



Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions: No public Masses or services are allowed in our churches, with the exception for funerals and weddings. There is a limit of 25 people permitted at funerals and weddings.

Mass will be streamed live via parish webcams. Intentions from the Killeen Masses will be included in the Louisburgh Mass.

Churches will be open for private prayer during the day. Please continue to follow public health guidelines and protect health and life.

Church Opening Times: The Churches will be open daily for private prayer until 5.00 p.m.

Sunday Mass, 22 November, 11.30 a.m.
Noel O Malley, Aillemore.

Patrick Gavin, Gleanamurry, 2nd anniversary.
Oliver Harney and deceased of the Harney & Healy families.

Mike and Beccie Scott & deceased family.

Masses, Louisburgh

Monday, 23 November, 10.00 a.m.
Paddy Mulvey, Chicago and Collacoon.

Timothy and Julia Mulvey & deceased family.

Tuesday, 24 November, 10.00 a.m.
Padraic McSharry, 1st anniversary.

Pat and Mary Jennings & their daughter Nora Monaghan.

Wednesday, 25 November, 10.00 a.m.

Thursday, 26 November 10.00 a.m.

Friday, 27 November 10.00 a.m.

Saturday, 28 November No Mass

Sunday Mass, 29 November, 11.30 a.m.

Annual Remembrance of the Dead.

R.I.P. Pray for:

Denis McConnell who died in Wigan, formally from Shraugh.

Bridie Cox, Birmingham. (nee McNally, Feenone)

November Annual Mass in remembrance of all those of our parish who died during the past year, and for the bereaved, will be celebrated on Sunday, 29 November, at 11.30 a.m. in Louisburgh Church.

Although the public cannot be present the names of those who died will be read out and a candle placed on the altar in their memory.

Celebrate Advent at Home

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, 29 November.

We don't need to be reminded that this year Advent and Christmas are going to be very different. This does not mean that we don't celebrate the birth of Jesus, just that we may have to do it very differently.

Rather than complain about what we cannot do at present, why not concentrate on all that is possible.

We can use the restrictions we are living under to bring the focus of Advent and Christmas back where it rightly belongs, on the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

This year why not make a special effort to celebrate Advent at home. At present we are all waiting for the end of the pandemic, waiting for the "r" number to reduce significantly, waiting for a safe and successful vaccine, waiting to resume contact and relationships with family and friends.

Waiting has always been the theme of Advent. Waiting for, and anticipating, and preparing for the birth of Jesus, has always been the purpose of Advent.

The Advent Wreath has become a powerful reminder and symbol of our need to prepare, and of the shortness of time to do so.

Next week we will publish in the newsletter an Advent prayer service for the home. It can be used in your own household when lighting the candles on the Advent Wreath, during the coming weeks leading up to Christmas.

This Sunday, 22 November, immediately after the 11.30 a.m. Mass, Sandra McCluskey will give a demonstration on how to make a simple Advent Wreath for the home. This demonstration can be viewed on the [Louisburgh church webcam](http://louisburghparish.ie) and it will also be made available on our facebook page.

Whether or not restrictions are lifted, whether or not churches are open, if only tiny numbers of people can attend Advent or Christmas Mass or services, we need to remember that Christmas is all about God coming among us and being with us, wherever we are, whatever we are doing, whoever we are with; Emmanuel, God is with us!

Blessing of Advent Wreath:

A short service of prayer, song and blessing of the Advent wreath will take place next Saturday, 28 November, at 5.30 p.m. in Louisburgh church. You may follow the service on the [Louisburgh church webcam](http://louisburghparish.ie).

Louisburgh Church webcam

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

Killeen Church webcam

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

Parish Finances - Return of Weekly Envelopes

These may be returned through the letterbox in the front door of the parochial house

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

Many thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, to the parish in what are very trying times financially for everyone.

Monthly Calls:

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

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.

Parish Website:

www.louisburghparish.ie

Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

November Lists of the Dead:

Because of the corona virus is not possible to leave lists of the dead in the church, as would be traditional.

However, a suggestion: write out your list at home and place it in a prominent place, create a little altar with a crucifix if necessary. Light a candle and say the prayers for the dead together as a family.

If you follow the Mass online on the parish webcam, or on radio, you could again light a candle beside the list during the Mass. May all our dead rest in peace.

Prayers for November:

Opening Prayer:

Compassionate Lord, someone we love has been taken from us, someone precious and irreplaceable, and we know that there are no words that we can say at this moment to express what we are feeling, no words can alleviate our sorrow or take away our pain.

So we turn to you to express the grief, the pain, the emptiness, the loneliness, the fear, the uncertainty that still at times threatens to overwhelm us.

We come bringing these feelings honestly before you and ask for strength in times of darkness.

Hold on to us even when we find it hard to hold on to you.

Be very near, even when we feel you to be very far away.

Support us in the weeks, months and, yes, even the years ahead.

Grant us the comfort you have promised, until the time finally comes when we can look back, not just with pain, but with thanksgiving, not just with sorrow but with joy.

Intercessions

We remember in love those who have died, let us bring our prayers to the God of hope.

- For this family, that we may never forget those who have died and that through prayer we may remain united with them. Lord hear us.

- For those close to death that they may feel the comforting presence of the Lord in their time of need. Lord hear us.

- For those we remember today in prayer that we may be re-united with them in the peace of the kingdom. Lord hear us.

- For those who mourn, that they be uplifted by the love of friends and family and the power of prayer. Lord hear us.

Father in heaven listen to the prayers of your family which we offer in the Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

Our Father.... Hail Mary.... Glory be to the Father...

Closing Prayer

May the Lord support us all the day long 'til the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is done.

Then in his mercy may He grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last. Amen.

Blessing

May Almighty God bless us, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen