



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

18 April 2021 Sunday 03 of Easter
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Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions:

At present no public Masses are allowed in our churches, with the exception for funerals (10 people permitted) and weddings, (6 allowed). From 26 April, it is expected that up to 25 may attend a funeral. This will depend on public health advice at that time

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 18 April 11.30 a.m.

Anthony Kilcoyne, Shranacloyna.

Mary and Mary Teresa O Malley, Cross & deceased family.

Michael Gibbons, Kinnadoohey.

Paddy Needham, Killadoon, 3rd anniversary, his brothers, Tommy and John & parents, Pat & Mary-Eva.

Kathleen O Malley, 7th anniversary and her husband, Pakie.

John and Michael Morrison, Killadoon & deceased family.

Albert and Maureen Saunders, Killadoon.

Monday 19 April 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 20 April 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 21 April 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 22 April 10.00 a.m.

P.J. O Malley, Cahir & Sligo

Friday 23 April 10.00 a.m.

Margaret Kerrigan, Falduff.

Sunday 25 April 11.30 a.m.

Kathleen Staunton, Chicago, wife of Pete Staunton.

Trócaire:



Sincere thanks to all who have already returned their donations. Trócaire donations can be returned through the letterbox in the front door of the parochial house. So far a total of €6,025.00 has been donated towards this year's Trócaire collection.

Church Opening Times:

The Churches will be open daily for private prayer until 7.00 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul:

If in need of our assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

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.

Called to Serve as a Priest?

On Vocations Sunday, 25 April 2021, from 5.00 - 7.00 p.m. the Archdiocese of Tuam will host a zoom meeting for those who feel they may have a vocation to priesthood, or those who would simply like more information about serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Tuam.

Email: admin@tuamarchdiocese.org, If you are 18 years or older, to register your interest and a zoom link will be forwarded.

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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00 am – 8.00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Synodal Pathway: Easter to Pentecost 2021

Call for Submissions:

www.catholicbishops.ie/synod

The Irish Bishops have announced an initial submission phase of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Explaining the initial submission phase Bishop Brendan Leahy of Limerick said, "Before embarking on the Synodal Pathway consultation, bishops are inviting submissions to reflect on what methods/models to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: parish hall meetings, focus groups, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences.

"Feedback, which should be no more than 300 words and submitted by Pentecost Sunday, 23 May, ought to focus on the nature of the *process* for the consultation i.e. how we can best go about this initial phase of establishing the conversation, rather than on the prospective themes for the Synodal Pathway, which will be addressed in the next phase.

"It is said that the journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. I think the possibility of submissions on the Irish Bishops' Conference website on what methods/models to adopt in the coming two years of conversations is a simple but significant step and I hope many will offer their suggestions."

On the new Synodal Pathway webpage, launched today at www.catholicbishops.ie/synod, people are invited to offer feedback to the following question: *What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about the Synod?*

The responses will be considered by the task group to be put in place by the bishops this summer to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway.

Background to the Synodal Pathway

On 10 March, the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference announced a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years.

Conversations at local, regional and national level have informed the work of a dedicated subgroup of the Bishops' Conference which was established to further explore this idea.

During their 2020 Winter General Meeting, bishops decided to proceed along a synodal pathway, and, since then, have been assisted and greatly encouraged by Cardinal Mario Grech and Sr. Natalie Becquart, of the General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops in Rome.

The aim of this phase will be to design the particular form of our National Synod and prepare directly at local, regional and national level for the holding of the Synod.

Prayer, Listening and Discernment

Next June, at their Summer General Meeting, bishops intend to establish a task group to plan and oversee the first steps along the synodal pathway. This task group will be made up of lay women and men, including young people, religious, priests and bishops.

The next two years (2021-2023) will be a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on the theme: "For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission".

This will allow individuals and parishes, religious orders and associations as well as groups, movements and organisations, both within the Church and in Irish society at large, to share their insights into the Church in Ireland – past, present and future

Killeen Community Council / An Taisce National Spring Clean Annual Litter Pick Saturday, 24 April, at 12.30 p.m. Necessary equipment will be supplied - collection from the Killeen Community Centre from 12.30pm. Registration for all participants essential. Any queries contact Bernie 087 230 5721 or Eileen 087 682 6025.

Growing Louisburgh: Next zoom meeting of will take place on Wednesday 28 April. To register please email louisburghgrows@gmail.com and a link to the meeting will be sent. All levels of gardening and farming welcome.

First Holy Communion Confirmation

We await to hear from the Government their plans on re-opening churches for public worship, in accordance with public health guidelines.