



**KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER**  
**24 January 2021**      Sunday 3 in Ordinary Time  
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**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.

**Masses, Louisburgh**

Sunday,	24 January	11.30 a.m.
Kathleen Sutton, nee Coyne, Aillemore 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv. Mary Corrigan, Woodfield, 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Bridie O Toole, Carrowclaggan. Mary Ann & Andy McGreal and deceased of the McGreal and Jennings families. Charlie Flynn, 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary Margaret Davitt, Coventry, who died recently. (wife of P.J. Davitt, formerly Curradavitt). Thomas & Catherine O Grady and deceased family members.		
Monday	25 January	10.00 a.m.
John Carty, Falduff, Month's Mind		
Tuesday,	26 January	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday,	27 January	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	28 January	10.00 a.m.
Friday	29 January	10.00 a.m.
Ben Dardis, Month's Mind		
Sunday,	31 January	11.30 a.m.
Malcolm, Jack and Andrew Billington Joe Broderick, 6 <sup>th</sup> anniversary Bridie McGreal, 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary, Thallabawn Tommy & Mary Kerrigan, Pulgloss and their grandson Shane Lyons, Leixlip, Co. Kildare.		

**R.I.P.** Please pray for:  
Jimmy Duffy, Falduff

**Louisburgh Church webcam**

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

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**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)

**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.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Patrick's Conference Louisburgh, would like to thank all who contributed so generously to the Annual Collection last December.

A total of €3,934.04, a record amount, was donated and will be used to help people in need in our community.

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of those who contributed especially during this difficult time for all.

If you are in need of our assistance, please 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](http://www.louisburghparish.ie)  
Many thanks to all who have donated, and continue to donate, in this difficult time

**Louisburgh Cemeteries:** In January 2020, Louisburgh Cemeteries Steering Committee launched a survey to obtain input from the local community on what they would like to have included in an action plan for the Louisburgh Cemeteries.

Due to Covid-19 the survey and open day had to be postponed.

The committee are now asking the community to have your say by filling out the Survey online at [Louisburgh-killeenheritage.org](http://Louisburgh-killeenheritage.org). or call 087 665 2426 and leave a message. The closing date for returning submissions is 31 January, 2021.

**St Angela's College, Sligo:** Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery, beginning Autumn 2021

The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This date may be extended. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo [mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie](mailto:mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie)  
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### **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 time of severe crisis.

**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.

### **A Prayer in Time of Corona-Virus**

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  
who showed 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*

*..... We seek harm to none and harmony for all.  
Let the globe, if nothing else, say this is true. That  
even as we grieved, we grew. That even as we  
hurt, we hoped. That even as we tired, we  
tried.....*

*Amanda Gorman -The Hill We Climb*