



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

31 March 2024 Easter Sunday
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Killeen Church

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

Sunday 07 April 10.00 a.m.
Owen Kilcoyne, Month's Mind
Nora and Jim Kilgallon & deceased family.

Louisburgh Church

Easter Sunday 31 March 11.30 a.m.
Mary Teresa (Tess) Mahoney, nee Lyons;
Month's Mind, Askelane and Chicago
John Tiernan, 2nd anniversary.

Jimmy McNeill and deceased of the McNeill & Foye families.

Noreen Maxwell, 17th anniversary.

Patrick O Reilly, Shraugh, 9th anniversary.

Maureen Duffy, Falduff.

Annie Duffy, Roonagh Point, 3rd anniversary, her daughter, Martina, sisters, Mary & Sabina & brother, Michael Barrett, Clare Island.

Monday 01 April No Mass
Tuesday 02 April 10.00 a.m.
Wednesday 03 April 10.00 a.m.
Thursday 04 April 10.00 a.m.
Friday 05 April 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 07 April 11.30 a.m.
Eileen Gaffney, Month's Mind.

Peter and Mary Kilcoyne, Creggannacopple.

Jane Gill, Thornhill: Owen Hynes, Culleen, and deceased of the Gill & Hynes families.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: April

Eucharistic: Bridget Donnelly.

Reader: Ann Marie O Malley.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 07 April

Eucharistic: Agnes Cox, Mary B Durkan

Reader: Catherine Hartley

Easter Collection is taken up this Sunday. This is one of the four collections (Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn) for priests in Tuam Archdiocese that is held during the year. Cheques for this collection should be made out to 'Louisburgh Priests Account'. Credit transfers to Louisburgh Priest's Account: IBAN IE86 IPBS 9907 2931 4036 31. Donations can also be made at <https://louisburghparish.ie/donate>

Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to all collections during the year.

Easter Holy Water, blessed at the Easter Vigil ceremony, will be available in our churches. This year we are not providing the small plastic bottles as we did in the past. Instead we encourage you to bring along those from previous years and refill them. The decision not to provide new ones was made for environmental reasons in order to help reduce the production and use of 'one off plastics'.

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.

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

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.

Meals On Wheels Fundraiser, (Louisburgh Killeen and Lecanvey) Starting after 11.30 mass today, Easter Sunday in Louisburgh Town Hall. Cake sale, Tombola, Monster Raffle and sale of pre loved fashion items. Please support.

Trócaire Collection will be taken up throughout the Easter period.

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".

On this year's Trócaire box we met Malita and her 12-year-old twins Patricia and Patrick from the Machinga district in Malawi. Trócaire, with your support, has been working with partners in Malawi for the last forty-eight years.

Malita is the mother of six children and her family's story is unfortunately one that is typical in Malawi as they struggle every day with no direct access to clean water for the household. The effects of climate change have worsened this struggle, and their situation is even more precarious now, due to drought and extreme weather events. The impacts are serious.

When violent storms bring too much water, their homes are damaged or destroyed and their crops are washed away, along with any nutrients in the soil. People go hungry. When there is too little water, the crops die and people go hungry.

In the dry season, Malita and her daughters make an hour-long trip on foot to collect water from a stream, carrying 20 litres of water back to the house in a bucket on their heads; sometimes Malita makes this trip 5 times per day to secure water for the household and crops. The dry season has become more prolonged in recent years, and droughts are becoming more frequent as each year the rains fail to arrive.

In Trócaire we are more than aware that it is the most vulnerable people in our world who suffer the most from climate change and biodiversity loss. Trócaire, working with our local partners, supports local communities, particularly women like Malita in Malawi, to adapt their livelihoods to cope with the impact of climate change so that families like hers can continue to survive. Trócaire's programmes create solutions to the water shortages, such as digging bore holes close to villages, helping communities rebuild after extreme weather events and supporting local farmers in sustainable agriculture practices.

Your support gives courage, hope and strength to people like Malita, around the world who are facing poverty and injustice.

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.

Happy Easter to All

Fáilte, Welcome, Willkommen, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Bienvenue Bem-vindo, Welkom, Ласкаво просимо, Powitanie;

We offer a sincere welcome to all who are on vacation and are visiting the Louisburgh Killeen area and who have joined our Christian Community for the celebration of Holy Week and Easter Ceremonies and Masses in St. Patrick's Church, Louisburgh and the Holy Family Church, Killeen.

We wish you a pleasant and enjoyable stay.

