



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: 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, 07 February 11.30 a.m.

James O Malley, Corragau, 4th anniversary.

Michael Ferrie, Glasgow.

John & Mary O Reilly & Patrick O Reilly, Laughta.

Rita Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

Sean and Maura O Higgins.

Derek Taylor.

James Gallagher, Dadreen, & deceased family

Anthony O Toole, Corragau, & deceased family

Monday 08 February 10.00 a.m.

Annie B. Casey

Tuesday, 09 February 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 10 February 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 11 February 7.30 p.m.

World Day of Prayer for the Sick

Friday 12 February 10.00 a.m.

Sunday, 14 February 11.30 a.m.

Michael Fadden, Kiladoon, 16th anniversary

R.I.P. Please pray for Joan O Toole, who died suddenly in England. Wife of Michael O Toole, formerly of Doughmakeon.

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>

Killen Church webcam

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

Parish Website: www.louisburghparish.ie

Parish Facebook Page:

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

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 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.

‘Living Christian Faith’ Knock Shrine will host a new series of online discussions during Lent. Join Fr Eamonn Conway and guests online each Thursday evening at 8.30pm. To watch, simply log on to www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

World Day of Prayer for the Sick, 11 February:

In observance of the World Day of Prayer for the Sick, Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 11 February, at 7.30 p.m. in Louisburgh Church.

Unfortunately due to on-going restrictions because of the pandemic a congregation cannot be present and we cannot this year offer the Anointing of the Sick at this Mass.

Mass will be streamed live on the parish website and on the parish facebook page.

Pope Francis in his message for this day of prayer for the sick says "The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick.

Elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. This is the result of political decisions, resource management and greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility.

Investing resources in the care and assistance of the sick is a priority linked to the fundamental principle that health is a primary common good. Yet the pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family.

Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering. As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the *Good Samaritan*, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin.

United to Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be merciful like the Father and to love in particular our frail, infirm and suffering brothers and sisters.

We experience this closeness not only as individuals but also as a community. Indeed,

fraternal love in Christ generates a community of healing, a community that leaves no one behind, a community that is inclusive and welcoming, especially to those most in need."

Pope Francis finishes his message by stating, "the commandment of love that Jesus left to his disciples is also kept in our relationship with the sick. A society is all the more human to the degree that it cares effectively for its most frail and suffering members, in a spirit of love.

Let us strive to achieve this goal, so that no one will feel alone, excluded or abandoned."

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.

Prayer for the Sick

Watch,
O Lord,
with those who wake,
or watch,
or weep tonight,
and give Your angels charge
over those who sleep.
Tend Your sick ones,
O Lord Christ.
Rest Your weary ones.
Bless Your dying ones.
Soothe Your suffering ones.
Pity Your afflicted ones.
Shield Your joyous ones.
And for all Your love's sake.
Amen.

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to louisburghparish@icloud.com no later than Thursday evening