



Killeen Church

Sunday 29 January 10.00 a.m.
Bridie McGreal, 5th anniversary and her husband, Michael, Thallabawn.
Sally Davitt, her brother Austie Grady and deceased Family members.
Úna O Malley, Kinnadoohy and deceased family.
John Joseph McDonnell and deceased family .

Louisburgh

Sunday 29 January 11.30 a.m.
Mary O Reilly and deceased family members.
Detta McGuirk

Monday 30 January *No Mass*

Tuesday 31 January *No Mass*

Wednesday 01 February, St Brigid 10.00 a.m.
Tony McCormack, Cahir.

Thursday 02 February 10.00 a.m.
Candlemas

Friday 03 February 10.00 a.m.

Killeen Church

Sunday 05 February 10.00 a.m.
Pat Joe Prendergast, Bunlahinch and his brother, John, Chicago.

James O Malley, Corragoun and deceased family members.

Seamus Heneghan, 2nd anniversary.

James Gallagher, Dadreen, 11th anniversary and deceased of the Gallagher family.

Derek Taylor, 10th anniversary, & Phil Taylor

Louisburgh

Sunday 05 February 11.30 a.m.
Timmy and Winnie Hastings & their daughter, Peggy Flannery.

Liturgical Ministries

Killeen, Sunday, February
Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane
Reader: Padraic O Malley

Liturgical Ministries

Louisburgh, Sunday 05 February
Eucharistic: Maureen Kilcoyne, John Joe Gibbons
Reader: Agnes Cox

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

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



Prayer to St. Bridget



Saint Bridget
You were a woman of peace.
You brought
harmony where there was conflict.
You brought
light to the darkness.
You brought
hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover
those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
and in our world.
Inspire us to act justly
and to respect all God has made.
Brigid, you were a voice for
the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that
heals and listens.
May we grow each day into
greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit.
Amen

Confirmation: Friday, 03 March

Killeen at 11.00 a.m.: Louisburgh at 2.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Sunday, 07 May, Killeen

Sunday, 14 May, Louisburgh

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.

Killeen Toddler Group: Every Friday of school term in Killeen Community Centre from 9.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. All welcome.

First Aid Responder Training/Refresher Training available in the Killeen Community Centre in the coming weeks if there's enough interest. Also Cardiac First Responders/Refresher Training. Queries/further information contact killeecc@gmail.com or 087 682 6025



Louisburgh Choir

Choir Practice for Sunday Masses, and for Confirmation on 03 March, takes place on Monday evenings at 6.30 p.m. in St Patrick's Church. All children from 1st to 4th class and their parents are invited to take part. New members very welcome.

Killeen Choir

Sincere thanks to all who have come together to form a new choir in Killeen Church. Their presence greatly enhances our regular Sunday Mass and other occasions.

Choir practice on Wednesday evenings at 6.30 p.m. New members are welcome.

With Confirmation approaching rapidly on 03 March there will be an emphasis on preparing for that celebration – those who will be available on the day are especially invited and will be welcome.

Candlemas; Blessing of Candles, takes place at Mass next Thursday, 02 February, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord.

In pre-Christian times it was 'the feast of lights', marking the midpoint of winter, half way between the shortest day and spring equinox. It celebrated the increasing strength of the Sun as winter gave way to spring.

The early Christians, as they did with so many pagan feasts, 'converted' this day into a day when all the candles that were to be used in church throughout the year were blessed. Candles were very important not only as they were the only source of light but because they were a reminder of something more important; before the coming of Christ it was as if the people were 'walking in darkness'. The message of Jesus was a guiding light for them and they referred to Jesus as 'the light of the world'. You are encouraged to bring along candles you wish to have blessed. Some candles will be made available to those attending Mass.

03 February, Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats.

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass, on 03 February, the feast of Saint Blaise.

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop.

His cult spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

*Through the intercession of Saint Blaise,
bishop and martyr,
may God deliver us
from every disease of the throat,
and from all other illness,
in the name of the Father
and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

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 persons.
 - 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 airborne viruses due to age, illness, or compromised immune systems.*



You Shall Be My Witnesses:

Confirmation: Last Thursday was the first night of the 4 week parent-led

Confirmation preparation programme.

14 parents led 3 groups in Killeen and 4 groups in Louisburgh, (56 children in total) to discuss what it means to belong to a parish community, to belong in the Church.

Thanks to all the parents, siblings, and grandparents who joined the children for prayer time at the end of the evening.