KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER



13 June 2021 Sunday 11 Ordinary Time 098 66198 www.louisburghparish.ie



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 webcameras			
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Sunday	13 June	
Killeen		10.00 a.m.
Mary and N	Vike O Malley	& their infant daughter,

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

Annie Kilcoyne and her husband Thomas, Cregganbawn & deceased family members.

Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.				
Martin and Sheila Kilcoyne, Crickeen, 9 th & 2 nd				
anniversaries.				
Sadie and John Jennings, Ballyhip.				
John and Kathleen O Malley, & family, Cahir.				
Paddy & Ka	ay O Malley, Long	Street and		
daughters Ma	ary & Ann.			
Monday	14 June	10.00 a.m.		
Tuesday	15 June	10.00 a.m.		
Wednesday	16 June	10.00 a.m.		
Thursday	17 June	10.00 a.m.		
Friday	18 June	10.00 a.m.		
Sunday	20 June			
Killeen		10.00 a.m.		
Dominick McGrail, Month's Mind				
Pat Kilcoyne	, Cregganbawn, 16 th	anniversary		
Louisburgh		11.30 a.m.		
Owen Kilcoyne, Cahir, 11 th anniversary				
Eoin McGroddy, 16 th anniversary				

R.I.P. Pray for Mrs Kitty Maloney (nee McNally, Feenone) who died in Birmingham, also deceased family members.

Gabe Hannon, Vancouver, formerly of Bunowen.

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 €8,259.00 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.

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 03 to 05 July.

The outdoor *Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path* will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 071 986 1518 or <u>www.loughderg.org</u>

Meals on Wheels: A nutritious hot meal & dessert, either delivered to your door for ≤ 6.00 . Phone 087 443 6605.

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.

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

Preliminary Notice Kilgeever Parish Church Music Scholarship

It is planned that Kilgeever Parish will sponsor one individual, resident in the parish, (aged twelve and upwards, no upper limit) from September 2021 to June 2022 with the Louisburgh Music School for piano tuition along with an introduction to organ playing.

Further details, with notice of how to apply, will be published over the next few weeks.

Newsletter:

- Any person wishing to receive the parish newsletter by e-mail should e-mail <u>louisburghparish@icloud.com</u> and enter Newsletter as the subject. The newsletter will be forwarded as a Word attachment.
- Our thanks to the local shops who have facilitated the distribution of the Newsletter over the past year or so when churches were closed to the public and numbers at Sunday Mass severely restricted. We truly appreciate the help extended to us to keep in touch with the parish community.

"Even hope, like all good things in this world, has enemies... Hope is the push in the heart of those who leave their home, and sometimes their family and relatives – I am thinking of migrants – to find a better life, with more dignity for themselves and their loved ones...

It's also the push in the heart of those who welcome: the desire to encounter, meet, dialogue... hope is the push to share the journey," — Pope Francis

"We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!" — Pope Francis

"A Christian who doesn't safeguard creation, who doesn't make it flourish, is a Christian who isn't concerned with God's work, that work born of God's love for us." — Pope Francis

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