



**Killeen Church**

Sunday 10 September 10.00 a.m.  
 Patrick and Bridget O Malley & their son, Paddy, Curradavitt.  
 Thomas Cannon, 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
 Michael Cannon, 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
 Tillie Cannon, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
 Tony, Martin and Marie Berry, Carrowniskey.  
 Christina Gibbons, 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Carrowniskey.  
 Thomas and Ellie Gibbons, Cloonlaura.

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 10 September 11.30 a.m.  
 Michael McNally, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.  
 Johnny, Nora and James Tiernan, Doughmakeon.  
 John Bennett, London.  
 Monday 11 September No Mass  
 Tuesday 12 September No Mass  
 Wednesday 13 September 10.00 a.m.  
 Thursday 14 September 10.00 a.m.  
 Austin and Annie McHale & their sons, Jarlath & John, Emlagh.  
 Friday 15 September 10.00 a.m.  
 Fr. P.J Sammon, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary.

**Killeen Church**

Sunday 17 September 10.00 a.m.  
 Mary McConnell, Month's Mind.  
 Mary and Pat Kitterick.  
 Walter and Mary Egan.

**Louisburgh**

Sunday 17 September 11.30 a.m.  
 Bridgie O Donnell, Bunowen.  
 Agnes, Michael and Thomas Kilcoyne, Kilsallagh & deceased family members.  
 Mary and Patrick Mulchrone.

**Liturgical Ministries Killeen:** September

Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane  
Reader: Gerard Burke

**Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh**

Sunday 17 September  
Eucharistic: Breege McCormack, Ann O Reilly  
Reader: Maura Kerrigan

**R.I.P.** Please pray for Margo Fitzgerald Byrne, Castlebar; sister of Teresa Sammon, Carramore

**First Communion 2024**

Louisburgh, Sunday 12 May, 2024  
 Killeen, Sunday 19 May, 2024

As part of the second-class religious education programme in our two parish schools children will be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist in 2024.

However, it is entirely the decision of parents if their children will receive these sacraments and participate in the school religious education programme. That decision will be respected by parish and school.

While we are very fortunate in our parish to have excellent schools with committed teachers who prepare the children for these Sacraments, it is primarily the home that provides the most important influence for children in the area of faith formation.

The 'Grow in Love' parish programme has been used in our parish for the past few years to help parents become more actively involved in the preparation for these Sacraments.

With the co-operation of parents and children it is hoped to run the 'Grow in Love' programme at selected Sunday Masses in both churches in the parish during the year.

There will be an initial meeting for all parents of children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist early in the new school year to organise the programme.

The children will have completed their preparation in school and in the parish 'Grow in Love' programme by the start of May 2024.

Provisionally, we have set 19 May 2024 for First Communion in Killeen, and 12 May 2024 for First Communion in Louisburgh.

These celebrations will follow the traditional pattern but being conscious that not everyone now wishes such a celebration, there is also the option for parents to bring their child to any Sunday Mass during the month of May to receive their first communion.

To facilitate the organising of the First Holy Communion parish preparation programme it is asked that parents register their child on the form they have received via the schools.

**Holy Communion: Coeliac Disease;** If you are living with this 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.

**Towards Healing:** 1800 303 416

Free and Confidential Helpline and Counselling Referral Service, funded by the Catholic Church, for survivors of institutional, clerical and religious abuse. The service is provided by lay, independent and fully accredited therapists. It provides helpline support and counselling.

**Parish Child Safeguarding Representative:**

Anne O Reilly, Laughta, 086 073 1565

**WebCams**

An issue where some Apple iPhones and iPads were unable to view the Louisburgh webcam, but were able to view the Killeen webcam, has now been fixed.

The cameras in both churches are set up only for live streaming.

There is no facility for recording events.

**Covid / Transmissible Viruses:**

With Covid cases again very noticeably on the rise all are asked to exercise caution out of respect to those who are vulnerable to this disease. Covid remains a serious threat to the life and health of those who are vulnerable.

Hand Sanitiser is available at the entrances to the churches and all are requested to use it.

Facemasks are available at the doors of our churches for all who may wish to wear them; many do so in crowded settings because of an underlying medical condition or because of a compromised immune system.

For the moment the sign of peace will not be re-introduced at Mass.

All are requested to continue to receive Holy Communion in the hand, and so avoid any possible risk of saliva, and possibly a virus, being passed on to another person on the fingers of the Eucharistic Minister.

**Killeen Community Council Elections** will take place in September. Everyone over 18 and resident in the community is eligible to vote and stand for election. Voting slips will be delivered to each household from Friday 15 September and collected by Friday 22 September.

**Eircodes:** In case of need to contact the emergency services, especially the ambulance service, it is very useful to know your Eircode. It makes the task of locating a house or building much easier and quicker for them.

Louisburgh Church: F28 HP73

Killeen Church: F28 WC86

**LAMS ( Louisburgh Area Men's Shed).**

The AGM will be held in Louisburgh Hall on Thursday, 14 September, at 8.00 p.m.

All welcome.

**Forest Creation: Teagasc** is holding a webinar on the new support scheme for forestry on Tuesday 26 September at 8.00pm.

This webinar should be well worth attending as the new grant and support scheme is considerably more attractive than previous schemes.

For those who wish to find out, the registration is: [www.teagasc.ie/forestcreation2023](http://www.teagasc.ie/forestcreation2023)

All powerful God,  
 you are present in the universe  
 and in the smallest of your creatures.  
 You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
 Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
 that we may protect life and beauty.  
 Fill us with your peace, that we may live  
 as brothers and sisters, harming no one.  
 O God of the poor,  
 help us to rescue the abandoned  
 and forgotten of this earth,  
 so precious in your eyes.  
 Bring healing to our lives,  
 that we may protect the world, not prey on it,  
 that we may sow beauty,  
 not pollution and destruction.  
 Touch the hearts  
 of those who look only for gain  
 at the expense of the poor and the earth.  
 Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
 to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
 to recognize that we are profoundly united  
 with every creature  
 as we journey towards your infinite light.  
 We thank you for being with us each day.  
 Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle,  
 for justice, love and peace.  
 Pope Francis