



# KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

21 January 2024 Sunday 3 in Ordinary Time  
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## Killeen Church

Sunday 21 January 10.00 a.m.  
Kathleen Sutton, 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
Paddy Jennings, Thallabawn, 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his daughter, Claire Rooney.  
Mary Ann McGreal, her husband, Andy & their son, Dominic.

Sunday 28 January 10.00 a.m.  
Bridie McGreal, Thallabawn 6<sup>th</sup> anniversary and her husband, Michael.  
Michael, Catherine and Mary Anne Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn.  
Sally Davitt, 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.  
Una O Malley and John Joseph McDonell, Kinnadoohy

## Louisburgh Church

Sunday 21 January 11.30 a.m.  
Paddy Joe Cannon, Month's Mind.  
John and Molly Gallagher, Cahir.  
Bridie O Toole, Carrowclaggan.  
Jimmy Duffy, Falduff.  
Celia O Grady and Margaret O Grady, Long Street.  
Mary Corrigan and her husband, Jimmy, Woodfield.  
Teresa Gibbons, Drogheda and Dereen  
Tim Hastings, Derreen, 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.

Monday	22 January	No Mass
Tuesday	23 January	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	24 January	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	25 January	10.00 a.m.
Friday	26 January	10.00 a.m.
Sunday	28 January	11.30 a.m.

### Liturgical Ministries Killeen: January

Eucharistic: Michael Joe O Malley  
Reader: Eileen O Malley

### Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh

28 January  
**Eucharistic:** Marian Moran, Catherine MacLeod  
**Reader:** Imelda O Grady

**R.I.P.** Please pray for;  
Tom Flannery, Ballaghadereen; brother of Cathy McDonagh.  
Micheál McNeill, Kilsallagh

**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 gluten content, or under the form of wine.

### Donations to the Parish

Parish Account:  
IBAN IE50 IPBS 9907 2931 4035 03  
Priest's Account:  
IBAN IE86 IPBS 9907 2931 4036 31

Donations can also be made at <https://louisburghparish.ie/donate> by credit or debit card or by scanning the QR code opposite into a smart phone or tablet.

Cheques should be made out to either 'Louisburgh Parish' or 'Louisburgh Priests', depending on the collection. Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to all collections.

### Covid / Flu / RSV / Transmissible Viruses:

Covid and other viruses remain a serious threat to the life and health of those who are vulnerable. All are asked to exercise caution out of respect to 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, or they may be caring for such a person at home.

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.

Communion under both species will not be generally offered for the present; if requested, arrangements will be made for those with Coeliac Disease.

First Confessions	
<b>Louisburgh:</b>	Wednesday, 20 March, 7.30 p.m.
<b>Killeen:</b>	Thursday, 21 March, 7.30 p.m.
First Holy Communion	
<b>Louisburgh</b>	Sunday, 12 May
<b>Killeen</b>	Sunday, 19 May

**Louisburgh/Killeen Irish Natura & Hill Farmers Association (INHFA) Annual General Meeting** will take place in Killeen Community Centre on Tuesday 23 January at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

### Winter Movie Thursdays from CALL

 On Thursday 11 January Climate Action Louisburgh Locality (CALL) showed *FINITE - a Climate of Change*. This film was their first in a series of five climate related movies.

Louisburgh 74 Cafe was transformed into a cinema for the night and was packed to the gills. Our guest speaker, Gilles Moereels, who had participated in events portrayed in the film, helped to start a conversation on climate issues, local and global

Our future programme runs every second Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in Louisburgh 74. The events are free but donations will be gratefully received to cover our costs. Tea and cake will be available to buy.

Our next film, on Thursday, 25 January, is *THANK YOU FOR THE RAIN* which is a collaborative project between a Kenyan farmer and a Norwegian film maker.

It is an inspiring tale of an indefatigable optimist who nonetheless tests his limits in the fight for a greener world. All welcome.

### Louisburgh GAA and Bord na nÓg Annual Lotto

is now due for renewal and new Members are welcome to join. Please contact any Club Official immediately if you would like to renew your membership - €80 for one set of numbers or €150 for 2 sets (Numbers between 1 and 32). Two €30 winners guaranteed every week if Jackpot is not won.

Thank you for your continued support during the past 12 months and good luck in the next year!

### The Power of the Powerless:

In 1968 Soviet forces ruthlessly put down a bid for independence by the people of Czechoslovakia in their "Prague Spring".

Ten years later Václav Havel wrote *The Power of the Powerless*.

He ended his book with these words; *"The real question is whether the 'brighter future' is really always so distant. What if, on the contrary, it has been here for a long time already, and only our own blindness and weakness have prevented us from seeing it around us and within us, and kept us from developing it?"*


Havel was jailed for three years for writing his book.

Then, eleven years later with the fall of the Soviet empire Czechoslovakia was free and Václav Havel was President.

His words might be apt for us in a different context; in the week that RTE showed two documentaries "The last priests in Ireland" and "The last nuns in Ireland".

Could it be that the bright future of our church has already happened but only our own blindness and weakness have prevented us from seeing it around us and within us, and keep us from developing it?

### Louisburgh Horse Show Dinner Dance on

 Saturday 10 February in Westport Country Lodge Hotel, Aughagower. Includes a three course meal with music provided by Carmel McLoughlin, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Return transport provided, departing Killeen church at 5.45pm with pick ups shortly thereafter from Louisburgh square, Lecanvey and Campbell's Murrisk.

Tickets are €50 per person and are available from any committee member or contact 087 644 5177 for details. Closing date for ticket sales is Wednesday 24 January. All welcome.

**Keeping our Churches Tidy:** If do not wish to bring the Mass Leaflet / Newsletter home with you, it would be greatly appreciated if you would leave it on the table in the porch after Mass.