



**Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions:**

With Level 5 restrictions no public Masses or services are allowed in our churches, with the exception for funerals (10 people permitted) and weddings, (6 allowed).

**Funerals:** 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, 03 January, 11.30 a.m.  
 Alan Durkan  
 Mary and Tommie Joe O'Malley, Long Street, and sons Gerard and John  
 Pakie & Kathleen O Malley  
 Michael J Gibbons, Doughmakone and Chicago.

Monday 04 January 12.00 p.m.  
 Funeral Mass, Ben Dardis, The Chimes

Tuesday, 05 January 10.00 a.m.  
 Kate & Patrick Corrigan, Shrawee

**Feast of the Epiphany 11.30 a.m.**

Wednesday, 06 January  
 Nora & Peter Foy  
 Peter O Grady, 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Glen Keen  
 Robert Powers, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, U.S.A.

Thursday 07 January 10.00 a.m.

Friday 08 January 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 10 January 11.30 a.m.  
 Michael & Elizabeth Sammin, Cross

**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](http://www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77)

**Church Opening Times:**

The Churches will be open daily for private prayer until 5.00 p.m.

**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

**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.

**Kilgeever Parish Statistics**

	2020	1970	1920
<b>Baptism</b>	9	25	59
<b>First Communion</b>	23	not recorded	not recorded
<b>Confirmation</b>	0	0	0
<b>Marriage</b>	7	7	8
<b>Funerals</b>	18	28	not recorded

## **Thank You: Parish Participation:**

### **Christmas Liturgies, Killeen & Louisburgh:**

Although our liturgies have been greatly reduced by the corona virus pandemic, our thanks is still due to those who participated in the Christmas liturgies, and to those who helped prepare the churches for the Christmas.

Sincere thanks as well to the many who give of their time to Parish Administration, Parish Committees and Organisations, School Boards of Management and in various liturgical ministries throughout the year.

This year a special thanks to all who have taken on new and extra duties in stewarding and sanitising our churches. When this crisis ends, and we pray that it will be soon, there will need a great need, and a huge welcome, for anybody who may wish to take up a ministry, or resume ministry, or engage in one of the parish committees.

**Monthly Calls:** The monthly calls to the sick and housebound by Fr Long were suspended due to the corona virus pandemic, as it is best practice not to have a person visiting multiple homes, and so risk picking up and spreading the virus to people who are vulnerable.

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.

### **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.

By following public health guidelines we answer 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 in this Christmas season 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.

## **New Year's Resolutions for 2021**

During 2020, did you

Wear a mask to protect others.

Abide by all the restrictions.

And stick to the guidelines?

If you did,

You did enough.

Please keep doing so

In 2021

And you will do plenty.

## **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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