



### 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).

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.

### Sunday Mass will be in Killeen Church

Sunday, 31 January 11.30 a.m.  
Sally Davitt, Srahrooskey. Funeral Mass

*We also pray of the deceased of our parish,*  
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.

### Masses, Louisburgh

Monday	01 February	10.00 a.m.
Tony McCormack		
Tuesday,	02 February	10.00 a.m.
Deceased of the O'Toole & Morrison Families		
Wednesday,	03 February	10.00 a.m.
Eleanor Lyons, 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
Thursday	04 February	10.00 a.m.
Friday	05 February	10.00 a.m.
Sunday,	07 February	11.30 a.m.
James O Malley, Corragaun, 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Michael Ferrie, Glasgow. John & Mary O Reilly & Patrick O Reilly, Laughta Rita Kilcoyne, Shranacloye		

**St. Vincent de Paul:** If 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.

### 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)

### Church Stewards – Corona Virus Restrictions.

Sincere thanks to all who have volunteered to act as stewards in our churches. It is not an easy job at any time, and especially now when numbers are severely limited for funerals, (10 mourners), and weddings, (6 people).

It is essential that all people co-operate with the stewards and follow their instructions. They are acting solely to safeguard our community against a spread of the corona virus.

It is extremely unfair if people other than the 10 allowed for funerals seek entry to the church. Families will have chosen the 10 to be present, with many close family members making the huge sacrifice of staying away from the funeral Mass of a loved one.

Without our stewards the churches could not open at all, even for the very limited occasions that they can at present. Again we express our thanks to our stewards for their dedication and patience and commitment to the community.

### 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 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 as it is best practice not to have a person visiting multiple homes, and so risk spreading the virus to vulnerable people. 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.

### 01 February, St Bridget

#### Prayer to St. Bridget

Saint Bridget

You were a woman of peace.

You brought

harmony where there was conflict.

You brought

light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the

downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to respect all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.  
Amen

**Blessing of St. Bridget's Crosses:** *May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and a sign of your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures, through Brigid's intercession during the coming year and always. We ask this through Christ our Lord. May the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be on this cross, on the hands that made it, on our home where it hangs, and on everyone who looks at it. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) no later than Thursday evening

**02 February, Candlemas - Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord:** At the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple he was revealed as the light to enlighten all nations.

Candles will be blessed at Mass. Join with us in praying over candles you may have at home.

*"Bless these candles and make them holy.*

*Loving God, accept the prayers of your people, who will use these candles in praise of your name, that they may walk in the path of goodness until they reach that light which never fails."*

### 03 February, Feast of St. Blaise

#### Blessing of Throats.

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass, on 03 February, the feast of Saint Blaise.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop.

His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

Due to the corona virus the blessing cannot be given in person in church this year.

You are invited to join with us on our webcam Mass on 03 February and receive the blessing by praying together.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver us from every disease of the throat, and from all other illness, especially at this time from covid 19: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*