



Killeen Church

Sunday 17 March 10.00 a.m.
 Brian Gallagher, 1st anniversary.
 Vera McGreal, 12th anniversary.
 Bridget and Patrick Davitt and deceased family.
 Mick Jennings, Thallabawn and London.
 James and Margaret McDonnell & deceased family, Cross.

Sunday 24 March 10.00 a.m.
 Thomas O Grady.
 Katie Duffy, Woodfield, 2nd anniversary, her husband Tommy and their son Michael.

Louisburgh Church

Sunday 17 March 11.30 a.m.
 Fr. James O Grady, Glenkeen, 11th anniversary.
 Bridgie Piercy, 4th anniversary.
 Michael Meenaghan, 21st anniversary.
 Alisha Kelly, Galway & Letterkenny.
 Owen Kilcoyne snr., Cahir.
 Patrick Donnelly, 7th anniversary.
 Vincent Keane, Falduff, 2nd anniversary.

Monday 18 March 10.00 a.m.
 Tuesday 19 March 10.00 a.m.
 Wednesday 20 March No Mass
 Thursday 21 March 10.00 a.m.
 Friday 22 March 10.00 a.m.
 Sunday 24 March 11.30a.m.
 John Ruane, Mooneen.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: March

Eucharistic: Martina Fadden.

Reader: Martin Jennings.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 24 March

Eucharistic: Maureen Kilcoyne, Ann O Reilly.

Reader: Marie O Grady.

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.

Louisburgh Horse Show Bake Sale in Louisburgh Town Hall after the St Patrick's Day parade. Call in and enjoy the refreshments and music entertainment. We will also be holding a raffle in aid of the Louisburgh Cemeteries Fund.

Funeral Ministry

The Christian community since the earliest times has accompanied people through providing a ritual framework within which a funeral takes place.

These rites are acts of public worship at which a number of elements are involved: God is praised; the Resurrection of Jesus is proclaimed conveying the hope of being gathered together again in God's kingdom; prayers are offered for the soul of the deceased person, their body is honoured and the bereaved are consoled. Principles apply to these rites which can enrich the experience for the bereaved family and the wider community.

Through these rituals, which express our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus, space is offered to the bereaved family to express grief and sorrow. They also provide an opportunity to celebrate the life and memory of the deceased person.

With changing circumstances in Church we need to look at how funerals are organised and celebrated.

We need to take into account the changing reality of Irish society today, including the ageing population and ever increasing decline in the number of priests.

We must look to the immediate future when lay people will be more centrally involved in carrying out this ministry in parishes. We must also acknowledge the relative distance of many people from parish life and religious practice in recent times.

With this in mind it is proposed to move ahead with the appointment of a number of lay ministers who will assist the priest at funerals, initially with the prayers for the removal of remains from a funeral home or the home of the deceased and with the prayers for the reception of the deceased into the church.

In the event of a priest not being available these ministers could lead these prayers on behalf of the community.

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:

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

Readers and Eucharistic Ministers:

Parish of Kilgeever

Due to the fact that some of those who have served in these ministries have retired there is a need for others to come forward and volunteer to act as ministers. All parishioners who are Baptised and Confirmed may act as Readers; to be a Eucharistic Minister you need to be over 18. If you wish to volunteer please fill out the form below and return it as soon as you can.

Name

Address

Phone no.

Email

Reader Eucharistic Minister
 Louisburgh Sunday Mass
 Killeen Sunday Mass

Holy Week Ceremonies 2024

St. Patrick's Church, Louisburgh

Holy Thursday 7.30 p.m.
Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday 7.30 p.m.
The Passion of our Lord & Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday 7.30 p.m.
Easter Vigil and Mass

Easter Sunday 11.30 a.m.
Easter Mass

Church of the Holy Family, Killeen

Palm Sunday 7.30 p.m.
Parish Penitential Service

Good Friday 3.00 p.m.
The Passion of our Lord & Veneration of the Cross

Easter Sunday 10.00 a.m.
Easter Mass

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.

The Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey returns again this year for three performances on Holy Week, Monday 25, Tuesday 26 and Wednesday the 27 March at 9.00 p.m. Admission is free, donations are appreciated.

Mayo Stoma Support Group Meeting on Thursday 11 April at 7.00 p.m. in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. All are welcome. If attending please message Christopher on 087 627 5766

Trócaire:

Beannachtaí Lá Fhéile Phádraig ó gach duine i Trócaire! Today is a day for celebrating our roots, our history and, for many people, celebrating with our family. In Malawi, Malita, who features on the Trócaire Box, is also proud to be part of a strong community. Every day, Malita and her children face the uncertainty of losing their crops, food and livelihoods because of increasingly extreme weather in Malawi. Support Malita today to help her and her family face the devastating effects of climate change before it's too late