



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

25 February 2024 Sunday 2 Lent
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Killeen Church

Sunday 25 February 10.00 a.m.
Paddy Frazer, 1st anniversary.
Michael Gibbons, Carrowniskey, 20th anniversary.
Sean Corrigan, 9th anniversary

Sunday 03 March 10.00 a.m.
Pat Joe and Nora O Malley, Curracony.
Bridget Tiernan, Cregganbawn.

Louisburgh Church

Sunday 25 February 11.30 a.m.
Mary Jo Ball, 1st anniversary.
Tony Sammon, 2nd anniversary.
Clementine Lyons, 21st anniversary and her husband Austin, 23rd anniversary.
Mary and Austin O Toole and their sons William & James.
Agnes and Eddie O Reilly.
Joan O Toole.
John Nicholson.
William O Malley, Askelane.
John Joe Moran, parents, Sarah and Michael Moran.

Monday 26 February 10.00 a.m.
Tuesday 27 February 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 28 February 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 29 February 10.00a.m.
Friday 01 March 10.00a.m.
Sunday 03 March 11.30a.m.
Alan Durkan, 11th anniversary.
Kitty Bradley, Chapel Street, 6th anniversary and her husband Jim, 29th anniversary.

R.I.P. Pray for Mary Teresa Mahoney (nee Lyons) (Tess "Dixie" Lyons) who died in Chicago, sister to John "Dixie" Lyons, Askelane.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: March
Eucharistic: Martina Fadden.
Reader: Martin Jennings.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 03 March
Eucharistic: Mary B Durkan, Breege McCormack.
Reader: Peter O Malley.

Louisburgh Choir Practice takes place on Monday evenings at 6.15 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. in St Patrick's Church. All children from 1st to 4th class and their parents are invited to take part. New members very welcome.



Grow in Love – Preparing for first Holy Communion: Those preparing for the sacrament of first Eucharist will be participating in our Masses this Sunday 25 February.

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.

Local Multiple Sclerosis South Mayo Branch Churchgate Collection this Sunday 25 February.

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.



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

This year Trócaire's Lenten campaign is focusing on the people of Malawi who are suffering from repeated droughts, flooding and cyclones and while they try to recover from each devastating event they are then hit again and again, in turn suffering displacement and food shortages. This year, Trócaire is leading efforts to ensure that help reaches those experiencing the worst impacts of climate change. In Malawi 2.3 million people have limited access to food and more than 3.8 million (20% of population) face critical food insecurity in Malawi.

Julius Ng'oma, National Coordinator for Trócaire partner 'Civil Society Network on Climate Change' said that climate change is having devastating effects on Malawi: *"For the past two decades, droughts and flooding have become more intense and frequent. In the past four years alone, we've seen a new phenomenon of cyclones which are causing havoc. Thousands of people have died. Homes, schools and roads have been destroyed. Over five and a half million people have been displaced in Malawi by these cyclones in recent years. Cyclone Freddy which hit Malawi in February 2023 caused a dire food shortage as most people lost their livelihoods. The drought and floods are also affecting people's access to clean water, which also has a knock-on effect on agriculture. These are the current lived impacts of climate change, but if we don't act globally, it will get even worse in the future."*

For over 50 years Trócaire has changed the lives of tens of millions of people around the world. Its annual Lenten Appeal sees the iconic Trócaire Box displayed in hundreds of thousands of schools, Churches, and homes all over the country in the build up to Easter. Last year Trócaire improved the lives of 1.58 million people in 24 of the most fragile countries in the world.

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

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated in Killeen or Louisburgh churches on Saturday afternoons. The arrangement is that if more than one baptism is booked for that day that they will be celebrated together at the time the first one was booked for.

Many parishes now have a set day in the month for Baptisms but up to this we have been able to accommodate parents as to when the sacrament is held, but it is a situation that will have to be kept under review.

Baptism is the sacrament that celebrates a person's admission into the Christian community and it is thought to be more appropriate to have it as a community rather than a private ceremony.

International Students: If anyone is interested in taking an International Student into their home from September 2024 to May 2025, please contact tomoflynn@sanctamaria.ie or phone Sancta Maria Collage on 098 66432. Please note, you do not need to have a child in Sancta Maria to apply.

For your Information: 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

Safety in Church Grounds: All people using church grounds are asked to take due care and act responsibly at all times. In particular young people are asked not to use church grounds as a short cut to Sancta Maria College or its grounds by climbing over walls and railings. Apart from endangering themselves it is damaging the railings and church grounds.