



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

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| Sunday, | 10 January | 11.30 a.m. |
| Michael & Elizabeth Sammin, Cross Mary Josephine Burke, 6 th anniversary, Derrygarrow, and deceased family members. Sarah & Michael Scanlon, and deceased family members. | | |
| Monday | 11 January | 10.00 a.m. |
| Michael Ward, London & Shraugh | | |
| Tuesday, | 12 January | 10.00 a.m. |
| Philip Pomerleau, 5 th anniversary | | |
| Wednesday, | 13 January | 10.00 a.m. |
| Thursday | 14 January | 10.00 a.m. |
| Friday | 15 January | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sunday, | 17 January | 11.30 a.m. |
| Pat Joe O Malley and Nora O Malley, Curracony Paddy Jennings, 3 rd Anniversary | | |

R.I.P. Please pray for:

Mary "Maureen" S. Crowley (nee Staunton) who died recently in Milton, Massachusetts, USA. Her parents were originally from Feenone.

Michael Ward, died recently in London.

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

St. Vincent de Paul: For assistance contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

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. Many thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, in this difficult time.

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.

Louisburgh LGFA Annual General Meeting

is scheduled for Friday 22 January at 7.00 p.m. Due to Covid restrictions on meetings the AGM will be held online.

To register and receive instructions to join the meeting please email louisburgh.mayo@lgfa.ie. All nominations and motions are to be sent to the above email prior to 9.00 p.m. on 20 January.

Church is who We Are

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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.

A Prayer on Growing Old

Lord, You know better than I myself
that I am growing older and
hope someday to be old.

Keep me from the awful habit of thinking
I must say something
on every subject
and on every occasion.

Release me from craving to
straighten out everybody's affairs.
Make me thoughtful but not moody;
helpful but not bossy.

With my vast store of wisdom,
it seems a pity not to use it all;
but You know, Lord,
that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless
details;
give me wings to get to the point.
Seal my lips on my aches and pains;
they are increasing, and love of rehearsing them
is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

I dare not ask for improved memory,
but for a growing humility
and a lessening self-certainty
when my memory seems to clash with the
memories of others.
Teach me the glorious lesson that, occasionally,
I may be mistaken.

Give me the ability to see good things
in unexpected places,
and talents
in unexpected people;
and give me, O Lord,
the grace to tell them so.
Amen.