



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

14 March 2021 Sunday 04 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, 14 March 11.30 a.m.

Seamus Heneghan, Month's Mind.

Johnny McConnell, 11th Anniversary.

P.J. O Malley, Cahir, 1st anniversary.

Chris McConnell, Shraugh and Cricklewood, 3rd anniversary & deceased family.

Monday 15 March 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday, 16 March 10.00 a.m.

St. Patrick's Day.

Wednesday, 17 March 11.30 a.m.

John Joe Jennings, Month's Mind.

Fr. James O Grady, Glenkeen, 8th anniversary.

Patrick Donnelly, Derreen, 4th anniversary.

Winnie and Jimmy Donnelly, Derreen.

Bridget and Patrick Davitt & deceased family.

Michael Meenaghan, Kilsallagh, 18th anniversary.

Vera McGreal, 9th anniversary.

Laura Keane, formerly of Bridge Street and deceased of the Keane & Maguire families.

Thursday 18 March 10.00 a.m.

Friday 19 March 10.00 a.m.

Tommie O Grady and deceased family.

Philip and Margaret Foye, their son, Vincent, daughters, Jean, Alice, Anne & deceased family.

Sunday, 21 March 11.30 a.m.

John Ruane, Mooneen.

Mick Jennings, Thallabawn and London.

Thomas O Grady, Six Noggins.

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 have chosen 10 to be present at a funeral Mass, with many close family members making the huge sacrifice of staying away from a loved one's funeral Mass.

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.

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.'

Fr James Oyet Latansio is the General Secretary of the South Sudan Council of Churches. He shares with us the challenges and hopes for the world's newest nation, as we approach the ten-year anniversary of South Sudan's birth.

Father James' hope for the communities in South Sudan is that they may be able to live in peace. His biggest concern is that people will be drawn into more fighting. He believes that everyone needs to work together for peace. Father James tells us about the particular impact of conflict and Covid-19 on the children of South Sudan:

'Children are victims. My prayer is that one day things might change for the better. But this will be a lost generation; these children who are impacted by war, by the conflict, and, even today, by Covid-19. Our children are going through all this, and they don't go to school. The schools were closed to avoid the spread of Covid-19 and we don't have enough internet for children to learn from home. They try and do it through radio, but not all families have got radios. So, it's just a desperate situation. Children become victims. I don't know what the future will hold. However, the hope will never get lost.'

The Church is well respected in South Sudan. Father James says, 'Faith is very important in the lives of our people, and the churches are very much involved in efforts to cultivate peace, from the community level, right up to the top levels of government.

At a local level, churches work to bring communities together; for example, in "neutral forums" so there can be non-violent resolutions to conflict.'

Father James also says the following: 'It is great to work in solidarity with Trócaire, our sister agency. Connecting with them means we can better engage with communities, responding to their needs.'

In Yriol, Trócaire is working with families to train them in the best farming methods, provide water, and empower women and girls who have experienced violence. This is possible through the support of parishes in the north and south of Ireland – your prayers, actions and donations enable us here to respond. My message to you is thank you for thinking of your sisters and brothers in South Sudan, and please be assured of my prayers and gratitude.'

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.

Louisburgh Ladies GAA are holding a Clothes Recycling Drive on Saturday 27 March 2021 between 10.00 am and 11.00 am at the GAA Grounds in Louisburgh.

Please donate all your unwanted clothes, bed linen, towels, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys, no duvets or pillows can be accepted. Donations will also be accepted by any member of the club or at the GAA Club House on Saturdays 13 & 20 March and on the morning of 27 March from 10.00 am to 11.00 am. For any further queries please contact Emma 087 771 2991. The Ladies club thanks everyone in the community for their continued support of the club, it is always very much appreciated.

Happy Mothers' Day

Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears and most of all, love. Lysa Terkeurst.