



# KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

05 March 2023 Sunday 02 of Lent  
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## Killeen Church

Sunday 05 March 10.00 a.m.  
Bridget Tiernan, Cregganbawn, 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary

## Louisburgh

Sunday 05 March 11.30 a.m.  
Margaret McConnell, Month's Mind and her husband, Johnny, 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Jim Bradley, 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his wife Kitty, 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Alan Durkan, 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Roy Hickey.  
Thomas Gibbons, Cregganroe, 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary, his wife, Nancy and their daughter, Evelyn, Cregganroe & deceased family members.

Monday 06 March – Friday 10 March  
*No Mass*

## Killeen Church

Sunday 12 March 10.00 a.m.  
Katie Duffy, Woodfield, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary

## Louisburgh

Sunday 12 March 11.30 a.m.  
Mark O Grady and deceased of the O Grady family, Kilgeever.  
Clem and Austin Lyons, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> anniversaries.  
Assumpta Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

## Liturgical Ministries

Killeen, Sunday, March  
Eucharistic: Martina Fadden  
Reader: Martin Jennings

## Liturgical Ministries

Louisburgh, Sunday 12 March  
Eucharistic: Agnes Cox, Úna Morrison-Power  
Reader: Helen Fahy

**R.I.P.** Please pray for: Mary Jo Ball, Ballyhip.

**Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease;** please inform the priest before Mass if you wish to receive Holy Communion in the form of bread with minimal, practically no, gluten content, or under the form of wine.

## Confirmation:

Congratulations to the 58 young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday, and to their families. Our thanks to Archbishop Francis Duffy on his first official visit to the parish.

Thanks to all who helped prepare for Confirmation Day – our teachers and school staffs – the parents who volunteered and ran the 'You Shall be my Witnesses' programme – all who helped prepare the churches, and all those who participated in the ceremonies, especially our musicians and choirs.

We also thank all those who throughout the year keep our parish active and running by giving their time to the various ministries in the church and in the different parish committees that administer the parish and who make occasions like Friday's Confirmation Day possible.

## St. Vincent de Paul:

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

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

## Trócaire:

**Please take a Trócaire Box home with you and put your Lenten sacrifice to good use.**

What do you know about Somalia?

According to the World Wide Web (internet) Somalia, is a country in the Horn of Africa. The country is bordered by Ethiopia, Djibouti, the Gulf of Aden, the Indian Ocean and Kenya.

It is over 10.000km from Dublin and according to google map It would take you over 165 hours by car to get there. (Those of you that are quick with numbers would know that would mean nearly 7 days driving – non-stop!)

An estimated 17million people are living in Somalia and for the past two decades Somalia has been badly affected by conflict following the civil war in 1991.

For the past thirty years this ongoing conflict has had a negative impact on those most vulnerable Somalis, especially women, children, the elderly and the disabled. Somalia has also been hit with more than thirty natural disasters since 1990, including twelve droughts and nineteen floods.

Sadly, it looks like another sad record breaks in Somalia as it looks likely that 2023 is going to be the fifth season with no rain fall, leading to the death of livestock and the failure of crops.

86% of the people living in Somalia depend on agriculture for survival. Imagine 1.8million children under the age of five face acute malnutrition. About half the population need urgent humanitarian assistance.

Today's reading is about the Transfiguration, Jesus brings Peter, John and James, three of his disciples up a mountain were Moses and Elijah appeared and Jesus was transfigured, his face and clothes becoming dazzling bright. What an extraordinary experience they have had!

Have you ever experienced something as life changing?

The real challenge is the after event. The coming down from the mountain and re-joining everyday life. This experience opened the eyes of the three disciples and surely changed their relationship with Jesus and with God.

God wants us to open our hearts and eyes fully to let him in.

God, created each and every one of us in his own image and this Lenten season he is inviting us all

as individuals to find how we can transfigure ourselves and our world.

What does that mean for us here today? Looking at the Somalian reality, what can we do? Climate change affects all of us.

**Motor Neurone Disease Fundraiser, Drink Tea for MND.** Sunday 19 March, we will host a 'Drink Tea for MND in aid of IMNDA on the Square in Louisburgh after Mass, from about 12 noon. We will dedicate it to the memory of Noel Kilkenny, RIP, who taught traditional music in Louisburgh for many years and who passed away recently from Motor Neurone Disease. His legacy lives on. We will have a music session by some of his former pupils and friends . All are welcome. Your support will be much appreciated.

## 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.*

**Bereavement Course:** 'Understanding grief, a journey towards healing' in St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Wednesday nights – 08, 15, 22 and 29 March at 8.00pm.

Over the 4 evenings topics covered will include: how to best understand grief; managing difficult thoughts and feelings; where to find good support; and how to reach peace again. For further information or to make a booking please contact 094 937 5320.

**Lent:** - Pope Francis

*'Fasting will be the spiritual training ground where we joyfully renounce the superfluous things that weigh us down, grow in interior freedom and return to the truth about ourselves.*

*Almsgiving, charity, will be a sign of our compassion toward those in need, and help us to return to others. Prayer will give voice to our profound desire to encounter the Father, and will bring us back to God.'*

## Children's Corner for Lent – suggestions for the coming week

