



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

03 March 2024 Sunday 3 Lent
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Killeen Church

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

Sunday 10 March 10.00 a.m.

Louisburgh Church

Sunday 03 March 11.30a.m.
Alan Durkan, 11th anniversary.
Kitty Bradley, Chapel Street, 6th anniversary and
her husband Jim, 29th anniversary.
Laura Keane, Louisburgh and Galway.
Deceased of the Keane and Maguire families.

Monday 04 March No Mass
Tuesday 05 March 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 06 March 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 07 March 10.00 a.m.

Friday 08 March 10.00 a.m.
John Duffy, Bridge Street.
Sunday 10 March 11.30a.m.
Mark O Grady and deceased of the O Grady
family, Kilgeever.
Assumpta Kilcoyne, Shanacloye.
Thomas Gibbons, 5th anniversary and his wife
Nancy, Cregganroe.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: March

Eucharistic: Martina Fadden.

Reader: Martin Jennings.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 10 March

Eucharistic: Agnes Cox, Úna Morrison-Power

Reader: Maureen Scott

Winter Movie Thursdays: Thursday 07 March in
Louisburgh 74. Louisburgh's climate action group
will show the documentary *THE OIL MACHINE*.

By highlighting the complexities of how oil is
embedded in our society – from high finance to
cheap consumer goods – the film brings together
a wide range of voices to consider how this
machine can be tamed, or repurposed.

Everyone is welcome! Admission is free but we
welcome donations to help cover our costs.

Many thanks to Edwina, of Louisburgh 74 for
giving us the use of her beautiful cafe as well as
to all those who have come out these last
Thursday evenings - and much appreciation for
your generous donations.

For details of CALL's projects go to www.CALL.ie

Pope Francis: *The Lord has warned us that we
should not waste words when we pray, deluding
ourselves that we will be heard because of it.
Rather, He taught us to trust the Father, who
knows what we need even before we ask.*



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.

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.

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



*'Fresh drinking water is an issue
of primary importance since it is
indispensable for human life and
for supporting terrestrial and
aquatic ecosystems. ... Water
poverty especially affects Africa
where large sectors of the*

*population have no access to safe drinking water
or experience droughts which impede agricultural
production.'* (Laudato Si', 28)

Lenten Pastoral Letter of Archbishop Francis Duffy

Imagining a new way of being Church in Ireland

What does God want from the Church in Ireland at
this time? That is the key question being asked of us
in this diocese and in this country as we continue
along the synodal pathway.

Two years ago many of our parishes, and several
other communities of faith, engaged in the synodal
process of listening.

A second, follow-up meeting of the Synod, will be
held this October (2024) in Rome.

Arising from the listening, discernment and
discussion to date, one key question has emerged. I
invite you to reflect on, pray about and discuss this
question and let me know what you think. The
question is:

*"How can we imagine the life of the Church in Ireland
where people are co-responsible for the Church's
mission in different ways?"*

First, a little bit of context is important. I believe this
is an exciting time to be a Catholic in Ireland, a
changing Ireland.

There is now a far greater welcome for people who
once were on the margins of church and society. We
also have many people who have come from other
countries to live here and so enrich our lives.

There continues to be a great willingness among our
people to generously support organisations such as
Trócaire in its efforts to assist developing countries
and to help in areas of sudden disasters. We are well
able to look beyond our shores to help and
encourage others in need.

The circumstances in which we live our faith are
rapidly changing at local level. There are fewer and
fewer priests, vocations to the religious
congregations are also down, and the number of
people who attend Sunday Mass is in serious decline,
especially among the younger generations.

Yet, in our parishes there is an eagerness among
people to take on more responsibility for pastoral
initiatives. Some are willing to be more directly
involved in pastoral leadership and are keen to
receive support and training.

Although times are changing, let us not forget what is
constant, what we are about as a Church, as a
diocesan community of faith.

As believers, we are called to proclaim Christ crucified
and risen. He was crucified out of love for us, he was
raised from the dead out of love for us - God's
unfathomable and unending love for us.

Our faith in the person and mission of Jesus Christ
must remain central to all our deliberations, planning
and structures, because without Jesus and without

his Gospel – this radical and good news, then we are
just looking at change for the sake of change.

So, put simply, *"how can we, the Christian Faithful –
laity, religious and clergy be co-responsible – i.e. plan,
work and cooperate together, supporting each other
in our equal but different God-given vocations, in
order to spread and keep that good news about Jesus
to the forefront of life?"* How can you do that, or
continue to do that in your parishes, in these
changing times? Our mission is to spread and put
into practice the Good News of Jesus Christ. How can
we do it better and how can we do it with an eye on
conveying the key message about Christ to as many
as possible?

Think about it. How is that being carried out in your
parish right now? How could it be better? Does it
need to be different, given the pace of change all
around us? What are your suggestions?

Have a meeting at parish pastoral council level. Have
a meeting at deanery pastoral council level.
Meetings of people already involved as readers,
ministers of Holy Communion, finance committees,
youth groups. Parishioners, priests and religious, any
group that is interested is welcome to meet and
discuss and think deeply about the key question.

Our synodal committee will collate all responses for
our diocesan report. This will form part of our
national input to the Synod 2024 of next October.
Thank you. With every good wish and blessing,

+ Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam

International Students: Anyone 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. You do not
need to have a child in Sancta Maria to apply.

Louisburgh Drama Group 'Don't Tell The Wife', a
hilarious comedy by Sam Cree, on Friday 22 and
Saturday 23 March at 8.00 p.m., in Louisburgh
Town Hall. Tickets available at the door and all
proceeds are in aid of Louisburgh Town Hall.

Louisburgh Horse Show Bake Sale in Louisburgh
Town Hall on St Patrick's Day after the parade.
Donations of baked goods would be appreciated
and can be dropped down from 11.00 a.m. Call in
and enjoy the refreshments and music
entertainment. We will also be holding a raffle in
aid of the Louisburgh Cemeteries Fund.

Multiple Sclerosis South Mayo Branch: Thank
you to all who generously supported our
collection. A total of €585.52 was raised at
Louisburgh and € 468.55 at Killeen Church.