



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

21 February 2021 Sunday 01 of Lent
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Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions: No public Masses 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

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| Sunday, | 21 February | 11.30 a.m. |
| Aisling Coyne. | | |
| Patrick O Reilly, Shraugh, 6 th Anniversary. | | |
| John Nicholson, Bunowen, 4 th anniversary. | | |
| Pat Joe Prendergast, Bunlahinch and his brother John, Chicago. | | |
| Sean Corrigan, 6 th anniversary | | |
| Monday | 22 February | 10.00 a.m. |
| Tuesday, | 23 February | 10.00 a.m. |
| Wednesday, | 24 February | 10.00 a.m. |
| James O Toole, Doughmakeon, 2 nd anniversary. | | |
| Thursday | 25 February | 10.00 a.m. |
| Friday | 26 February | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sunday, | 28 February | 11.30 a.m. |
| Sally Davitt, Month's Mind. | | |
| William O Malley, Askelane, 1 st anniversary and deceased family. | | |
| Anthony and Bridget Jordan & deceased family. | | |
| Sheila Heneghan, 2 nd Anniversary | | |
| John Joe Moran & parents Michael and Sarah | | |

R.I.P. Pray for John Joe Jennings, Althore whose funeral took place on Saturday 20 Feb in Killeen.

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>

Killeen Church webcam

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Parish Website: www.louisburghparish.ie

Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

'Living Christian Faith' Join Fr Eamonn Conway and guests online each Thursday evening at 8.30pm. To watch, simply log on to www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

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.

Please remember that families will have chosen 10 to be present at a funeral Mass, 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.

Killeen National School Enrolment for September 2021 is now taking place. All information on www.killeenns.com. Please download an enrolment form here and you can forward it by email to killeenns2@gmail.com or post it to the school by Friday 05 March. All enquiries to killeenns2@gmail.com.



Trócaire

Trócaire was established in 1973 as the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The organisation was created as a response to the widening gap between rich and poor and our collective duty to reduce it.

Catholic social teaching is based on the belief that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build his kingdom of peace, love and justice.

In the words of Trócaire's founding document, in which the bishops of Ireland gave the organisation a strong and clear mandate, 'We know that we cannot claim to love God if we do not love our fellow men and women.'

We will see this come to life through the stories of **Awut** and **Ajak** from South Sudan this Lent.

"The experience was horrible. We suffered with fierce hunger and thirst" Awut recalls the painful trek to escape terrible violence in South Sudan.

"My children's feet were swollen and we were weak with exhaustion. We were fleeing for our lives."

At last they reached a safer place. The chief of the area did what he could for Awut and gave her family a small patch of land. But it is heartbreakingly poor here. People sometimes survive only on wild fruits and greens. And for Awut, who is a widow caring for her own children and the orphan children of family members who lost their lives, it is even tougher. In war, women and girls often suffer most of all. Then Awut met another mother with even less. Awut welcomed Ajak and her children – and stayed by their sides after Ajak's husband died from a war injury.

The two mothers forged a friendship, and toil tirelessly to make sure their beloved families aren't lost completely. They try to stay strong. But they lack so many of life's basics. Proper shelter. Food. Access to clean water, and healthcare. Plus seeds, tools, and training to feed the ones they love in a changing climate.

Years of war have taken nearly everything from their families. Please help struggling families like those of Awut and Ajak to survive and thrive.

Please bring home a Trócaire Box.

Trócaire boxes are available in the churches. Please pick up one for yourself.

If you are bringing one to a family member or neighbour please do so in accordance with all corona virus guidelines. Protect yourselves and your neighbours.

Make a sacrifice this Lent; give up something you enjoy and donate the savings to Trócaire to help in parts of the world that need our support.

Last year there was a truly extraordinary response in the parish to the Lenten Trócaire campaign. Thanks again to all who made it possible.

Let us Dream

'No one can face life in isolation ...

We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead.

How important it is to dream together...

By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there.

Dreams,

on the other hand, are built together.

Let us dream, then,

as a single human family,

as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh,

as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.' *Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti*

Atonement Prayer

Lord, forgive us our many sins.

We grieve and repent with all our hearts for having offended you,

for our great failings and neglect of the young and vulnerable.

We place all of those who have been hurt by the Church in any way into your loving hands and under the protection of Our Blessed Mother.

Lord, bring peace to their broken lives and show us all the way out of darkness and into the light of your Word.

May we as the people of God be more fully human, more fully Christ-like, and more fully your people, that we may see the errors of the past and go forward with renewed hope and faith in Christ and in our Church. Amen.

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