



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 2 of Lent
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Sunday	13 March	
Mass	Killeen Church	10.00 a.m.
St. Patrick's Day		
Thursday	17 March	10.00 a.m.
Fr James O Grady, Glenkeen, 9 th anniversary. Mike Jennings		
Mass	Louisburgh Church	11.30 a.m.
Clementine Lyons, 19 th anniversary and her husband Austin, 21 st anniversary. Assumpta Kilcoyne, Shranacloye. Thomas Gibbons.		
Monday	14 March	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	15 March	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	16 March	12.00 p.m.
Funeral Mass - Donncha O'Rourke		
St. Patrick's Day		
Thursday	17 March	11.30 a.m.
Friday	18 March	10.00 a.m.
Sunday	20 March	
Mass	Killeen Church	10.00 a.m.
Vera McGreal, 10 th anniversary. Thomas O Grady, Six Noggins. James and Margaret McDonnell & deceased family		
Mass	Louisburgh Church	11.30 a.m.
John McConnell, Shraugh, 12 th anniversary.		

Liturgical Ministries

Louisburgh Sunday 20 March

Eucharistic: Margaret O Malley, Marian Moran.

Reader: Imelda O Grady.

Killeen Sunday 20 March

Reader: Gerard Burke

Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease

If with coeliac disease wish to receive Holy those 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.

First Confessions,

Killeen Church, Wednesday, 30 March, 7.30 pm.

Louisburgh Church, Thursday, 31 March, 7.30 pm

Prevention of COVID 19;

While restrictions have been lifted the virus is still being transmitted at high levels in community. Everyone attending Mass or services in church is urged to wear a mask covering nose & mouth at all times. Please use the hand sanitisers on entry to the church.

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 phone their G.P. for advice.

Thanks to all for continuing to wear masks to protect those of us who are vulnerable due to age, illness, or compromised immune systems.

Synod Consultation – first steps

Pope Francis has set our Church on a 'Synodal Pathway'. A synod is a gathering, and pathway implies a journey. We are going to be journeying together for a significant time; it seems that this synodal way of doing things is going to become a permanent way of being in the Church.

We are only at the start; we are in the learning phase. We are learning how to listen well, so that we might truly understand each other. We are learning how to rely on the Spirit more than on ourselves, and we are especially learning how to dialogue so that everyone's voice is heard. We are doing this in phases and stages and right now we are in the initial phase, the 'Local Phase' which is leading us towards 2023 when there will be a Universal Synod.

As part of this initial stage the Parish Pastoral Council has decided to consult as widely as possible with people in our parish to see what you think about church, now and in the future, so we can include your voices in this process.

We know that many young people have left the church, and this is also true of many other groups who do not feel that their voice has been listened to and who do not feel welcome in our Church today. We hope to consult with all groups.

As a first step we have issued a questionnaire so everyone can have their say. Please take one from the church porch, complete it as you see fit and return it as outlined on the questionnaire.

Trócaire – Lent

Trócaire is the overseas development agency of our Catholic Church here in Ireland.

Thanks to all for the support you give to Trócaire's work each year. Your donations reach thousands of vulnerable communities and families all over the world. This help is critical, and it allows Trócaire to continue this work every year.

When we think of our Trocaire family in Zimbabwe this year, we think of Thandekile, Nomatter and Forward. Let us also remember David, father and husband, who was away from his family working when he died of Covid. Many of us understand the grief of not being able to be with the one we love when they were sick or died with Covid, so we pray for them all. We also see how life changed utterly for the family and how Thandekile - almost bedbound with grief - found the energy to get up and provide for her beloved children, to worry for their future, to create - in partnership with Trocaire's friend Caritas Bulawayo - new sources of income and of hope. Thandekile speaks of her trust in God through this time, of the support of those who could help her and transform her plight.

In the times when we are transformed, we also can come to know Jesus in a new and deeper way. Like any deep friendship, life experiences can peel away platitudes to reveal a deeper commitment. So too, moments of transformation can help us to come to know God with us in a new way. We can find ourselves praying with the psalmist in joy or in pain: 'The Lord is my light and my salvation'. And hear the invitation to be still and listen, for God's love is always near.

Please bring home a Trócaire box and use your Lenten sacrifice to help others.

Rural Social Scheme (RSS) has a catering - hospitality position available in the Louisburgh meals on wheels. To be eligible you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment, eg. Farm Assist or Jobseekers Allowance. You must also be linked to an active family farm.

Individuals interested in this position please contact Maura Murphy 087 198 3863 for a confidential enquiry.

Bereavement Support: Wednesday, 11.00 am in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine. These meetings aim to help those who are grieving to find healing, hope and comfort. All are welcome. Details from Monica Morley on 094 937 5320.

Louisburgh Horse Show Society: Cake Sale on St. Patrick's Day in the Parochial Hall, immediately after the parade and will include live music. The Horse Show is on Sunday 17 July

Something to do for Lent

Perhaps give up some of your time watching soap operas, sport, or even restrict the amount of news programmes you watch and tune into an interesting utube series on the work being carried out by sisters of Mercy from the west of Ireland.

The Mercy Sisters ministered in this parish from 1919 until 2012, mainly in providing education at a time the State did not do so.

The good work that the Mercy Sisters, and other religious, still continue to do worldwide will not get media coverage but is an example of faith being lived, of church in action. It is also an example of the vital roles women play in church, a role that is often not properly acknowledged.

At the very least, the utube contributions of the sisters can be a good antidote to the overwhelming bad news we are exposed to of evil at work in the world, as we see in the violence and murder in Ukraine.

Episode 1 – Margaret McHale rsm – My Journey in Mercy
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dglLu3Fm4O8>

Episode 2 – Mary de Lourdes Fahy rsm - Preserving Heritage
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z1BG86-kwVQ>

Episode 3 – Máirín Ní Mhurchú rsm – The Universe Story
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tYnRw6mQbpE>

Episode 4 – Marian Dolan rsm – A Doctor in Kenya
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=24ohulAXLeA>

Episode 5 – Attracta Canny rsm & Dolores Duggan rsm – Hope House Addiction Centre, Foxford
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vmURnJ9-Dg4>