



# KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday in Advent

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**Sunday 05 December**

**Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.**

Kathleen Davitt.

James and Nellie O Grady & deceased of the O Grady family, Curradavitt.

Tom and Molly Philbin & deceased of the Philbin family, Carrowniskey.

**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.

Pa Duffy and deceased family, Ballyhip

Monday, 06 Dec 10.00 a.m.

### *Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

**Tuesday 07 Dec Killeen 7.30 p.m.**

**Wednesday 08 Dec Louisburgh 7.30 p.m.**

Chris O Grady, Tully.

Bridget & Tom Hannon, Bunowen, daughters, Marguerite & Eda, sons, Bell, Tony & Gabe, daughters in law Maura & Anne & grandson Bernard.

Thursday 09 Dec No Mass

Friday 10 Dec 10.00 a.m.

**Sunday 12 December**

**Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.**

Jimmy Tiernan, Month's Mind.

Ann O Toole, Corragaun, 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

James Martin O Malley, Feenone, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary & deceased family

**Mass Louisburgh Church 11.30 a.m.**

Anthony Kilcoyne, 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Catherine and James Healy, Falduff.

### **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:**

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

**Eucharist Ministers and Readers** lists have been sent out by email and are also be displayed on Church notice boards.

### **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.

**Church Opening Time.** The Churches will continue to open daily for private prayer until 5.00 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](mailto:kilgeevercemetery@gmail.com)

**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.

For 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.

**Order of Malta Fundraiser:** Saturday 11 December there will be a headshave in Mac Namara's Bar. It promises to be a great night, that raises funds for our local Order of Malta to enable them to continue the wonderful community work they do.

You can donate here: [Fundraiser by Danny O Toole : Head Shave in aid of Louisburgh Order of Malta \(gofundme.com\)](https://www.gofundme.com) and there are also Raffle Cards where you can buy a line in the local shops for some great prizes while supporting a great cause.

### **Celebrate Advent at Home:**

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.



### **Celebrate Advent at Home Advent Wreath:**

*Prayers on Lighting the Second Candle on your Home Advent Wreath during the Second Week of Advent*

Father,  
help us to prepare the way of Jesus,  
the Light of the world.  
May we,  
who believe he will come again,  
always serve you faithfully.

Let us proclaim this mystery of faith: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen  
*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.