



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER
29 November 2020 Sunday 01 of Advent
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Corona Virus Level 3 Restrictions, with modifications:

Public Masses and services are again allowed in our churches from Tuesday, 01 December, but with the same restrictions as previously.

Physical distancing of 2 metres must be adhered to and there is an absolute limit of 50 people in the church for Mass. This number may be less depending on physical distancing requirements.

25 remains the number permitted for funerals and weddings.

A mask must be worn.

Mass 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.

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

Sunday Mass, 29 November,	11.30 a.m.
Annual Remembrance of the Dead.	

Masses, Louisburgh

Tuesday,	01 December,	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday,	02 December,	10.00 a.m.
Thursday,	03 December,	10.00 a.m.
Friday,	04 December,	10.00 a.m.

Sunday Mass, 06 December, 11.30 a.m.

Teresa, Anthony and Fr. Sylvester O'Donnell.

John Joe O'Grady, Chicago and Kilgeever.

Paddy and Maura O'Toole, Roonagh.

Killeen, 06 December 10.00 a.m.

Michael and Margaret Jennings

Richard and Bridget Donnelly & deceased family.

Nonie and Martin Keane, Feenone, 5th & 24th anniversaries.

James Martin O'Malley, Feenone, 4th anniversary.

Mary and Pat O'Malley, Feenone, daughter, Nora & sons, Joe & Noel.

R.I.P. Pray for Anne Birrane, Doughmakeon and Moygowna: sister of Mary O'Grady, Kilgeever and John Foye, Accony.

John O'Malley, Chesterfield, UK son of Mary O'Malley and the late Noel O'Malley Aillemore.

Kathleen Kitterick, Shranacloya

Louisburgh Church webcam

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

Killeen Church webcam

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

Parish Finances - Return of Weekly Envelopes

There will be a basket at the church porch during Sunday Mass.

These may also 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

Radio Maria Ireland: Broadcasting every day including Sunday Saorview, Channel 210. radiomaria.ie

'a moment to dream big'

"God asks us to dare to create something new. We cannot return to the false securities of the political and economic systems we had before the crisis.

We need economies that give to all access to the fruits of creation ...

We need a politics that can integrate and dialogue with the poor, the excluded and the vulnerable, that gives people a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

We need to slow down, take stock and design better ways of living together on this earth."

Pope Francis writing about the Pandemic.

Celebrate Advent at Home

The season of Advent begins this 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.

Advent Wreath:

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Each day, the candles are lighted, one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until Christmas. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

Prayers on Lighting the First Candle on your Advent Wreath during the First Week of Advent

Lord, our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel,

the hope of all people,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

and he is the Saviour of every nation.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father
Lord God,

let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this Advent wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



Corona Virus Safeguards in Church

Although we can again have public celebration of Mass from 01 December, it remains a very different experience from the past. Please exercise patience and have realistic expectations. Only very limited numbers of people will still be able to attend any given Mass due to physical distancing guidelines.

- *There is no obligation on anybody 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.*
- *Absolute Maximum Capacity of either church is 50 People, (this includes priest, sacristan, musicians, ushers, etc), even with members from the same household sitting together.*
- *Physical Distancing: If you live in the same house please share the same seat, otherwise stay 2 metres apart, this means two people (one at each end) in a longer seat or one person only in a shorter seat.*
- *You must wear a mask.*
- *Please follow the directions of the Stewards to ensure the health and safety of everybody*

Stay the Course

It is vital that we continue to follow the guidelines given by the public health authorities; especially by

- limiting social contacts,
- keeping the physical distancing,
- washing hands
- wearing a face mask 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. Please consider contributing to our community in this way.