



## KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

23 May 2021 Pentecost  
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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

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23 May</b>	
<b>Killeen</b>		<b>10.00 a.m.</b>
Kate Keane, Martin & Mary Needham, Aillemore		
<b>Louisburgh</b>		<b>11.30 a.m.</b>
John and Katie Gavin		
Mary McHale Haskins, 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary, Dublin & Emlagh.		
Tommie Joe and Mary O Malley, Long Street.		
Monday	24 May	10.00 a.m.
Nora O Grady		
Tuesday	25 May	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	26 May	10.00 a.m.
Thursday & Friday	27 & 28 May	10.00 a.m.
<i>Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion</i>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>30 May</b>	
<b>Killeen</b>		<b>10.00 a.m.</b>
Patrick Burke, Glenamaddy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> anniversary.		
James Burke, sister-in-law, Josephine, Birmingham, his parents, James & Bridget & his aunt Annie Mary, formerly of Feenone & deceased family.		
Patrick and Bridget Davitt & deceased family.		
<b>Louisburgh</b>		<b>11.30 a.m.</b>
Johnny Duffy, Bridge Street, 18 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.		
Mary Duffy, Chapel Street, 20 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.		

**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 €7,855.00 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](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 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](mailto: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.

### Historical Note – Popes and Vaccines

A smallpox epidemic swept Italy at the end of the 1700s and beginning of the 1800s. Children had very little chance of surviving an infection of smallpox, while adults had a slight chance of recovery but with disabilities.

Pope Pius VII totally backed a vaccination campaign and described the new vaccine against smallpox as a gift "put in place by divine providence" as a sign of God's "paternal love to save his children."

But he noted that not everyone saw the vaccine as a gift, and denounced appearances that "a deep-rooted prejudice was stronger in some parents than the love of their offspring."

To obtain subsidies or benefits in the Papal States it was necessary to provide a certificate showing that the applicant had received the vaccination.

Refusing the vaccine was defined as "reprehensible conduct" punishable by a loss of benefits.

The Pope set up committees to oversee the vaccination campaign and made the licensing of medical doctors subject to their willingness to vaccinate patients.

[www.ncronline.org/news/coronavirus/](http://www.ncronline.org/news/coronavirus/)

**Killeen Community Council:** Annual General Meeting, Thursday 10 June at 8.00 p.m. in the Killeen Community Centre.

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) no later than Thursday evening