



**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.  
 Seamus Heneghan, 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.  
 James Gallagher, Dadreen, 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary and deceased of the Gallagher family.  
 Derek Taylor, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his wife, Phil.

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 05 February 11.30 a.m.  
 Timmy and Winnie Hastings & their daughter, Peggy Flannery.  
 Pat Cox.  
 Caroline and Daniel Ferrie, their son, Michael & daughter, Patricia Sillers, Glasgow.  
 Rita Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.  
 Maura and Sean O Higgins, Bridge Street.  
 The deceased of the O Toole family, Chapel Street; John Joe Morrison, Bridge Street and deceased family members.  
 Joe Broderick, Bridge Street, 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary

Monday	06 February	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	07 February	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	08 February	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	09 February	No Mass
Friday	10 February	No Mass.

**Killeen Church**

Sunday 12 February 10.00 a.m.  
 Pat and Teresa Frazer, Kinnadoohy & family.  
 Deceased of the Hastings family, Dadreen.

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 12 February 11.30 a.m.  
 Maggie Ann Gibbons, her husband, Austin, daughters, Theresa and Ann, grandson, John & deceased family, Derreen.

Mary Agnes Wally, nee Kitterick, formerly of Derreen and her husband, Ted, Chester UK.  
 Patrick Jennings, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Woodview, Kilgeever, his wife Mary and deceased s of the Jennings family.

**Liturgical Ministries**

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

**Liturgical Ministries**

Louisburgh, Sunday 12 February  
 Eucharistic: Margaret O Malley, Marian Moran  
 Reader: Catherine MacLeod

**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.

**Confirmation:** Friday, 03 March  
 Killeen at 11.00 a.m.: Louisburgh at 2.30 p.m.

**First Confessions, Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday, 29 March, Killeen  
 Thursday, 30 March, Louisburgh

**First Holy Communion**

Sunday, 07 May, Killeen  
 Sunday, 14 May, Louisburgh

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

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**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.

**Mayo Cancer Support Church Gate Collection:**

12 February at Louisburgh and Killeen Churches. We appreciate your continued support for this local charity that offers free emotional support to people affected by cancer and their families. [www.mayocancersupport.ie](http://www.mayocancersupport.ie)

**Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock,** led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will take place on Sunday, 07 May, 2023. Ceremonies commence at 2.30 p.m. with the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes,** led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, from Ireland West (Knock) Airport, 5 nights, Friday 01 September to Wednesday, 06 September. For details and booking, please contact 01 241 0800.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.*



**G.A.A. Bord na nÓg:** Have you ideas for Bord na nÓg? Have you questions, concerns? Bord na nÓg will have on Open Night on Sunday 12 February at 6.00

p.m. and you are invited to come and contribute. No obligation to volunteer, no requirement, no reservations - just an Open Night to discuss; queries; learn. If, after that you feel you have some time to volunteer then... You can. Please come along. Our kids depend on us!

Sunday 12 February at 6.00 p.m. You'll be welcome - Beidh fáilte romhat!

**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. For further information please contact 087 682 6025 or [killeencc@gmail.com](mailto:killeencc@gmail.com)

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

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** In the Eastern Catholic (and Eastern Orthodox) Churches, the three sacraments of initiation are administered at the same time to infants. Children are baptized, confirmed, and receive Holy Communion (in the form of the sacred blood, the consecrated wine), all in the same ceremony, and always in that order.

The bishop's presence, in the Eastern Churches, is signified by the use of chrism consecrated by the bishop. The priest, however, performs the confirmation.

*Confirmation in the Western Church*

The church in the West a different situation developed — the separation in time of the sacrament of confirmation from the sacrament of baptism. This allowed infants to be baptised soon after birth, while the bishop can then confirm many Christians at the same time, even years after baptism.

Eventually, the current custom of performing confirmation several years after first Holy Communion developed, but the church continues to stress the original order of the sacraments. In some places, the order of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist has been restored with children being confirmed before first Holy Communion.

**Confirmation - You Shall Be My Witnesses**

Our parish-based programme continues this week. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered and run the programme on our behalf and of course the children who attend.

The purpose of programmes like this, and the First Communion 'Grow in Love', is to enhance the great work done by the teachers in our two parish primary schools in teaching the children all about their faith.

At the end of each session parents join with the children in a short prayer service.

The fact that parents join with their children in prayer signals the importance of their own faith to them and the importance of prayer in the life of a Christian.

Please pray for all who will be confirmed this year and their families.