



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

20 December 2020 Sunday 4 of Advent
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Masses, Louisburgh

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.
Evelyn Prendergast and her husband John.
John and Kathleen O Malley, Cahir & family.
Tommy McHale, Carramore.

Monday 21 December 10.00 a.m.
Anthony and Mary Jordan.
Coyne and Needham families, Cross.

Tuesday, 22 December 10.00 a.m.
Anthony and Kitty O Malley & deceased family.

Wednesday, 23 December 10.00 a.m.
Austin Kilcoyne.
John Duffy, Bridge Street.
Pat Joe Kirby, Askelane.
Michael & Ann Moran

Saturday, 26 December 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 27 December, 11.30 a.m.
Jack Lyons, Cahir and Limerick, 3rd anniversary.
Annie and James Maxwell.
Paddy McConnell, son Michael, brother Denis & deceased family.

Masses Killeen,

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 Aillemore.

Sunday, 27 December 10.00 a.m.
Declan Davitt, 3rd anniversary
Martin Needham, 3rd anniversary
Jimmy O Malley, 4th anniversary

Louisburgh Church webcam

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

Killeen Church webcam

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Parish Website: www.louisburghparish.ie

Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

R.I.P. Please pray for Margaret Davitt, nee Durkan, wife of P. Joe Davitt, Curradavitt & Coventry: and for John Carty, Falduff

Christmas 2020

We don't need reminding that Christmas this year is going to be very different. Our parish pastoral council recently decided that there is no fair, safe, or practical way of restricting each Christmas Mass to less than 50 people. As a result, 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. With the numbers of covid-19 cases again rising rapidly there is an increased risk, even when we take precautions, wherever people gather.

Christmas Masses – online only

Christmas Eve

Killeen 6.00 p.m.
Louisburgh 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Killeen 10.00 a.m.
Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

These Masses will be streamed live on our church webcams on the parish website and will be celebrated without a congregation.

It is suggested that people gather in their own household for the live-streamed Masses, at whichever of the times suit you best.

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 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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Advent Wreath:

Prayers on Lighting the Fourth Candle on your Home Advent Wreath during the Fourth Week of Advent.

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands come and show us the way to salvation.

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.

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.

On-line Penitential Service / Reflection

On Monday, 21 December, at 7.30 p.m. in Louisburgh Church there will be a celebration of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness through an on-line reflection on some of the Christmas Carols.

Pope Francis has reminded us that people who cannot get to confession because of coronavirus, can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness. "This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow," the pope said during his livestreamed morning Mass on 20 March.

"Do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."

Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, "I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now." And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

"As the catechism teaches," Pope Francis said, "you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand.

Think about it. This is the moment."

Church is who We Are Not Where We Go

We are a parish community who at present fulfil Christ's great commandment to love our neighbour by following Public Health advice.

In that way we respect, honour, and preserve God's greatest gifts, health and life, and do all we can to protect the vulnerable among us.

Today, in the middle of a pandemic we praise God for the blessing of life by protecting it.

For those of us of an older vintage by obeying public health guidelines we are answering the question posed in the old catechism, "What are we commanded by the Fifth Commandment?"

The answer was, "We are commanded to take reasonable care to preserve our own life and health and to avoid causing bodily injury to others."

It may be the most powerful way we can preach a message of Good News this Christmas.

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

Corona Virus Safeguards in Church:

- *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.*
- *Absolute Maximum Capacity of either church is 50 People.*
- *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*



Wishing a happy and peaceful Christmas to you and your family, and above all, wishing everyone a safe and healthy Christmas this year.

NoLluis Shona Dhuit Feliz Natal

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Froehliche Weihnachten Joyeux Noël

Feliz Navidad 愉快的圣诞节

Wesolych Swiat Bozego Narodzenia

счастливого Рождества vrolijk kerstfeest

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