



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

07 April 2024 Sunday 2 of Easter
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Killeen Church

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

Sunday 14 April 10.00 a.m.
Austin Moran and his nephew, Paddy O Malley,
Aillemore.

Louisburgh Church

Sunday 07 April 11.30 a.m.
Eileen Gaffney, Month's Mind.
Peter and Mary Kilcoyne, Cregganacopple.

Jane Gill, Thornhill.

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

Dr. Colm O Toole and Colm junior, Liverpool &
deceased of the O Toole family, Chapel Street.

Seán and Maura O Higgins, Bridge Street.

John Joe Morrison, Bridge Street and deceased
family members.

Willie & Annie Mayberry, Ballyhip

Annie and Michael Fergus, Cahir

Monday 07 April - Friday 12 April No Mass

Sunday 14 April 11.30 a.m.
Noreen Lally, 1st Anniversary.

Ena and Tom Toolin.

Johnny Jim and Kathleen O Malley & their
children, Jim, P.J., Evelyn, Eddie, Ena & Charlie.

Paddy Joe McGreal, 3rd anniversary.

Mary McNally, Ballyhip and her son Michael and
daughter Kay.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: April

Eucharistic: Bridget Donnelly.

Reader: Ann Marie O Malley.

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 14 April

Eucharistic: Teresa O Malley, Aine Torphy

Reader: Aoife Duffy

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".*

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 at this time. 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.

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.

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

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.

Pope Francis at Easter Urbi et Orbi:

Christ is risen! All begins anew!

Pope Francis gave his traditional "Urbi et Orbi"(from
the Latin: 'To the city and the world') Easter
message on Sunday, appearing at Saint Peter's
Basilica overlooking the Square below where he had
just presided over the Easter morning Mass.

Today throughout the world, he recalled, there
resounds the message proclaimed two thousand
years ago from Jerusalem: "Jesus of Nazareth, who
was crucified, has been raised!" (Mk 16:6).

The Pope reiterated that the Church relives the
amazement of the women who went to the tomb at
dawn on the first day of the week.

While recalling the tomb of Jesus had been sealed
with a great stone, the Pope lamented that today,
too, "heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity,"
especially "stones" of war, humanitarian crises,
human rights violations, human trafficking, among
others other stones as well.

From Jesus' empty tomb, all begins anew

Like the women disciples of Jesus, the Pope
suggested, "we ask one another: 'Who will roll away
the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?'"
This, he said, is the amazing discovery of that Easter
morning, that the immense stone, was rolled away.
"The astonishment of the women," he said, "is our
astonishment as well."

"The tomb of Jesus is open and it is empty! From this,
everything begins anew!" he exclaimed.

Moreover, he insisted, a new path leads through that
empty tomb, "the path that none of us, but God
alone, could open." The Lord, he said, opens the path
of life in the midst of death, of peace in the midst of
war, of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, and of
fraternity in the midst of hostility.

Jesus, the way to reconciliation and peace

"Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen!" he said,
noting He alone has the power to roll away the
stones that block the path to life.

Without the forgiveness of sins, the Pope explained,
there is no way to overcome the barriers of prejudice,
mutual recrimination, the presumption that we are
always right and others wrong. "Only the risen Christ,
by granting us the forgiveness of our sins," he said,
"opens the way for a renewed world."

"Jesus alone," the Holy Father reassured, "opens up
before us the doors of life, those doors that
continually we shut with the wars spreading
throughout the world," as he expressed his wish
today, "first and foremost, to turn our eyes to the
Holy City of Jerusalem, that witnessed the mystery of
the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, and to
all the Christian communities of the Holy Land."

Holy Land and Ukraine

The Pope began by saying his thoughts go especially
to the victims of the many conflicts worldwide,
beginning with those in Israel and Palestine, and in
Ukraine. "May the risen Christ open a path of peace
for the war-torn peoples of those regions," he said.

"In calling for respect for the principles of
international law," he continued, "I express my hope
for a general exchange of all prisoners between
Russia and Ukraine: all for the sake of all!"

Humanitarian aid to Gaza, release of hostages

"I appeal once again that access to humanitarian aid
be ensured to Gaza, and call once more for the
prompt release of the hostages seized on 7 October
last and for an immediate cease-fire in the Strip."

The Pope appealed for an end to current hostilities
that continue to have grave repercussions on the civil
population, and above all, on the children.

"How much suffering we see in their eyes! With
those eyes, they ask us: Why? Why all this
death? Why all this destruction?"

The Pope reiterated that war is always "a defeat" and
"an absurdity."

"Let us not yield to the logic of weapons and
rearming," he said, stressing that "peace is never
made with arms, but with outstretched hands and
open hearts."

Precious gift of life and discarded unborn children

The Pope also remembered migrants and all
experiencing difficulties, praying the Lord offer them
consolation and hope in their moment of need. "May
Christ guide all persons of good will to unite
themselves in solidarity, in order to address together
the many challenges which loom over the poorest
families in their search for a better life and
happiness," he said.

Pope Francis prayed that the light of the Resurrection
"illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and
make us aware of the value of every human life,
which must be welcomed, protected and loved."

Pope Francis concluded by wishing all the people of
Rome and of the world a Happy Easter.

(Vatican News) Message in full can be found at:

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messa-ges/urbi/documents/20240331-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>

Mid West Radio is broadcasting the *Tommy Marren Show* on Thursday, 11 April, from the Town Hall
Louisburgh. Anyone interested in attending the show
is welcome to join the audience. The show airs from
9.00a.m. to 11.00a.m. Local people are performing
and being interviewed, so it should be a very
enjoyable show. All welcome.