



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

28 February 2021 Sunday 02 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

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.		
Mary McDonald, Pulgloss and Manchester, 2 nd anniversary & deceased family.		
Michael Gibbons, Carrowniskey, 17 th anniversary.		
Monday	01 March	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday,	02 March	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday,	03 March	10.00 a.m.
Pat Joe O Malley, Curracony.		
Thursday	04 March	10.00 a.m.
Friday	05 March	10.00 a.m.
Sunday,	07 March	11.30 a.m.
Caroline Ferrie, Glasgow		
Kitty Bradley, Chapel Street, 3 rd anniversary & her husband Jim, 26 th anniversary.		
Thomas Gibbons, Cregganroe, 2 nd anniversary.		
Alan Durkan, 8 th anniversary.		
Peter Joe Corrigan, Blackburn		

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

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

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 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.'

Awut and Ajak, who feature of the Trocaire Box, are survivors. They survived a war, but each day remains a battle: to earn money; to grow food; to pay for their children's school. Their lives have been torn apart by a war they never wanted. This is the injustice of war. It is not just that they lost their homes. It is not just that they struggle each day to survive. They are supporting each other but they are living in fear, and it is not just.

These two remarkable women were strangers when they lost their homes and their husbands to South Sudan's brutal war. Far away from the villages they once called home, they are working hard together to rebuild from the ashes of war.

After Awut's husband was killed, she fled with the eight children she was looking after, trekking through the dangerous bushland until she arrived at Malek. There, she was welcomed by the people and given her own patch of land.

She feared herself and her family would die stranded in the dangerous bushland, trying to flee the war. She was alone with her children. She had no home. No money. No food. She arrived into the town of Malek scared, hungry and fearful. But she found what she thought she had lost forever: love, hope and the welcoming arms of strangers.

It was March when Awut and her family arrived, a time of year known as 'the hungry months' when the last harvest is exhausted but the new one is yet to bear crops. People in Malek had little of their own, but what they had, they shared with this widowed mother and her family.

'We were feeding on wild fruits,' she remembers. 'Then Trócaire's partner came in and started providing help. This help changed our lives. The people gave my family land and Trócaire's partner gave us seeds. Now I plant my own crops. I am working hard and providing for my family. We also started a savings and loan group in the community.'

Ajak returned to Malek because her husband was injured as a result of the war. She was looking after seven children. Awut knew that this was her opportunity to support Ajak just as others had supported her.

'She welcomed and settled us next to her,' says Ajak. 'On the first day, she allowed me to share her plates and utensils. She gave me food to start up and settle in. I had nothing. So she tried to help me and my family.'

Awut and Ajak came from different backgrounds and different regions, but have been brought together by the tragedy of war. Today, they are close friends and support each other.

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.

Killeen Community Centre has remained closed since October 2020 due to Covid Restrictions. However, thanks to funding made available from the Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim Education & Training Board & Healthy Ireland, some classes have been held via Zoom. More Keep Fit and Yoga Classes have resumed with some limited spaces available. Contact Eileen on (087) 682 6025.

Living on an Acre: Have you ever wanted to grow your own vegetables but don't know where to start? Ever wanted to rear your own chickens but not sure what is involved? Or if you are an experienced grower but would like to encourage others, then we want to hear from you. A very exciting new project is in the planning stages and you are invited to participate in a zoom meeting on 09 March. louisburghgrows@gmail.com to register.