



**Killeen Church**

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

**Penitential Service Killeen 7.30 p.m.**

Sunday 31 March 10.00 a.m.  
 Mary and Walter Egan, Derrygarrow.

**Louisburgh Church**

Sunday 24 March 11.30 a.m.  
 John Ruane, Mooneen.  
 Bea Fergus, Cahir.

Monday 25 March No Mass  
 Tuesday 26 March 10.00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 27 March 10.00 a.m.

*See notice opposite for Easter Ceremonies*

Sunday 31 March 11.30a.m.  
 John Tiernan, 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary.  
 Jimmy McNeill and deceased of the McNeill & Foye families.  
 Noreen Maxwell, 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
 Patrick O Reilly, Shraugh, 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary.  
 Maureen Duffy, Falduff.

**R.I.P.** Please pray for Tommy Duffy, Falduff

**Liturgical Ministries Killeen:** April

**Eucharistic:** Bridget Donnelly.

**Reader:** Ann Marie O Malley.

**Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh** 31 March

**Eucharistic:** John Joe Gibbons, Eileen Maxwell

**Reader:** Helen Fahy.

**Louisburgh Eucharistic Ministers and Readers** lists have been sent out by email and are also displayed on Church notice board.

**Easter Collection** is taken up next Sunday. This is one of the four collections (Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn) for priests in Tuam Archdiocese that is held during the year. Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to all collections during the year.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> class and their parents are invited to take part. New members very welcome.

**Trócaire Collection** will be taken up on Holy Thursday, and throughout the Easter period. *It is an old tradition in the church that we help the poor by our donations on Holy Thursday. A request: It would be very much appreciated if put your offering in the envelope provided. If donating by cheque please make your cheque out to "Trócaire".*

Holy Week Ceremonies 2024	
<b>St. Patrick's Church, Louisburgh</b>	
Holy Thursday	7.30 p.m.
<i>Mass of the Last Supper</i>	
Good Friday	7.30 p.m.
<i>The Passion of our Lord &amp; Veneration of the Cross</i>	
Holy Saturday	7.30 p.m.
<i>Easter Vigil and Mass</i>	
Easter Sunday	11.30 a.m.
<i>Easter Mass</i>	
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<b>Church of the Holy Family, Killeen</b>	
Palm Sunday	7.30 p.m.
<i>Parish Penitential Service</i>	
Good Friday	3.00 p.m.
<i>The Passion of our Lord &amp; Veneration of the Cross</i>	
Easter Sunday	10.00 a.m.
<i>Easter Mass</i>	

**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.

**Killeen Childcare Bake Sale**, raffle and Flea Market in Killeen Community Centre today Sun 24 March after Mass. Complimentary tea/coffee and free children's activities. Please support.

**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

**Louisburgh Ladies GAA** are holding a Clothes Recycling Drive on Saturday 06 April between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. at the GAA Grounds in Louisburgh.

Please donate all your unwanted clothes, bed linen, towel, curtains, shoes, bags, belts and soft toys; duvets or pillows cannot be accepted. Donations will also be accepted at the Clubhouse on Saturday 30 March between 10.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.. Any further queries to 087 982 4259. Thank you so much to everyone for all their support of the club.

**Bereavement Programme at Knock Shrine**

A four week programme on 'Understanding Grief, a journey towards Healing' will be held in St John's Welcome Centre, Knock on Tuesdays 09, 16, 23 and 30 April, beginning each evening at 8.00 p.m.

It will be presented by Monica Morley. Admission is free but booking is essential. Call 094 937 5320.

**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

**Easter Message from Archbishop Duffy**

For Christians, Easter is a time of joy and hope. Saint John Paul II once said "We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song".

How right he was.

In Holy Week we reflect on the life, suffering and death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning we celebrate with a blaze of light and a chorus of song the resurrection. Jesus' resurrection from the dead is good news. It is the event that destroyed the power of sin and death once and for all.

The death and resurrection of Jesus the Paschal Mystery — adds profound meaning to human life. Bearing in mind that each individual, created in the image and likeness of God, is 'the apple of God's eye,' it is true to say that each and every person is loved by God, yes, you included. The resurrection affirms this.

The resurrection also brings great hope as we are called to an eternal life with God.

Death is not the end.

In the meantime, Jesus calls us to follow him in the here and now, and, in doing so, to put into action his values and his attitudes as we endeavour to love God and love one another.

The Lord is ever present in our midst; he walks with us to guide us and support us. We are not alone, he is always near.

I wish you all a very happy and joyful Easter because Christ is risen, alleluia.

+ Francis Duffy

Archbishop of Tuam

Nobody warns,  
 "So many shopping days to Easter!"

No costly gifts,  
 no monetary loss.  
 Easter seems too easy.

It is -  
 if you forget the cross."

Joseph T Nolan