



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

16 May 2021 The Ascension of the Lord
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Easing of Restrictions: See opposite page:

From Monday, 10 May, up to 50 people will be allowed at Mass, Funerals and Weddings in Church. This number is dependent on the necessary social distancing being observed. Restrictions still apply to events before and after church weddings and funerals.

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.

First Holy Communion & Confirmation: The latest Government advice states; *It is advised that religious ceremonies such as First Holy Communion and Confirmations should not take place in May and June. Further advice will follow on resumption of these ceremonies when it is safe to do so.*

Live Streaming of Masses on webcams
www.louisburghparish.ie

Masses, Louisburgh Church

Sunday 16 May

Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Andy McGreal, 3rd anniversary, and his wife Mary Ann and deceased of the McGreal & Jennings families.

Morrison family, Devlin.

Michael Corrigan, Srahwee, 27th anniversary

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

Paddy Joe McGreal, Month's Mind

Billy Maguire

William and Eileen Ferrins

Paddy and Maria O Malley, Askelane.

Sr. Therese O Toole, 21st anniversary and deceased of the O Toole family.

Monday 17 May 10.00 a.m.

Austin Gill, Ballyhip: Mary Duffy

Tuesday 18 May 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 19 May 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 20 May 10.00 a.m.

Friday 21 May 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 23 May

Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

John and Katie Gavin.

R.I.P. Pray for; Breege Staunton, Kilsallagh.

St. Vincent de Paul: If in need of our assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

Trócaire: Sincere thanks to all who made donations. A total of €7,780.00 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.

Monthly Calls: If anybody wishes Fr Long to visit, or to receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the sick, please phone 66198. Family members may be appointed as special Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to an elderly or ill family member.

Parish Finances - Return of Weekly Envelopes

With Sunday Masses being opened to the public there will be a basket at the porch of each church for the weekly collection envelopes.

These may also 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 the parish website 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 for older people. It is open seven days a week, 8.00 am – 8.00 pm, 0818 222 024.

Louisburgh-Killeen Heritage iCAN Project, "Daoine agus Áit, People & Place, Celebrating our Community".

We are asking all members of the community to get involved by submitting a photograph that shows what Louisburgh & Killeen means to YOU. Just email your photo along with your name to lkheritage@gmail.com

All photos received will be included in an online exhibition as part of Heritage week in August 2021.

One photograph will also be selected for our Community Postcard. More details on this exciting project to follow... Get snapping! Closing date is 31 May 2021.

Sunday Masses

Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

Only very limited numbers of people will be able to attend any given Mass due to physical distancing guidelines.

Please co-operate with stewards – they are volunteers and are there for everyone's safety.

For the present there will not be a Saturday evening Mass. When allowed, it is possible that Confirmation and First Holy Communion may have to be celebrated in small groups throughout the summer and that there could be one or two such ceremonies each Saturday. We await further guidance about this.

- There is no obligation on anybody to attend Sunday Mass.
- Absolute Maximum Capacity of either church is 50 People, even with members from the same household sitting together.
- Physical Distancing: If you live in the same house please share the same seat, otherwise stay 2 metres apart, this means two people (one at each end) in a longer seat or one person only in a shorter seat.
- Church will open 30 minutes before Mass time.
- If necessary, people will wait outside in a queue, observing physical distancing at 2 metre intervals.
- On entry, and exit, hands must be sanitised;
- You will be directed to a seat by a steward; please remain in that seat during Mass; movement inside the church is to be limited as much as possible.
- Children are very welcome, but parents please note that young children must be kept with you in your seat at all times.
- The church will be filled row by row, from the top down. Once full to the allowed numbers people may wait outside, observing physical distancing. There are loudspeakers outside the doors of both churches. If people wish to wait in their cars they can follow the Mass via the parish website on a smartphone.
- You must wear a mask while at Mass.

- The gallery will only be available to a musician and at most three singers.
- There will be a basket at the porch for the weekly collection envelopes.
- In so far as possible doors and windows will be open to allow for maximum ventilation.
- Holy Communion will be distributed at the end of Mass, after which people will exit the church. People outside will then be invited to come into the church for Holy Communion.
- Eucharistic ministers will sanitise their hands before and after giving out Holy Communion, as they have done for many years in the parish. They will now also wear masks.
- Holy Communion will be given only into your hand; please extend your arm fully and hold your hand as flat and steady as possible
- Once outside the church people will be asked to go immediately to their cars / walk home and not gather outside.

Safety Stewards and Parish Ministries

With the return of public Masses there is a need for volunteers to come forward to act as stewards to ensure the safety of all in church.

There is also a need for people to come forward to act as Readers and Eucharistic Ministers in both churches, but the need is particularly urgent for Mass in Killeen.

For the immediate future, public health advice is that singing in church has to be limited to very few. Our choirs will not be regrouping just yet but when they do new members will be especially welcome.

After many years dedicated service our thanks to Pauline O Grady who has retired from her role as choir director in Killeen.

If you are interested in volunteering for any of the ministries or to act as a safety steward, please return the form below.

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Volunteering in Killeen or Louisburgh

Steward

Reader

Eucharistic Minister

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to louisburghparish@icloud.com no later than Thursday evening