



## KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 6 of Easter  
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### Live Streaming of Masses on Webcameras

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22 May</b>	
<b>Killeen</b>		10.00 a.m.
Fr. Michael Darcy, 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary		
<b>Louisburgh</b>		11.30 a.m.
Sadie and John Jennings, Ballyhip.		
William and Eileen Ferrins and deceased family		
Monday	23 May	No Mass
Tuesday	24 May	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	25 May	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	26 May	10.00 a.m.
Friday	27 May	
Wedding Mass		12.30 p.m.

**Sunday 29 May**  
**Killeen** 10.00 a.m.  
Katie Keane, Martin & Mary Needham, Aillemore and their grandson, Martin  
John & Sarah Needham Devlin  
Patrick and Bridget Davitt

**Louisburgh** 11.30 a.m.  
Johnny Duffy, Bridge Street.  
Sally Gavin and deceased family  
Jerry, Nancy and Sharon Houlihan

### Liturgical Ministries,

Louisburgh, Sunday, 29 May

Eucharistic: Anna McGroddy,  
Úna Morrison-Power.

Reader: Mairead Staunton.

Killeen, Sunday, 29 May

Reader: Breege Needham.

**R.I.P.** Pray for Vera Scanlon, Bunowen.

Sean Dunne, San Francisco, formerly Bunowen.

### Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease

If people 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.

**Trócaire:** If you have not already done so, please return your Trócaire offering to the church by next weekend. To date the parish contribution to the 2022 Lenten appeal has raised €7,193.

Thanks to all for the support you give to Trócaire's work each year.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

### Donations to the Parish:

With the planned closure of Ulster Bank we are in the process of opening new accounts for the parish. When details have been finalised the ibans will be published to facilitate those who wish to contribute directly to these accounts.

In the meantime people can continue to use the Ulster Bank ibans for direct lodgements to the Louisburgh Parish Account or the Louisburgh Priests Account.



Donations can also be made at <https://louisburghparish.ie/donate> by credit or debit card or by scanning the QR code opposite into a smart phone or tablet.

The weekly envelopes of course will continue in use. Cheques should be made out to either 'Louisburgh Parish' or 'Louisburgh Priests', depending on the collection.

Sincere thanks to all who continue to contribute so generously through the weekly envelopes and via electronic means.

**National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage** to Knock on Friday 17 (7.30pm) and Saturday 18 June. Details on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

### Prevention of COVID 19

The virus is still being transmitted in community.

- Everyone attending Mass or services in church is urged to wear a mask covering nose & mouth at all times.
- 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.

***Thanks for continuing to wear masks in congregated settings, to help protect those of us who are vulnerable due to age, illness, or compromised immune systems.***

***For us it's not the thought that counts, it's the mask!***

**Louisburgh Credit Union** office is open on Fridays from 10.00 a.m. until 1.00 p.m.

**Louisburgh Hospice** Support Group A.G.M. in the Parish Hall, Thursday 26 May at 8.00 p.m. All welcome.

**Louisburgh Parish Consultation on "Synodal Pathway"** The idea of the church following a "Synodal Pathway" was discussed at the Parish Pastoral Council and ideas were sought through members meeting with individuals and by way of a questionnaire distributed through the churches in the parish. Overall, very low numbers responded. This in itself can be seen as a measure of the crisis the church is facing, that so many felt there was no point in engaging. The initial reaction from many was 'we have been consulted before, we have offered our opinions and they have been ignored by those in authority, we were not listened to'.

There was a reluctance to engage for this reason. Those who offered their opinions stated that this is the last chance for the church to reform how it operates. Although few in number, those who responded still have hopes for their church that it can reform and become relevant again in the lives of individuals and in society.

It was commented that many people, young and old, have left; some drifted away, others walked away in disappointment and frustration, while many left in anger feeling they were not listened to, not valued or respected, and in certain cases actively discriminated against.

If this process turns out to be another empty gesture then there is no hope for the church surviving in the immediate future and people will seek other means to express their faith.

Of the things that inspire, people expressed their appreciation of feeling that they belonged to a local community that offered real support at important points in life. They were happy with how the high points of the Christian year were celebrated in a meaningful way. Mass was important to them.

Also inspiring was the openness to all laity playing a real role in parish ministry and organisation. It was said that people feel equal in this parish and there is a welcome to all to participate on an equal basis.

What discouraged was the drift away by so many from parish life, especially parents of young children, and the consequent reduction in the numbers involved in ministries and other roles in the parish.

The most thing that discouraged involvement was the attitude towards women, especially the exclusion of women from ordained ministry and

from decision making roles and the fact their voices are not heard in the 'upper echelons' of church.

The result to the question about how the church can be more inclusive and welcoming centred mainly about the exclusion of women from ministry and from having meaningful roles in church authority.

Allowing priests to marry was felt to be a way to become more inclusive and would probably help avoid a repeat of some of the consequences that have flowed from this in the past.

Addressing the discrimination against women would help inclusiveness, but a failure to do so means that the church cannot speak with moral authority on other issues when it is seen not to regard women as equal to men.

As long as the church does not practice equality in all areas, not just with women but with LGBTQ+ , its teachings and pronouncements will not even be given a hearing by an increasing number of people in modern society. Church authorities have no creditability in modern society as long as discrimination on the grounds of gender or sexuality exists in church.

It was stated that in this present age the structure of a top down authority is not seen as acceptable and more decisions need to be devolved to a local level. Younger people need to be involved at all levels.

**Louisburgh Ladies GAA Clothes Recycling Drive** Saturday 28 May from 10.00 to 11.00 a.m. at the GAA Grounds in Louisburgh. (no duvets or pillows). Queries to 087 982 4259.

**Knock Basilica: Music for a Midsummer's Evening**, Saturday, 11 June, featuring the Palestrina Choir, Soprano Rachel Croash, Mezzo Soprano Anne Marie Gibbons, the Marlborough Sinfonia, Organist Aleksandr Nisse and Conductor Blánaid Murphy. Doors open 6.00 p.m. Concert 7.00 p.m. Admission Free.

**Killeen Community Council:** Monster prize draw will be held on Friday 10 June in P Dan's. Tickets €10 each will be on sale from Community Council members. Funds raised will be used to operate and maintain the Killeen Community Centre and Killeen cemeteries. We have set up a gofundme page if anyone wishes to donate online and the link is as follows:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-killeen-community-council-fundraiser-2022>