



**Killeen Church**

Sunday 28 April 10.00 a.m.

Sunday 05 May 10.00 a.m.

Michael and Bridget Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn.

James and Bridget Grady, Feeone.

Thomas and Annie Kilcoyne, Cregganbawn.

Martin and Anne O Malley, Corragaun.

Dominic McGrail, Andy and Ann McGreal

Margaret Frazer, Barnabawn and deceased family

**Louisburgh Church**

Sunday 28 April 11.30 a.m.

Mary Gibbons, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and her husband, Johnny.

Mary Kerrigan, Dublin, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary and her father, Phonsie, 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mary Ann O Malley, 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary, her mother Kathleen, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and father, Pakie, Collocoon.

Marie Keane and deceased of the Keane, O Grady, O Malley & Corrigan families.

Johnny O'Toole, Doughmakeon

Anthony Kilcoyne, Hill House Farm, Shranacloye

Monday 29 April 10.00 a.m.

Tuesday 30 April No Mass

Wednesday 01 May 10.00 a.m.

Thursday 02 May 10.00 a.m.

Friday 03 May 10.00 a.m.

Tommie Joe O Malley, Main Street, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, his wife, Mary and deceased family.

Sunday 05 May 11.30 a.m.

Joe Needham, Dundalk and Louisburgh.

Anthony Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

Ita Durkan, Bridge St.

**Liturgical Ministries Killeen:** May

**Eucharistic:** Margaret Donnelly

**Reader:** Margaret Donnelly

**Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh** 05 May

**Eucharistic:** Helen Fahy, Jimmy Corrigan.

**Reader:** Mairead Staunton.

**Trócaire Collection:** Thanks to all who have already made a donation. To date €5,290 has raised. Please return all Trócaire boxes and envelopes by next weekend.

*If donating by cheque please make your cheque out to "Trócaire".*

**Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG seeking marriage preparation facilitators**

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church
- If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally.

Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) Closing date for applications is Friday, 03 May 2024.

**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.

**Foróige Club Fundraising Social Dance in aid of local Men's Shed group.** (Over 18s only) Music by Conor Duffy in Louisburgh Town Hall, Sunday 28 April from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.. This is a ticket only event. Contact Marie on 087 653 0067 for tickets. Please come along and support.

**Understanding Synodality**

"A synodal Church is a Church where all the baptised feel engaged." (Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops).

At the beginning of this process in 2021, synodality was an unfamiliar term to many people in the Catholic Church. Two years on the level of awareness and understanding is growing steadily as more people have the opportunity to experience synodal listening in their local parish or other contexts, but much more work remains to be done if the spirituality and practice of synodality are to be embedded across all levels of the life of the Church in a meaningful and lasting way.

While we may have the impression that synodality is a new development it is actually an ancient concept at the heart of the life of the Church. The word synod derives from the Greek for 'together on the way' and the foundations of this practice in the life of the Church can be traced back to the Council of Jerusalem in Acts 15.

Synodality found particular expression in the hopeful vision of the Second Vatican Council and in the work of renewal and participation inspired by the Council in the local church. Pope Benedict stated that: "The synodal dimension is constitutive of the Church; it consists of a coming together of every people and culture in order that they become one in Christ and walk together, following him, who said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life" (Jn 14: 6)".

Pope Francis is calling us to a rediscovery or reimagining of this practice for the Church of today, bringing with it a deeper understanding of our baptismal calling and its significance in the life of the community of Christian disciples to which we belong.

The foundation for this work of renewal is the practice of deep and respectful listening, inviting all the people of God to contribute to the discernment that shapes and guides the mission of the Church, with a reassurance that everyone's contribution is welcome and valued.

*The Lord said to Abram, "Leave your country, your kindred and your father's house for a country which I shall show you" (Gen 12:1)*

As we have listened to the voice of the Spirit in preparation for the Universal Synod, and as we discern the path ahead for the Church in Ireland, there is an emerging sense that we are beginning a journey. When we move beyond the idea of the synodal pathway as "something we have to do", we realise that this is not something of our own initiative. It is God who is calling us to make this journey. It is his initiative.

*It is a departure from what is familiar. We are being called to leave something that has been familiar for a long time, a place that has been our home.*

*The destination of our journey is not something that we will construct for ourselves. It is not of our making. Rather, we are being led by God. He will show us where he is leading us, and it will be his gift to us so that we can be his people.*

On this journey, we are being called to come to know ourselves as God's people and to discern the mission he is entrusting to us.

It does not seem prudent to leave from a place that is familiar for an unknown destination. It might even be considered foolish to set off towards a destination that is beyond our control. And even if we accept that it is indeed God who is calling us to depart and who is leading us, why is he asking us to do this? What is his purpose?

How can we discern the voice of God as he leads us on this journey? How is it possible to make this journey together? How can we encourage one another to trust that this is indeed what God is asking of us at this time?

**Friday Club and Meals on Wheels A.G.M.** on Wednesday 01 May at 5.00 p.m.. All welcome.

**Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock.**

Families, Parish & Community Groups, the Sick, neighbours & friends are invited to join the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage, led by Archbishop Francis, to Knock on Sunday 05 May. This is a special day for people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. The Ceremonies commence with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 p.m.

**Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.**

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis, 6 nights, Friday 30 August to Thursday 05 September, ex Ireland West Airport. Details & Booking: 01 241 0800.