



**Killeen**

Sunday 01 January 10.00 a.m.  
Declan Davitt, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Martin Needham, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Winnie, James and Michael Morrison, Killadoon.

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 01 January 11.30 a.m.  
Matthew and Mary Kate Sammin.  
Paddy McConnell 5th anniversary, his son, Michael and deceased family.  
Agnes McCann.  
Annie and James Maxwell. Tommie Jennings.  
Mary and Eddie O Malley, Bunowen.

Monday 02 January *No Mass*  
Tuesday 03 January *No Mass*  
Wednesday 04 January 10.00 a.m.

**Killeen Church**

**Thursday 05 January 7.30 p.m.**  
**Feast of the Epiphany – Vigil Mass**

**Louisburgh Church**

**Friday 06 January 7.30 p.m.**  
**Feast of the Epiphany**  
Peter & Nora Foy and deceased of the Foy & Moran Families  
Robert Powers, USA, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Peter O Grady, Gleenkeen, 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Killeen Church**

Sunday 08 January 10.00 a.m.  
Mike McNamara, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary; his mother Mary and deceased of the McNamara & Keane Families  
Michael & Elizabeth Sammin, Cross  
Fr. Eugene Nee

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 08 January 11.30 a.m.

**Liturgical Ministries**

Killeen, Sunday, January  
Eucharistic: Michael Joe O Malley.  
Reader: Eileen O Malley

**Liturgical Ministries**

Louisburgh, Sunday 08 January  
Eucharistic: Breege McCormack, Julie Montague.  
Readers: Aoife Duffy.

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

**Priest's Christmas Collection** is taken up at this time. 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.

**Kilgeever Parish Statistics**

	2022	1972	1922
<b>Baptism</b>	24	29	75
<b>First Communion</b>	22	not recorded	not recorded
<b>Confirmation</b>	0	126 Every 3 years	237 Every 3 years
<b>Marriage</b>	6	4	19
<b>Funerals</b>	30	33	56

**Cheques for Parish Accounts:**

Banks now have strict policies regarding lodging cheques, because of money laundering regulations. Cheques can only be lodged to the account named on the cheque.  
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.



**06 January – Feast of the Epiphany**

There are twelve days of Christmas and they begin on Christmas Day and end on 06 January. The twelve days of Christmas end with the Feast of Epiphany also called "The Adoration of the Magi" or "The Manifestation of God."

It is known as the day of the Three Kings (or wise men/magi): According to an old legend based on a Bible story, these three kings saw, on the night when Christ was born, a bright star, followed it to Bethlehem and found there the Christ child and presented him with gold, frankincense and myrrh. Christmas is intertwined with Epiphany.

In some records Christmas and Epiphany were referred to as the first and second nativity; the second being Christ's being made known to the world.

**Pope Francis – Message for World Day of Peace – New Year's Day 2023**

What then is being asked of us? First of all, to let our hearts be changed by our experience of the pandemic crisis, to let God, at this time in history, transform our customary criteria for viewing the world around us. We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity.

We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common.

In order to do this, and to live better lives after the Covid-19 emergency, we cannot ignore one fundamental fact, namely that the many moral, social, political and economic crises we are experiencing are all interconnected, and what we see as isolated problems are actually causes and effects of one another.

Consequently, we are called to confront the challenges of our world in a spirit of responsibility and compassion.

We must revisit the issue of ensuring public health for all. We must promote actions that enhance peace and put an end to the conflicts and wars that continue to spawn poverty and death.

We urgently need to join in caring for our common home and in implementing clear and effective measures to combat climate change.

We need to battle the virus of inequality and to ensure food and dignified labour for all, supporting those who lack even a minimum wage and find themselves in great difficulty.

The scandal of entire peoples starving remains an open wound. We also need to develop suitable policies for welcoming and integrating migrants and those whom our societies discard.

Only by responding generously to these situations, with an altruism inspired by God's infinite and merciful love, will we be able to build a new world and contribute to the extension of his kingdom, which is a kingdom of love, justice and peace.

In sharing these reflections, it is my hope that in the coming New Year we can journey together, valuing the lessons that history has to teach us.

I offer my best wishes to Heads of State and Government, to Heads of International Organizations, and to the leaders of the different religions.

To all men and women of good will I express my prayerful trust that, as artisans of peace, they may work, day by day, to make this a good year! May Mary Immaculate, Mother of Jesus and Queen of Peace, intercede for us and for the whole world.

**R.I.P.** Pray for Sabina Naughton, nee Hallinan; originally of Kilgeever who has died in England.

**Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease;** please inform the priest before Mass if you wish to receive Holy Communion.

**Prevention of COVID 19 – Most Recent Advice:**

- *The HSE's Chief Clinical Officer has urged people to wear masks in any crowded areas, or in the company of an older person, after a "significant and worrying" rise in Covid and Flu cases in only the last number of days.*
  - *The Chief Medical Officer has echoed the comments, urging vulnerable people to wear masks when attending religious services over the Christmas period.*
  - *Everyone attending Mass or services in our churches is encouraged 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, should not attend church.*
- Wear a mask and help protect those of us who are vulnerable to this virus due to age, illness, or compromised immune systems.*

*Wishing you the Blessings of  
Hope, Health, and Happiness in the  
New Year of 2023*

*at hóbhlair faoi shéar is faoi mhaise dúit;*

*Bonne Année;*

*Frohes neues jahr;*

*Szczesliwego Nowego Roku;*

*Feliz Ano Novo;*

*Feliz Ano Nuevo;*

*Buon anno;*

*恭禧發財 よいお年を!*

*щасливого Нового року*