

KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

28 January 2024 Sunday 4 in Ordinary Time 098 66198 www.louisburghparish.ie



Killeen Church

28 January 10.00 a.m. Sunday Bridie McGreal, Thallabawn 6th anniversary and her husband, Michael.

Michael, Catherine and Mary Anne Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn.

Sally Davitt, 3rd anniversary.

Una O Malley and John Joseph McDonell, Kinnadoohy.

Bridget Wright, nee Frazer, Norwich & formerly Kinnadoohy

Sunday	04 February	10.00 a.m.
James O M	alley, Curraguan.	
Seamus He	eneghan, 3 rd anniversa	ry.

Bridget and Michael Ruane.

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Louisburgh Church				
Sunday	28 January	11.30 a.m.		
Detta McGuirk				
Monday	29 January	No Mass		
Tuesday	30 January	No Mass		
Wednesday	31 January	10.00 a.m.		
Thursday	01 February	10.00 a.m.		
Tony McCormack, 40 th anniversary				
St. Bridget – Blessing of St. Bridget's Crosses				
Friday	02 February	10.00 a.m.		
Candlemas – Blessing of Candles				
Sunday	04 February	11.30 a.m.		
Eleanor Lyons, Bunowen.				

Maggie Ann Gibbons and 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.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: February Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane

Reader: Padraic O Malley

Rita Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 04 February **Eucharistic:** Maureen Kilcoyne, John Joe Gibbons Reader: Breda McGinn

R.I.P. Please pray for John O Malley, Massachusetts U.S.A., Brother of Gérard O Malley, Doughmakeon.

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

> Candlemas; Blessing of Candles, takes place at Mass next Friday, 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.

First Confessions

Wednesday, 20 March, 7.30 p.m. Louisburgh: Killeen: Thursday, 21 March, 7.30 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Louisburgh Sunday, 12 May Killeen Sunday, 19 May

Donations to the Parish

Parish Account:

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Priest's Account:

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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 reintroduced 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.

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!



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 picks ups shortly thereafter from Louisburgh square, Lecanvey and Campbell's Murrisk.

Tickets are €50 per person are available from any committee member or contact 087 644 5177 for details. Limited tickets still available. All welcome Killeen Community Centre has two new classes running for the next few weeks. *Line Dancing*, Mondays 7.00 to 8.00 p.m., beginning Monday 29 January.

Grit Dance Fit Wednesdays 7.00 to 8.00 p.m.

information and to enrol please contact killeencc@gmail.com with your name and mobile number to join the WhatsApp info group

Murrisk N.S. Clothes Collection Fund Raiser

Clothes can be left at the School after 3.00 p.m. on Monday 12 February. Bed Linen, Clothes, Hand bags and Shoes all accepted. No Pillows Or Duvets Please.

Clothes Collection from the School on 13 Feb at 9.00am.

Annual Tuam Diocesan Young Adults Night (18 -40) Friday 02 February at Knock Shrine.

Begins with Mass at 6.00 p.m. in the Apparition Chapel celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy. Followed by Guest Speakers, Q&A Session, Light Refreshments, Pizza and Social. This year's speakers include Dr. Mark Garavan, Mary Killeen, Dr. Kevin Hargaden.

Enquiries to Mark at 087 132 3296

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to louisburghparish@icloud.com no later than Thursday evening