  
"Protectress of the Roman people",  
you know our needs, and we know that you will provide,  
so that, as at Cana in Galilee, joy and celebration may return after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the will of the Father and to do what Jesus tells us.  
For he took upon himself our suffering, and burdened himself with our sorrows to bring us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

### Useful Contacts

Local Authority, Mayo Co. Council 094 906 4660  
Gardai Louisburgh 098 66055  
Emergency Gardai /Fire/ Ambulance 112 or 999  
Dr. Karina Morrison 098 66681  
Dr. Eileen O Connor 098 66168  
Order of Malta, Louisburgh 087 232 8503  
Staunton's Pharmacy 098 66139  
HSE Live Helpline 1850 24 1850  
St. Vincent de Paul: 087 921 0885  
Social Welfare Income Support (COVID-19) Helpline 01 248 1398  
Meals on Wheels, Louisburgh, 087 443 6605  
Farm & Rural Stress 1800 742 645  
Pieta House (24 Hour) 1800 247 247  
Men's Aid Ireland 01 554 3811  
Women's Aid Ireland 1800 341 900  
Childline 1800 66 66 66

### Local Deliveries

Gala 098 66394 Durkan's Butcher 098 23989  
Local Link Mayo 094 900 5150 or 086 029 3728  
between 9:00am and 5:00pm or email [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie)