



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

06 June 2021 Corpus Christi

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Corona Virus Restrictions:

Please read the instructions at the entrances to our churches. 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.

Live Streaming of Masses on webcams

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Sunday 06 June
Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Mary Egan, 15th anniversary.

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

Chris O Grady, Tully, 14th anniversary.

Annie and Willie Heaney.

Jerry Houlihan, 9th anniversary.

Fr. John & Colum Henaghan.

Monday 07 May 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 08 June 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday 09 June 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 10 June 10.00 a.m.

Friday 11 June 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 13 June
Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Kathleen Devane and deceased of the Devane, Maguire and Gibbons families.

Mary and Mike O Malley & their infant daughter, Helen, Corragan.

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

Martin and Sheila Kilcoyne, Crickeen, 9th & 2nd anniversaries.

Sadie and John Jennings, Ballyhip.

John and Kathleen O Malley, & family, Ballyhip.

R.I.P. Pray for Kathleen Devane nee Maguire, Limerick, formerly of Killadoon.

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 €8,209.00 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.

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

Ben Dardis: The wife and family of the late Ben Dardis wish to thank all those who sent Mass cards and messages of sympathy during our sad bereavement.

A very sincere thanks to the staff of the Elderly Medical Ward in Castlebar Hospital for their professionalism and compassion shown to us under such trying circumstances. Thanks to Father Long for guiding us through the service, Catherine for the lovely music, and Peter Sweeney who supported us throughout the days leading up to and on the day of the funeral. We would also like to thank the grave diggers.

We also thank most sincerely the neighbours who brought food and uplifted our spirits with the beautiful and thoughtful candlelit reception for Ben on his return to our house in Louisburgh.

He would have loved it!!

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has been offered for your intentions.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

A letter from An Taoiseach's office has indicated that First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies may go ahead from 05 July, but in strict accordance with public health guidelines and current restrictions on the numbers allowed in church.

"Public health advice is that special religious ceremonies, including First Holy Communions and Confirmations should continue to be postponed for the month of June, given the potential impact on schools and particularly the Leaving Certificate examinations, where candidates may have siblings/relatives who would attend the celebrations.

In line with the gradual reopening of society, from 5 July onwards, these ceremonies may take place while complying with Covid-19 guidance but ideally, where possible, should be rescheduled for the Autumn when it will be safer to do so.

The more serious concerns relate to the social gatherings which typically follow these sacraments. It should be stressed to families that these events must be planned in line with prevailing public health advice on household mixing and indoor and outdoor gatherings, for the health and safety of all concerned."

Confirmation:

As a result of An Taoiseach's letter we can go ahead with Confirmation in small groups, as we had hoped to do before Easter.

It is proposed to go ahead on Saturdays in July and August with Fr. Long as celebrant.

There are some Saturdays where there are weddings booked so on those weeks the Confirmations will be celebrated on the Friday.

Some families may have plans made for the summer and the date given may not suit; if necessary a swap may be arranged with another family.

If any family prefers to wait until the autumn a date can be arranged.

First Holy Communion:

From 05 July, Monday to Friday each week, as long as overall numbers are kept with the physical distancing guidelines, it will be possible to have a small family gathering with a child receiving their First Holy Communion at the daily Mass at 11.00 a.m. (the time is to facilitate a funeral if it arises being held at 1.30 or 2.00 p.m.) Alternatively, a family may wait and hope that there will be an opportunity for a larger gathering in the autumn. There can be no guarantee of this.

Also, a family may decide to wait and have their child join next year's first Holy Communion group.

Corpus Christi: The Corpus Christi procession each June is an important part of the life of the Kilgeever parish. It has been a long tradition in Louisburgh to process from the Church after 11.30 a.m. Mass, taking the Blessed Sacrament out of our church through our town, into our community, with each home along the way, displaying an altar in honour.

The Corpus Christi procession brings a message of hope, a message of blessing and a message of communion.

This year, more than ever, we feel the need to bring the presence of the Lord into our community to give us hope. The Lord is not confined to any building.

But, if we look closely, we can see the presence of Jesus alive in our community, in the work of so many people who in various ways give of their time to enhance life in our community. We see it also in the efforts of those who assist others in need.

While we cannot have a procession this year, we encourage everyone, in town and elsewhere to continue the tradition of making an altar, and join us in prayer on Sunday 06 June at 12.00 p.m.

While there will be no Corpus Christi procession in Louisburgh this year, we remember that Church is who we are, not where we go, we are the body of Christ.

"Christ has no body now but yours.

No hands, no feet on earth but yours.

Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world.

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.

Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world.

*Yours are the hands,
yours are the feet,
yours are the eyes,
you are his body.*

Christ has no body now on earth but yours."

St Teresa of Avila