



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

26 July 2020 Sunday 17 in Ordinary Time
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Saturday, 25 July, 11.30 a.m.

Michael Ralph, 2nd anniversary and his son, Michael jnr.

Eileen Ryder, 3rd anniversary, her husband, John and deceased family.

Sunday, 26 July, 11.30 a.m.

John McConnell, 1st anniversary.

John Fergus, 1st anniversary and his brother Seamus, 23rd anniversary.

Noel Lyons, 2nd anniversary, Accony and Navan.

Joe Keane 6th anniversary & deceased family members.

Christy Gallagher, 4th anniversary.

Gerard and Bridie Kelly, Feenone.

John, Gretta and Mikie Tiernan, Doughmakeon

John Reilly, Laughta, 19th anniversary

Michael Patrick and Mary O Malley, Bridge Street & their son Padraic, Rathoath & Bridge Street.

Frank Daly, Togher, Cork. 4th anniversary

Monday, 27 July, Killeen, 11.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass, reserved for family.

Tuesday, 28 July Killeen, 11.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass, reserved for family.

Wednesday, 29 July, Killeen, 11.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass, reserved for family.

Thursday, 30 July, Louisburgh, 11.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass, reserved for family.

Friday, 31 July, Killeen 11.30 a.m.

First Holy Communion Mass, reserved for family.

Sunday, 02 August, 11.30 a.m.

Oliver & Patricia Morahan and Joe Burke, Moneen.

Nora Monaghan, 13th anniversary.

Eileen Staunton, Curra and deceased family.

The Season of Creation 2020 runs from 01 September to 04 October. The members of Eco Congregation Westport have planned to run a *Laudato Si* book club (Via Zoom) during this special season. Jane Mellett who works as the *Laudato Si* officer with Trócaire has agreed to facilitate this. You are invited to participate. To register please contact ktfriel@gmail.com or phone 087 852 0602.

Corona Virus Pandemic – Public Masses

Our Parish Advisory Committee remain of the opinion that it is not advisable to return to public worship yet, due to the fact that the number of infections is again rising and reports that the virus is again spreading.

In addition, the results of our parish survey found that over 65% of parishioners would prefer to wait until autumn to return to public worship.

This time of year, with the influx of visitors, we would usually have up to 800 people attend the three weekend Masses in the parish. It would be difficult to manage this with the current physical distancing requirements and the absolute maximum limit of 50 for indoor activities.

The Churches will continue to open daily for private prayer from 12.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion, as already arranged, will continue at daily Masses, reserved for family. We will review the situation at the next meeting on 28 July, with the aim of a trial opening on 09 August, but this is very dependent on public health advice.

- There is no obligation to attend Sunday Mass.
- People over 70 years of age, and those with a health issue, are highly recommended not to attend places where numbers of people meet for any length of time, especially indoors.

The committee continue to make decisions in the interests of the safety of all parishioners, staff, and volunteers in the Kilgeever parish. We thank everyone for their cooperation.

Lighting Candles in Church.

The electronic votive candle shrine is operational in Killeen Church. Please ensure you use the hand sanitiser before you use it.

Due to the highly flammable nature of hand sanitiser the votive candle shrine in Louisburgh church is not in use at present. Even with warning signs there have been reports of incidents in different places with people's hands catching fire while lighting candles.

An electronic votive candle shrine will be provided in the near future to accommodate those who wish to 'light a candle', so they can do so safely.

Re-opening of Churches:

Attending Mass will be a very different experience from the past. Please exercise patience and have realistic expectations.

Only very limited numbers of people will be able to attend any given Mass due to physical distancing guidelines.

- Church will open 30 minutes before Mass time.
- If necessary people will wait outside in a queue, observing physical distancing, 2 metre intervals to be marked.
- On entry, and exit, hands must be sanitised;
- You will be directed to a seat by a steward; please remain in that seat during Mass; movement inside the church is to be limited as much as possible.
- The church will be filled row by row, from the top down. Once full to the allowed numbers people may wait outside, observing physical distancing. There are loudspeakers outside the main doors of both churches. If people wish to wait in their cars they can follow the Mass via the parish website on a smartphone.
- The wearing of a face covering is to become mandatory while indoors with other people in a public area. You are asked to wear a face covering while at Mass. Your mask protects others.
- The gallery will only be available to a musician and two or three singers.
- There will be a basket at the porch for the weekly collection envelopes.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, after which people will exit the church. People outside will then be invited to come into the church for Holy Communion.
- Eucharistic ministers will sanitise their hands before and after giving out Holy Communion, as they have done for many years in the parish. They will now also wear masks.
- Holy Communion will be given only into your hand; please extend your arm and hold your hand as flat and steady as possible
- Newsletters will be available as you exit the church.
- Once outside the church people will be asked to go immediately to their cars / walk home and not gather outside.

Broadcasting of Masses

Masses will be available on our website, www.louisburghparish.ie on the web-cameras from Killeen and Louisburgh churches.

Parish Facebook Page: is available on www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

Parish Website: louisburghparish.ie

A new Parish Website is now operating on a trial basis along with the web cameras.

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

Return of Weekly Envelopes etc. If people wish these may be returned through the letterbox of the front door of the parochial house. (The house is always alarmed). Many thanks to those who have already done so. There is a facility for anybody who wishes to make a donation by card on the new website.

Pastoral Centre, Louisburgh: For at least the immediate future it will not be possible to rent rooms for meetings etc. in the Pastoral Centre. The level of sanitisation required before and after such short term rentals make it practically and financially unviable.

The centre will continue to be used for parish based meetings, e.g. the parish pastoral council, when it is necessary and safe to do so.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People operated by ALONE open seven days a week, 8.00am – 8.00pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Louisburgh Ladies Football registration closes 31 July, new members most welcome. Contact 087 982 4259 for any further information.

Killeen Community Centre Construction of an extension has started. To avoid the risk of injuries to members of the public during the work, the playground is closed. This will be reviewed as the project progresses.

Louisburgh Childcare will be reopening on Tuesday 01 September and has a small number of vacancies for next year, 2020-2021. We are currently taking names for enrolment starting from September onwards. Children from 2 years 6 months to 5 years are welcome. Contact Bernie or Martina on 098 23655.