



### Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions:

With 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 10 people permitted at funerals and from the start of January 2021 only 6 can be allowed at a wedding.

We are all asked to avoid any gatherings of people in order to stop the spread of the virus.

We need to keep this in mind in the event of a funeral in the parish. If attending the cemetery or standing along the roadside to express sympathy, the wearing of a mask and keeping a minimum of 2 metres physical distancing is vital.

### Mass during the time of Restrictions:

Mass will continue to be celebrated privately and will be streamed live via parish webcams. Intentions from the Killeen Masses will be included in the Louisburgh Mass. These can be re-scheduled, if people wish, for Killeen Church when the restrictions are lifted.

### Masses, Louisburgh

Sunday,	27 December,	11.30 a.m.
Declan Davitt, 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary		
Martin Needham, 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary		
Jimmy O Malley, 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary		
Jack Lyons, Cahir and Limerick, 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary.		
Annie and James Maxwell.		
Paddy McConnell, son Michael, brother Denis & deceased family.		
Monday	28 December	10.00 a.m.
Kathleen Kitterick, Month's Mind.		
Tom and Nora Walsh, Main Street.		
Tuesday,	29 December	12.00 p.m.
<i>Wedding Mass - Private to Wedding Party</i>		
Wednesday,	30 December	10.00 a.m.
Mary & Eddie O Malley, Bunowen		
Thursday	31 January	10.00 a.m.
Teresa Bowen, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary.		
Friday	01 January	10.00 a.m.
Sunday,	03 January	11.30 a.m.

### Louisburgh Church webcam

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

### Killeen Church webcam

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

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

### Parish Facebook Page:

[www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77](https://www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77)

### 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](http://www.louisburghparish.ie). Many thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, in this difficult time.

### 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*

### Priest's Christmas Collection:

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. Thanks to all who contribute so generously to all church collections throughout the year.

### St. Vincent de Paul:

For assistance contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

## A Prayer in Time of Pandemic

Almighty and ever-loving God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
we pray to you through Christ the Healer  
for all who suffer from Covid-19  
in Ireland, and across the world.

We pray for each and every person who has died  
because of this disease; for those who mourn,  
and those who try to bring comfort to the  
broken hearted.

Give wisdom to policymakers,  
your protection and skill to healthcare workers  
and researchers, comfort to the distressed,  
and to all of us, a sense of calm  
in these days of uncertainty and worry.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Emmanuel, God-with-us  
who came that first Christmas  
to bring

compassion to the outcast,  
acceptance to the rejected,  
healing to the sick,  
and love

to those to whom no love was shown.

Amen.

*Based on a prayer by Archbishop Michael Jackson*

### 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 and during  
the New Year.

## New Year's Prayer

As the dawn breaks on a new year,  
let us give thanks for all we hold dear:  
our health, our family and our friends.

Let us release our grudges, our anger  
and our pains,

for these are nothing but binding chains.

Let us live each day in the most loving ways,  
the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need,  
regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God in our hearts  
and call on God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light,  
from falsehood to truth,  
and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one,  
embracing all, discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you  
and bestow upon each of you

a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

## Wishing you the Blessings of Hope, Health and Happiness in the New Year of 2021

*Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise duit;*

*Bonne Année;*

*Frohes neues jahr;*

*Szczesliwego Nowego Roku;*

*Feliz Ano Novo;*

*Feliz Ano Nuevo;*

*Buon anno;*

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