



# KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

11 February 2024 Sunday 6 in Ordinary Time  
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## Killeen Church

Sunday 11 February 10.00 a.m.  
Michael Fadden, Killadoon, 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Ash Wednesday 14 February 7.30 p.m.**

Sunday 18 February 10.00 a.m.  
Annie B Casey and her mother, Bridget.  
Bridget and Anthony Jordan and deceased family  
Derek Taylor 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary and his wife Phil.

## Louisburgh Church

Sunday 11 February 11.30 a.m.  
Margaret McConnell, Shraugh, 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary  
and her husband John, 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Patrick Jennings and his wife, Mary, Woodview,  
Kilgeever & deceased family members.

Annie and James Maxwell

Tommy Jennings

Monday 12 February No Mass

Tuesday 13 February 10.00 a.m.

**Ash Wednesday 14 February 10.00 a.m.**

Thursday 15 February 10.00 a.m.

Friday 16 February 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 18 February 11.30 a.m.

Rosemarie Tiernan, and her parents Sam and

Bridget Ferson

Aisling Coyne

**Liturgical Ministries Killeen:** February

Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane

Reader: Padraic O Malley

**Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh** 18 February

**Eucharistic:** Elaine Duffy, Helen Fahy

**Reader:** Pat Prendergast

**R.I.P.** Please pray for Joe Needham, Dundalk

## First Confessions

**Louisburgh:** Wednesday, 20 March, 7.30 p.m.

**Killeen:** Thursday, 21 March, 7.30 p.m.

## First Holy Communion

**Louisburgh** Sunday, 12 May

**Killeen** Sunday, 19 May



**Louisburgh Choir Practice**

takes place on Monday

evenings at 6.15 p.m. to 7.45

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.

## Louisburgh National School Parents Association

will be holding a fundraising Bingo Night in the  
Louisburgh Hall on Sunday 11 February at  
6.00pm. Everyone is very welcome to this family  
friendly event!

## Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimages

• **Lourdes**, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, from  
Ireland West Airport, 6 nights, Friday 30 August  
to Thursday, 05 Sept. For details and booking,  
please contact 01 241 0800. With capacity  
being limited this year, it is strongly advised  
that pilgrims book as soon as possible.

• **Fatima Pilgrimage**, 09 May; 7 nights; ex Dublin.  
Contact 01 241 0800. (ref: Tuam).

• **'In the Footsteps of St Paul' Pilgrimage to  
Malta; June 26th**; 7 nights; ex Dublin; with a  
Spiritual Director. For details and booking, ring  
01 241 0800.

## 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.

*"It takes patience, mutual respect, listening, and  
openness to really learn from each other and to  
move forward as one People of God, rich in  
differences but walking together". Pope Francis*



**Trócaire:** Lent begins on  
Wednesday next, 14 Feb.  
Ash Wednesday.

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

Trócaire was created as a  
response to the widening  
gap between rich and poor  
and our collective duty to  
reduce it.

Trócaire is rooted in the principles of Catholic  
social teaching, which are based on the belief  
that God has a plan for creation, a plan to build  
his kingdom of peace, love and justice.

In the words of Trócaire's founding document, in  
which the bishops of Ireland gave the  
organisation a strong and clear mandate, *'We  
know that we cannot claim to love God if we do  
not love our fellow men and women.'*

Trócaire has worked through local partner  
organisations since its foundation. Partnership is  
at the heart of how Trócaire works.

We work with local faith, and non-faith, based  
organisations, who share our values and who are  
working on any, or all, of our core programme  
areas of women's empowerment, resource  
rights, and humanitarian preparedness and  
response. These organisations understand the  
needs of their communities and are best placed  
to work with their communities to deliver  
sustainable long-term change.

In the founding document the bishops of Ireland  
asked Trócaire to educate the people of Ireland  
on development issues. Now as we listen to  
the earth's cry, as asked of us by Pope Francis  
in *'Laudato Si'* and *'Laudate Deum'* and by the  
communities with whom we work, our hope is  
for all God's creation to *'let justice roll on like a  
river, righteousness like a never-failing stream'*  
(Amos 5:24).

**Climate Action Louisburgh Locality (CALL)** is  
seeking a part-time Climate and Biodiversity  
Action Officer to assist with running its multiple  
environment-friendly projects such as house  
energy retrofitting, tree planting and sustainable  
transport. Closing date 23 February. More info  
at <https://callclimateaction.ie/2024/02/07/we-are-searching-for-an-impactful-action-officer/>

## Louisburgh Church Building – Dampness

The interior of Louisburgh Church was last  
painted in 2012, having previously been painted  
in 2003.

As all are well aware the interior, especially the  
South facing wall, has suffered considerably from  
dampness in the intervening period, a problem  
that seems to be worsening with the increased  
rainfall in recent years.

Until something can be done to alleviate the  
problem with water ingress, and the resulting  
dampness, there is little point in again painting  
the interior.

A specialist conservation firm, Consurv, has been  
engaged to complete a survey of the church, and  
to review previous reports on the building, in  
order to provide independent, practical, advice  
on the safest, most cost-effective repair or  
maintenance needed to ensure the health of the  
building and the safety of all who use it.

When this report is ready it will be presented to  
the Parish Finance Committee who will then  
discuss it with a view to drawing up a schedule of  
work to attempt to tackle the problem.

With a limestone building over 160 years old  
there are no guarantees that there is any one  
solution to the problem.

As Louisburgh Church is a protected structure, "a  
listed building", agreement will have to be  
sought and obtained from Mayo County Council  
before any work can commence.

The Finance Committee will publicise what they  
plan to recommend to Mayo County Council  
before doing so and will invite comments from  
parishioners.

Our thanks to local firm Cox Power Architects for  
their advice and for coordinating this project.

While the parish recognises that we have an  
obligation to maintain the church building as part  
of our built heritage we will also have to take  
into account how much of our limited resources,  
and energy, can be invested in the maintenance  
and preservation of buildings into the future.

The primary responsibility of any parish is to  
ensure there is an active faith community who  
preserve and hand on faith in Jesus Christ to  
others.

Church is not where we go, but rather who we  
are.