



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday in Advent

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Sunday 28 November

Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.

Paddy Gavin, Glenamurra, & deceased family
Richard & Bridget Donnelly, Carrowniskey &
deceased family.

Maggie Chapman, nee Donnelly, Coventry. (sister
of Joe Donnelly, Carrowniskey)

Nonie & Martin Keane, Feenone, 6th & 25th anniv.

Mass Louisburgh Church 11.30 a.m.

Mary McNally, Ballyhip, daughter Kay Grant and
deceased of McNally & Hastings families.

Martin & Philip Kitterick & deceased family.

Thomas & Bridget Burke, Askelane.

Paddy & Maura O Toole, Roonagh.

Deceased members of the Kelly & Flanagan
families, Kilgeever

Monday, 29 Nov No Mass

Tuesday 30 Nov 10.00 a.m.

Paddy and Tess McNamara, Bridge Street.

Wednesday 01 Dec 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 02 Dec 10.00 a.m.

Friday 03 Dec 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 05 December

Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.

Kathleen Davitt.

Mass Louisburgh Church 11.30 a.m.

Bridget Piercy, nee Hastings, Cregganroe and
Coventry, U.K.

Anthony, Teresa and Fr. Sylvester O Donnell.

Mary and Patrick Mulchrone, Newport.

R.I.P. Please pray for: Tom O Malley, Chicago &
Doughmakeon: Nora Mannion, Dublin, wife of
the late Anthony Mannion, Killadoon

Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease

If those with coeliac disease wish to receive Holy
Communion under the form of wine, they should
inform the priest, or ask one of the stewards to
do so, before Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul:

- Annual collection, Saturday 04 December,
drive through from noon to 3.00p.m. at both
Louisburgh and Killeen Churches.
- For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in
confidence.

Prevention of COVID 19

Anybody with any covid, flu-like, or cold-like
symptoms, cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore
throat, temperature, lack of smell etc. should not
attend church but should isolate and phone their
G.P. for advice and seek a PCR test.

It is absolutely essential that everyone attending
Mass or services in church must wear a mask
covering nose & mouth at all times. Not to do so
disrespects the health and life of all others in
church.

Please use the hand sanitisers on entry to the
church.

In general, remember:

Wear a mask.

Keep distance.

Avoid crowds.

Open windows.

Wash hands.

Corona Virus : Numbers allowed in Churches:

“religious services and weddings can proceed
without capacity limits *but with all other*
protective measures remaining in place.” One of
these protective measures is the requirement for
2 metres physical distancing between people, or
between a group of people that live in the same
house and others. This distancing imposes limits
on the number of people in church.

So, if planning a wedding, funeral, or any other
service in either of our churches in Kilgeever
parish, until this requirement is changed
numbers will be severely limited as at present.

Monthly Calls: The monthly calls to the sick and
housebound by Fr Long were suspended due to
the corona virus pandemic.

With the present high number of infections
nationwide it is still safer for all not to make
multiple house-calls in a short timeframe.
However, if anybody wishes Fr Long to visit, or to
receive Holy Communion or the sacrament of the
sick, please phone 66198 and arrangements will
be made for an individual visit, taking all advised
precautions.

Family members may be appointed as special
Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion
to an elderly or ill family member.

Rosary in Kilgeever & Killeen Cemeteries:

This Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

Local Cemeteries: Our cemeteries are unique and very special places where our loved ones are laid to rest. In Louisburgh a voluntary steering group has been busy looking at ways to enhance, preserve and maintain Kilgeever Old & New Cemeteries & St. Catherine's Cemetery into the future.

Some essential drainage works have already begun on site at Kilgeever New Cemetery. A new map board of graves is available at the gate and also online. New footpaths have been laid and there are plans to continue this.

A 'Go Fund Me' Page - Kilgeever Cemetery Development Plan- has been set up to help with costs. For those not online, a special envelope available in the church porch, can be used and returned with the weekly church donations or dropped in the letter box at the Parish Priest's House. Please do not leave donations in the church. kilgeevercemetery@gmail.com

Church Opening Time. The Churches will continue to open daily for private prayer until 5.00 p.m.

Would you like to make your home warmer and more comfortable to live in? If you are over 66 and own your home or have right of residence where you live, you can receive grants to replace doors and windows with modern draft proof and highly insulated doors and windows.

To receive detailed information and free assistance in making application call 087 284 7695

Louisburgh Hospice Support Group: Hospice Christmas cards for sale in Gala, Corrib Oil and O'Malley's, Carrowclaggan. Hospice Shine A Light cards for sale in Staunton's Pharmacy. We thank you for your support.

Louisburgh GAA AGM: Friday, 03 Dec at 7.30 pm in the Parochial Hall. All guidelines will be adhered to with masks and social distancing. Email secretary.louisburgh.mayo@gaa.ie

Killeen Community Council; e-bikes: Sunday, 28 November, 2.30-4.30pm. Paddy & Nelly's Bike Hire are coming to the Killeen Community Centre with some e-bikes. Come along and learn all about them.

Celebrate Advent at Home:

The season of Advent begins this Sunday, 28 November. We don't need to be reminded that this year Advent and Christmas are again going to be different. This does not mean that we don't celebrate the birth of Jesus, just that we may have to do it very differently.

Rather than complain about what we cannot do at present, why not concentrate on all that is possible. We can use the restrictions we are living under to bring the focus of Advent and Christmas back where it rightly belongs, on the birth of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

This year why not make a special effort to celebrate Advent at home. At present we are all waiting for the end of the pandemic, waiting for infection numbers to reduce significantly, waiting to resume 'normal' contact and relationships with family and friends.

Waiting has always been the theme of Advent. Waiting for, and anticipating, and preparing for the birth of Jesus, has always been the purpose of Advent. The Advent Wreath has become a powerful reminder and symbol of our need to prepare, and of the shortness of time to do so.

Advent Wreath:

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens.



Each day, the candles are lit, one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until Christmas. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

Prayers on Lighting the First Candle on your Advent Wreath during the First Week of Advent

Lord, our God,

we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:

He is Emmanuel,

the hope of all people,

he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,

and he is the Saviour of every nation.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us

as we light the candles of this Advent wreath.

May the wreath and its light

be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.