



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

28 March 2021 Palm Sunday
098 66198 www.louisburghparish.ie



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 Church

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

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.

Bea Fergus, Cahir

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Mass 10.00 a.m.

Holy Thursday, Mass 7.30 p.m.

Good Friday, The Passion 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil & Mass 7.30 p.m.

Killeen Church

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

Easter Sunday Mass 04 April 11.30 a.m.

Paddy O Malley, Aillemore, 1st anniversary, his uncle Austin Moran and deceased family.

Tommy Duffy, Woodfield, 16th anniversary & his son Michael.

Mary and Walter Egan, Derrygarrow.

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.

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 7.00 p.m.



Collection of Trócaire Boxes:

Again this year there will be a drive-by facility for the collection of Trócaire Boxes at both churches from 12.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. on Holy Saturday, 03 April.

This proved a popular and safe way to take up the Trócaire collection last year.

Trócaire envelopes 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.

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.

Parish Facebook Page:

www.facebook.com/kilgeever.parish.77

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.

*"I wish each of us Easter eyes,
able to perceive in death, life;
in guilt, forgiveness;
in separation, unity;
in wounds, glory;
in the human, God;
in God, the human;
and in the I, the you."*

(Bishop Klaus Hemmerle of Aachen)

Invoke God's Blessing – Holy Water

How often do we bless ourselves, bless our family and those about us, and bless ordinary everyday items, an example being food.

Maybe not as often as we should.

Remember just a short time ago if someone sneezed in our presence the automatic reaction would have been to say "Bless you", rather than take a few hasty steps back and glare at them as if we had just discovered they were a serial killer. It could be a good time for each one of us to re-start the practice of invoking God's blessing.

We could keep it very simple and ask for God's blessing on ourselves and the food we receive each day and those who provide it for us.

Bless us, O Lord, bless the food which we are about to receive from your goodness, and bless the hands that provide it for us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

But maybe we could and should take it a little step further. Pope Francis has asked us to be creative in this time of crisis.

Many people like to have holy water in their home and use it when praying for God's blessing and protection on members of the household, especially when they are setting out on a journey from home.

At present it is practically impossible to provide holy water from churches without some risk of passing on a virus.

So instead, being creative, why don't you as a baptised person who shares in the common priesthood of Christ through baptism, call for God's blessing on yourself, your family and the water you use to recall your baptismal sharing in Christ's redeeming death and resurrection.

We could adapt the blessing before meals slightly for the purpose.

*Bless us, O Lord,
and bless this water which we have received from your goodness.
You give us water as your great gift to sustain and renew life, and to cleanse.
Each time we use this water and call on your protection may it remind us of our baptismal sharing in Christ's redeeming passion, death and resurrection, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

By praying in this way for God's blessing and protection we could have holy water to use in our homes for our own family and without the risk associated at present from the common handling of items. Oh, and if you do hear someone sneeze, please do pray for God's blessing upon them. They, and all of us, could probably use it!

Pope Francis: *"The creativity of the Christian needs to show forth in opening up new horizons, opening windows, opening transcendence towards God and towards people, and in creating new ways of being at home. It's not easy to be confined to your house. The counsel is not to give up, but save yourself for better times, for in those times remembering what has happened will help us. Take care of yourselves for a future that will come."*

Take care of the now, for the sake of tomorrow. Always creatively, with a simple creativity, capable of inventing something new each day."

God's Mercy & Forgiveness

Pope Francis has reminded us that people who cannot get to confession because of coronavirus, can go to God directly, be specific about their sins, request pardon and experience God's loving forgiveness.

"This is the right time, the opportune moment. An act of contrition done well, and our souls will become white like the snow," the pope said during his livestreamed morning Mass on 20 March, 2020.

"Do what the Catechism says. It is very clear: speak directly with God, your father, and tell him the truth. Say, 'Lord, I did this, this, this. Forgive me,' and ask for pardon with all your heart."

Make an act of contrition, the pope said, and promise God, 'I will go to confession afterward, but forgive me now.' And immediately you will return to a state of grace with God."

"As the catechism teaches," Pope Francis said, "you can draw near to God's forgiveness without having a priest at hand.

Think about it. This is the moment."



Summer Time: Clocks spring forward by one hour at 1.00 a.m. on Sunday 28 March.