



**Corona Virus Level 5 Restrictions:**

At present no public Masses are allowed in our churches, with the exception for funerals (25 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	25 April	11.30 a.m.
Kathleen Staunton, Chicago, wife of Pete Staunton.		
Mary Staunton Woodhouse, San Francisco (daughter of John Staunton and Nora Needham of Louisburgh)		
Monday	26 April	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	27 April	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	28 April	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	29 April	10.00 a.m.
Friday	30 April	10.00 a.m.
Sunday	02 May	11.30 a.m.
Annie Duffy, Month's Mind.		
John and Seamus Sammin, Cross.		
Martin and Anne O Malley, Curraguan & deceased family.		
Ita Durkan, Bridge Street.		

**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 €7,555.00 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.

**Best Wishes** to Archbishop Michael Neary who has formally submitted his resignation to the Vatican, in line with Church Law making it mandatory for bishops to do so on reaching the age of 75. Archbishop Neary has served in the role for 26 years. He was appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Tuam in 1992 and was appointed Archbishop of Tuam in January 1995. He will continue to serve in the position until his successor is appointed by Pope Francis.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for Dominick McGreal, Devlin. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

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

**Synodal Pathway: Easter to Pentecost 2021**

**Call for Submissions:**

[www.catholicbishops.ie/synod](http://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](http://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 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.

**COVID-19 Vaccine – Message from HSE**

**Reminder for everyone aged 60 and over to register for their vaccine**

Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65-69, we are inviting those aged 60-64 to register from Friday 23 April.

We would like to remind everyone aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE's online registration system or on the phone with HSELive

However, before we do, we want to remind those aged 65-69 who have yet to receive the vaccine to make sure to register as soon as possible.

Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including:

- frontline healthcare workers who haven't gotten an appointment through their workplace
- people aged 65-69 who have a health condition that puts them at very high risk (vaccine allocation Group 4) and who haven't been given an appointment through their hospital or healthcare team

*Online registration – information for patients and service users*

People in this age group who are registering online will need:

- their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN),
- their Eircode,
- an email address or a mobile phone number.

If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register or they can ring HSELive for support on 1850 24 1850 or 01 240 8787 from 8.00am to 8.00pm, 7 days.

If a person doesn't have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSELive. Once registered the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine.

If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on 086 1800 661 to register for your vaccination.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

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