



Live Streaming of Masses on Webcameras

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Sunday 19 December

Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.

Nora Mannion, Month's Mind.
 Jimmy Kilcoyne, Month's Mind.
 Jimmy O Malley, 5th anniversary.
 Frank O Malley, Cross, 20th anniversary.
 Mary B Frazer, 11th anniversary, her parents,
 James and Annie O Grady, Kilgeever.
 Pat, Teresa & Michael Frazer, Kinadoohy.
 Tommie Coyne, Killadoon, 11th anniversary.
 Sr Ailbie Coyne, Aillemore and Claremorris.
 Deceased of the Gavin & Corrigan families,
 Cregganbawn.

Mass Louisburgh Church 11.30 a.m.

John Carty, 1st Anniversary.
 The Ball family.
 Anthony O Malley and his mother Mary, The
 Bridge.
 John and Kathleen O Malley, Cahir & family.
 John and Evelyn Prendergast, Accony.
 Deceased of the O Toole & Morrison families.
 John Duffy, Bridge Street.
 Pat Joe Kirby, Askelane.

Monday 20 Dec – Thursday 23 Dec 10.00 a.m.

Christmas Eve

Killeen	24 Dec	6.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.
Louisburgh	24 Dec	6.00 p.m. & 7.30 p.m.

Christmas Day

Killeen	10.00 a.m.
Louisburgh	11.30 a.m.

Sunday 26 December

Mass Killeen Church 10.00 a.m.

Martin Needham.
 Declan Davitt.
 Michael Scanlon, Feenone, his son Anthony and
 his sister Margaret Corrigan.

Mass Louisburgh Church 11.30 a.m.

Celia Ferrie, Glasgow, 1st anniversary.
 Paddy McConnell, 4th anniversary and his son
 Michael, St Albans, London.
 Annie and James Maxwell.

R.I.P. Michael Wall, nephew of Michael
 Gallagher, who died recently. Funeral and burial
 of ashes will take place at a later date.

Christmas Masses

We plan to have two Masses in each of our churches on Christmas Eve; at 6.00 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. and have one Mass in each Church on Christmas Day and on Sunday 26 Dec.: 10.00 in Killeen and 11.30 in Louisburgh.

These will adhere strictly with current public health guidelines, especially with regard to the two-metre distancing requirement and the correct wearing of facemasks.

In order to maximise the number who can be safely admitted to each Mass it is requested that people should attend as a family group, or for those who live alone in a group "bubble" of friends that they socialise with and whose homes they visit. Each group should consist of no more than seven or eight people who can comfortably be accommodated in one church seat per group. In this way each seat will be filled and there will be the required two metre distance between it and the next group.

If the church reaches capacity and the stewards advise that the church is full and no more can be admitted, they are doing so to ensure we are taking all steps possible not to endanger the health and lives of parishioners. Please, be understanding.

It is also requested that a person not attend more than one of the Masses on Christmas Eve and Day. Both churches will close immediately after the 6.00 p.m. Mass to allow for sanitising. Masses will be streamed live on our webcams.

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.

You must isolate while awaiting PCR test results. 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.

Priest's Christmas Collection This is one of four priests' collections during the year. The weekly collection is used exclusively for the upkeep of parish property and the running expenses of the parish. Thanks to all who contribute so generously to all church collections throughout the year.

Corona Virus : Protecting all in Society

"Why are the seats in our church still roped off but in some other churches they aren't"?

Perhaps this is the wrong question asked of the wrong people; the questions should be asked elsewhere *'why are you not adhering to current guidelines about physical distancing.'* And *'what are you doing to safeguard the congregation'?*

The matter was clarified again in a recent email from the Taoiseach's office to all dioceses.

"For clarity following the updated Covid guidance, Religious Services in Places of Worship are unchanged regarding capacity, with all other protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation".

One of these protective measures is the 2 metres physical distancing between people, or between a group of people that live in the same house and others. It is this distancing that imposes limits on the number of people in church.

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

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 and locally 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.

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.

Celebrate Advent at Home: We don't need to be reminded that this year Advent and Christmas are again different. This does not mean that we don't celebrate the birth of Jesus, just that we may have to do it very differently.

We can 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 the last week of 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:

Prayers on Lighting the Fourth Candle on your Home Advent Wreath during the Fourth Week of Advent.



O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands come and show us the way to salvation.

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.



Wishing a happy and peaceful Christmas to you and your family, and above all, wishing everyone a safe and healthy Christmas this year.

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Froehliche Weihnachten Joyeux Noël

Feliz Navidad 愉快的圣诞节

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