



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

21 March 2021 Sunday 05 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.

Sunday Mass will be in Killeen Church, available via Killeen Webcam

Sunday, 21 March 11.30 a.m.

John Ruane, Mooneen.

Mick Jennings, Thallabawn and London.

Thomas O Grady, Six Noggins.

James & Margaret McDonnell and deceased family, Cross

Masses, Louisburgh Church

Monday 22 March 10.00 a.m.

Michael Ruane, his wife, Bridget and deceased family.

Tuesday, 23 March 10.00 a.m.

Michael Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn.

Wednesday, 24 March 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 25 March 10.00 a.m.

Friday 26 March 10.00 a.m.

Andy Durkan, Lincolnshire and Louisburgh.

Sunday, 28 March 11.30 a.m.

James McNeill.

Tom and Ena Toolin, Cahir & Dublin.

Maureen Duffy, 14th anniversary and her parents, Thomas & Mary.

Noreen Maxwell-Folan and deceased of the Maxwell & McCarron families.

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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R.I.P. Please pray for: Andy Durkan, Lincolnshire and Louisburgh, brother of the late Tommy & Seamus Durkan.

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.

Palm Sunday, 28 March

As we did last year we recommend that on the morning of Palm Sunday everyone puts a branch on the front door, or a window, of their house. It can be any green branch you can get.

It would be a way, despite social distancing and lockdown, to be connected together as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. We may be physically distant but we are not separated. We are united as the Body of Christ.

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.



Message from Trócaire: Trócaire wishes to thank you for the support you give to them each year. Your donations reach thousands of vulnerable communities and families all over the world. This support is critical and it allows Trócaire to continue their work every year.

The Lenten period is a time when people recommit their support for their brothers and sisters around the world through Trócaire's Lenten Appeal. This Lent, Trócaire's Appeal highlights the impact that conflict has on people's lives in South Sudan and how love, friendship and solidarity can help them to survive and thrive.

Awut and Ajak are two widowed mothers and brave women from South Sudan who are the face of Trócaire's Lenten campaign this year.

Ten years ago, South Sudan became an independent country. The people dreamt of a bright future, but sadly a civil war has cut their dream short and people are still wishing for peace. Awut and Ajak were among the millions of people in South Sudan to lose their homes to the war. They fled their villages with nothing but the clothes on their back, trekking through miles of dangerous bushland with no food or water for themselves or their families.

Awut arrived in the community of Malek frightened, but Awut was welcomed with loving arms by her new neighbours. They too had little, but what they had they shared. In this remarkable community – where people who had already lost so much to war – Awut found kindness, solidarity and hope. Awut received such love and kindness from her new neighbours. When Ajak arrived in Malek, Awut knew this was her chance to show, that love and kindness to someone else. . She shared what she had, with Ajak and her family.

Awut and Ajak are survivors. They are surviving a war, but each day remains a battle: a battle to earn money; a battle to grow food; a battle to pay for their children's school; a battle to survive and thrive.

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.

The solidarity and friendship between Awut and Ajak is also an example of exactly what Pope Francis tells us in his recent encyclical, Fratelli Tutti. At a time of uncertainty and fear, it reminds us to always work together and protect the most vulnerable. These values are exactly why the bishops of Ireland founded Trócaire and almost 50 years later these values of solidarity and justice have never been more relevant.

The Coronavirus crisis has shown us how small our world is and we pray for all those affected by the virus in Ireland and around the world. We also pray for all those living through conflict all over the world and we continue to pray for peace in the lives of Awut and Ajak and their families in South Sudan.

Last year, your generosity helped Trócaire to support 2.5 million people in over 20 countries. Everyone in Trócaire are so thankful for your support.

This Lent, your support will provide vital help to Awut, Ajak and many more like them as they try to create better futures for their families.

We invite and encourage you to make your donation through the traditional Trócaire box or online at trocaire.org.

Collection of Trócaire Boxes:

Again this year there will be a drive-by facility for the collection of Trócaire Boxes at both churches for a number of hours on Holy Saturday, 03 April. This proved a popular and safe way to take up the Trócaire collection last year.

Trócaire Boxes are still available in both churches. 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 Clothes Recycling Drive on Saturday 27 March 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. 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.