



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

13 December 2020 Sunday 3 of Advent
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Masses, Louisburgh

Sunday, 13 December, 11.30 a.m.
James and Catherine Healy.
Bridget and Morgan O Connell
Pa Duffy, Ballyhip.
Tommy Jennings
Fr. John Ball

Monday 14 December 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 15 December, 11.30 a.m.
Anthony Kilcoyne, 5th anniversary.

Wednesday, 16 December, 10.00 a.m.

Thursday, 17 December, 10.00 a.m.

Friday, 18 December, 10.00 a.m.

Saturday, 19 December No Mass

Sunday, 20 December, 11.30 a.m.

Michael Feane, Month's Mind.

Deceased of the Ball family.

Anthony O Malley, The Bridge and his mother,

Mary O Malley.

Annie Mayberry, Ballyhip.

Mary & Peter Kilcoyne

Nora & Beatrice Callahan

Masses Killeen,

Sunday 13 December 10.00 a.m.

Anthony Scanlon, Month's Mind.

Patrick Kneafsey, Curradavitt, and deceased

family.

Josie Gibbons, Roonith, 20th anniversary.

Frank O Malley, Cross, 19th anniversary.

Sunday, 20 December 10.00 a.m.

Tommy Jordan, Month's Mind.

John O Malley, Aillemore & Chesterfield,

Month's Mind

Tommie Coyne, Killadoon.

Sr. Ailbie Coyne, Claremorris and Ailemore.

Louisburgh Church webcam

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

Killeen Church webcam

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

Parish Website:

www.louisburghparish.ie

Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

Corona Virus Level 3 Restrictions, with

modifications: Public Masses and services are again allowed in our churches, 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. A mask must be worn.

25 remains as the number permitted for funerals and weddings.

Mass will be streamed live via parish webcams.

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

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, in this difficult time.

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

Advent Wreath:

Prayers on Lighting the Third Candle on your Home Advent Wreath during the third Week of Advent

Lord, we ask you to penetrate the darkness of our minds so that, filled with your brightness, we may rejoice in your coming as we say:

Blessed be God forever. Amen.

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.



Celebrating Christmas in a Pandemic

There was a meeting of the parish Pastoral Council on Monday, 07 December, in Louisburgh church, observing public health guidelines.

The only topic on the agenda was the question of the organisation of Masses for Christmas in the parish.

After discussion about all possible options there was consensus that there is no fair, safe, or practical way of restricting each Christmas Mass to less than 50 people.

The four masses that are usually celebrated in the parish at Christmas usually accommodate a total of about 1,400 /1,500 people.

This year, because of the extraordinary circumstances of the corona virus pandemic, it was decided that Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be streamed live via our church webcams on the parish website and will be celebrated without a congregation.

This was a difficult decision for the Pastoral Council and it is fully appreciated how disappointing it is for everyone, but what is of paramount importance is preserving the good health and life of all people in our community.

For that reason, this year, we will sacrifice our coming together to celebrate in Church in order to reduce as much as possible the risk of spreading a deadly virus.

For all who wish, it is suggested that people gather in their own household for the live-streamed Masses on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Possibly you could light your own Christmas Candle as the Christmas Candle on our Advent Wreath in church is lit, knowing that you are united at that moment with all others in our parish who are celebrating the birth of Jesus.

For those who wish to attend Mass at some time over the Advent and Christmas period, Mass will be celebrated on the weekdays before and after Christmas.

Both churches are open each day if people wish to make the traditional visit to the crib. Please observe the required physical distancing and the wearing of a mask when in church.

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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.

Louisburgh Hospice Support: Hospice Christmas cards are available for purchase in the following venues in Louisburgh; O'Malley's Hardware Store, Gala and Corrib Oil. Our Shine a Light Cards are available in Staunton's Pharmacy.

Corona Virus Safeguards in Church: Although we can again have public celebration of Mass, 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.

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to louisburghparish@icloud.com no later than Thursday evening