



## KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

20 June 2021 Sunday 12 Ordinary Time  
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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 [www.louisburghparish.ie](http://www.louisburghparish.ie)

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20 June</b>	
<b>Killeen</b>		<b>10.00 a.m.</b>
Dominick McGrail, Month's Mind. Pat Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn, 16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Lily Kitterick, 11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.		
<b>Louisburgh</b>		<b>11.30 a.m.</b>
Owen Kilcoyne, Cahir, 11 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Eoin McGroddy, 16 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Michael Sweeney, 17 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Anthony (Sonny) Grady, Kilgeever.		
Monday	21 June	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	22 June	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	23 June	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	24 June	10.00 a.m.
Friday	25 June	10.00 a.m.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27 June</b>	
<b>Killeen</b>		<b>10.00 a.m.</b>
<b>Louisburgh</b>		<b>11.30 a.m.</b>
P.J. McGuinness and deceased family members. Basil, Justin and Leo Morahan. Mick Gallagher, Aitinaveen, 37 <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 €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](http://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 [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Meals on Wheels:** A nutritious hot meal & dessert delivered to your door for €6.00.

Phone 087 443 6605.

**Synod of Irish Church:** The Irish Bishops have announced it has proposed to hold a Synod for the Catholic Church in Ireland within the next five years. The initial two-year phase of embarking on the synodal pathway and leading, in time, to a National Synod, helpfully coincides with preparation for the 2022 Ordinary General Assembly of Bishops in Rome entitled, *For a synodal Church: communion, participation and mission*.

Bishops envisage the next two years as a period of prayer, listening and discernment, involving a nationwide consultative conversation on this theme.

### 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.

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

### First Confessions:

Children preparing for their First Holy Communion in our two primary schools recently received the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time at outdoor ceremonies held at both schools.

In Killeen N.S. the outdoor ceremony was followed by a hike up Killadoon Hill for the children – no penance for the young!

In Louisburgh N.S. following the ceremony that was held in the school garden there was a special outdoor afternoon tea party for the children.

Congratulations to the children and their families and huge thanks to the school teachers and staff who facilitated this unique celebration in these strange pandemic times.

We look forward to the children celebrating their First Holy Communions over the next few months.

### 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 [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) and enter Newsletter as the subject. The newsletter will be forwarded as a Word attachment

### Happy Fathers' Day

#### *What is a Dad?*

*A dad is someone who  
wants to catch you before you fall  
but instead picks you up,  
brushes you off,  
and lets you try again.*

*A dad is someone who  
wants to keep you from making mistakes  
but instead lets you find your own way,  
even though his heart breaks in silence  
when you get hurt.*

*A dad is someone who  
holds you when you cry,  
scolds you when you break the rules,  
shines with pride when you succeed,  
and has faith in you even when you fail...*