



**Level 3 Restrictions** for the corona virus pandemic were imposed from Wednesday, 07 October, by the Government.

This means there will not be any public Masses or services in our churches, with the exception for funerals and weddings.

There will be a limit of 25 people allowed at funerals and weddings.

Mass will continue to be celebrated and will be streamed live via parish webcams.

Churches will be open for private prayer during the day.

Please continue to follow public health guidelines and protect health and life.

**For the duration of these restrictions Mass will be celebrated privately in Louisburgh Church. Intentions from the Killeen Masses will be included in the Louisburgh Mass. These can be re-scheduled for Killeen Church when the restrictions are lifted.**

**Louisburgh Church webcam**

<https://louisburghparish.ie/louisburgh-webcam>

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**Masses – Louisburgh Church**

**Sunday Mass, 18 October,**      11.30 a.m.

Bernard Lacey 23<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and his wife Evelyn.

John P Frazer, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

Peter and Mary Flanagan, Kilgeever & deceased family.

Fr. Gerard Harney, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary, his parents, Thomas and Laurena and deceased family.

Michael O Sullivan, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Weekday Masses, Louisburgh**

Monday,      19 October,      10.00 a.m.

Tuesday,      20 October,      10.00 a.m.

Wednesday,      21 October,      10.00 a.m.

Thursday,      22 October      10.00 a.m.

Friday,      23 October      10.00 a.m.

Saturday,      24 October      No Mass

**Sunday Mass, 25 October,**      11.30 a.m.

Tommie Joe Coyne, Month's Mind.

Mary McDonnell, Bridge Street, her husband

John Joe and brother-in-law, Anthony.

**Church Opening Times**

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

**Autumn Collection:** The priest's Autumn Collection is taken up at this time. This is one of four priest's collections during the year. The weekly collection is used exclusively for the upkeep of parish property and the running expenses of the parish.

Sincere thanks to all you contribute so generously to all collections throughout the year.

**Parish Finances - Return of Weekly Envelopes**

These may be returned through the letterbox in the front door of the parochial house. (The house is always alarmed).

There is a facility for anybody who wishes to make a donation by credit / debit card, once off or on an ongoing basis, on [www.louisburghparish.ie](http://www.louisburghparish.ie) Many thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, to the parish in what are very trying times financially for everyone.

**Lighting Candles in Church – Fire Safety**

An electronic votive candle shrine has now been installed in Louisburgh church to accommodate those who wish to 'light a candle'. Please use the hand sanitiser before you use it or the one in Killeen church.

**Newsletter by e-mail:** To receive the newsletter in this way e-mail [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) and enter Newsletter as the subject.

**Parish Facebook Page:** is available on [www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77](http://www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77)

**Parish Website:** [louisburghparish.ie](http://louisburghparish.ie)

## Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

Because of the ongoing corona virus pandemic the celebration of the sacrament will be very different in 2021. It will not be possible to have large gatherings in church for the foreseeable future. As a result, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated mainly by priests in their own parishes with small groups of pupils having only their immediate families present.

In Kilgeever Parish it is proposed, if health restrictions allow, to start celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation early in the new year on Saturdays. We plan on having all our pupils confirmed by Easter, 04 April, if at all possible.

When the exact number of children to be confirmed is known precise details and dates for these ceremonies will be sent to families.

It will not be possible to run the 'You Shall Be My Witnesses' programme this year.

Links to on-line material will be made available to parents to assist them discuss this important event in their child's faith development. Our primary schools will prepare the children using their usual religious education programme and our thanks goes to the teachers involved.

Parents of Fifth and Sixth class primary school pupils in the parish have been contacted by email from the schools. Those who wish to have their child receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are asked to respond, before Friday 23 October, by email to [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) with their consent and the information required.

Please note that while the schools will prepare the children for Confirmation, they will have no direct involvement in organising the ceremony. Parents are asked to email the parish office.

Archbishop Neary hopes to visit the parish and celebrate Mass at some stage in the new year.

**Stay the Course:** With the incidence of corona virus again rising it is vital that we continue to follow the guidelines given by the public health authorities; especially by

- limiting social contacts,
- avoiding crowded indoor gatherings,
- keeping the physical distancing,
- washing hands,
- wearing a face mask (rather than visor) when indoors with a group of people.

**Ministries in Church:** With the advice to people over 70 and those with health conditions to limit exposure at events where people congregate, especially indoors, many of our regular Readers and Eucharistic ministers have for the moment withdrawn from exercising their ministry.

New volunteers for these ministries are always welcome and will be needed when there is a full re-opening of churches. Please consider contributing to our community in this way.

### Monthly Calls:

The monthly calls to the sick and housebound by Fr Long were suspended due to the corona virus pandemic.

The advice still is very much to limit visits to homes as much as possible, especially to those who may be vulnerable.

However, if anybody wishes Fr Long to visit, or to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick, please phone 66198 and arrangements will be made for an individual visit, taking all advised precautions.

Family members may be appointed as special Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to an elderly or ill family member.

### Killeen National School & Community Lotto

The Lotto is used to support the local Killeen N.S. and community run events.

Annual subscription application forms are now available from [killeenlotto@gmail.com](mailto:killeenlotto@gmail.com)

These forms need to be returned by Friday, 16 October, to Killeen N.S. or to Michael O Grady, Treasurer, 087 130 3232.

With current covid-19 restrictions it is no longer possible to promote the lotto in pubs etc. The lotto draw will also in future be streamed live on-line. Your support is greatly appreciated in these difficult times.

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours,  
no hands, no feet but yours.  
Yours are the eyes  
with which Christ looks out with compassion to  
the world.  
Yours are the feet  
with which he is to go about doing good.  
Yours are the hands  
with which he is to bless us now."  
*Teresa of Avila*