



Sunday 15 December 10.00 a.m.

Deceased of the O Malley family, Gowlann.
 Frank and Johnny Frazer, Kinnadoohy & DFM.
 Paddy Kneafsey and DFM.

Sunday 22 December 10.00 a.m.

Bridget (Bridgie) Wright, nee Frazer and
 deceased of the Bains, Frazer and McNamara
 families, Killeen.
 Martin and Philip Kitterick & DFM.
 Thomas and Bridget Burke.

Sunday 15 December 11.30 a.m.

Frank Scanlon, Month's Mind.
 Annie O Toole, U.S.A. Month's Mind.
 Mary and Austin O Toole, their sons, William,
 Michael, James, & daughter-in-law, Joan.
 Paddy Joe Cannon, Shraugh, 1st anniversary.
 Anthony Kilcoyne, Tooreen, 9th anniversary.
 John Carty and deceased of the Carty family.
 Catherine and James Healy, Falduff.
 Peter Moran, Falduff.
 Bridget and Morgan O Connell, Askelane.

Monday	16 December	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	17 December	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	18 December	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	19 December	10.00 a.m.
Friday	20 December	10.00 a.m.

Sunday 22 December 11.30 a.m.

Paddy O Malley, The Bridge, Month's Mind, his
 wife, Mary and their son, Anthony.
 Fr. John Ball.
 John and Kathleen O Malley, Cahir.
 John and Evelyn Prendergast.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: December	
Eucharistic:	Margaret Donnelly
Reader :	Martin Jennings

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh 22 December	
Eucharistic:	Margaret O Malley, Marian Moran
Reader :	Maria Hastings

St. Vincent de Paul:

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in
 confidence.

Killeen Eucharistic Ministers and Readers lists for
 2025 are displayed on Church notice board.

Adoration in Killeen Church Monday evenings,
 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Sick calls: If anyone would like fr. Nelson to attend
 the sick at their home, phone the parish office on
 098 66198.

Louisburgh Christmas Choir Practice Monday 16
 December, 6.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. New members
 welcome. children from 1st class upwards.

Advent Wreath

*Prayers on Lighting the Third Candle
 on your Home Advent Wreath*



Lord, we ask you to penetrate the
 darkness of our minds so that, filled with your
 brightness, we may rejoice in your coming as we
 say: Blessed be God forever. Amen.

Our Father ... Hail Mary... Glory be to the Father
 Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we
 light the candles of this Advent wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's
 promise to bring us salvation.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Advent; the time to listen for footsteps,
 - you can't hear footsteps
 when you're running yourself.**

Bill McKibben

Carol Services

All parishioners are invited to attend.

- **Louisburgh Primary School** Pupils on Tuesday 17
 December at 6.30p.m. in Louisburgh Church.
- **Killeen Primary School** pupils on Thursday 19
 December at 6.30 p.m. in Killeen Church
- **Sancta Maria College** Students on Friday 20
 December at 09.30 a.m. in Louisburgh Church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Penitential Service:

Louisburgh, Sunday, 22 Dec. 7.30 p.m.

There will be a celebration of God's love, mercy,
 and forgiveness through listening to and
 reflecting on some of the favorite **Christmas
 Carols.**

Following this short reflection there will be a
 number of priests available for individual
 confession and absolution.

Alternatively, you may wish to attend, reflect on
 the message of the Christmas Carols and express
 sorrow and repentance by doing so.



Blessing of Cribs and of the 'Baby Jesus' figure:

There is a tradition in Rome, during Advent, of people bringing the figure of the baby Jesus from their crib at home to St. Peter's Square where the pope blesses both the people and the figures.

The figure of the baby Jesus is then brought home and carefully wrapped. It is the first of the presents to be opened at Christmas and is then placed in the crib and a family prays that God bless their crib and home.

This weekend, the third Sunday of Advent, you are invited to bring a figure of the child Jesus from your crib at home, or a small crib if the figure cannot be removed from it.

The figures of the baby Jesus or a small crib can be left in the sanctuary before Mass and these statues will be blessed at the end of Mass.

It is one way in which to try and help us focus on the meaning of Christmas amid all the hustle and bustle we get caught up with during the "holiday season".

Killeen Community Centre: Bingo every Friday night. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., eyes down at 8.00 p.m.

Prevention of illness and infections during winter
Hand Sanitiser and face masks are available at the entrances to the churches for 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.

- **Some people are very anxious about the virus transmission. Those who want to receive holy communion on the tongue, they may come to the priest.**
- **A nod or wave of the hand is acceptable at the sign of peace at Mass**

Louisburgh National School Parents Association is holding a Santa Event fundraiser evening this Sunday 15 December, 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. Join us to meet Santa, take part in kid's activities, have a hot drink and home bake and more while we wait for the tractors to come through town. Everyone welcome!

Louisburgh GAA and Bord na nÓg Annual Lotto is now due for renewal and new Members are welcome to join. Please contact any Club Official immediately if you would like to renew your membership - €80 for one set of numbers or €150 for 2 sets (Numbers between 1 and 32).

First draw will take place on Monday 20 January.

Sensory-Friendly Mass at Knock Shrine

Sensory-Friendly Mass takes place in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on Sunday 22 December at 12.15 p.m. This Mass will have no music, dimmed lighting, and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy. Contact Nicola Mitchell for more information at faithrenewal@knockshrine or 094-9388100.

The Longest Night' Service at Knock Shrine

This is a service for those who feel isolated from the general feelings of joy and happiness typically associated with this time of year. This service seeks to bring comfort by reminding us that we are not alone and that there is always hope in Christ. It takes place in the Apparition Chapel Saturday 21 December at 8.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Carols by Candlelight takes place at Knock Basilica on Sunday 22 December at 8.00 p.m. Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and festive favourites. All are welcome.

Mental Health Ireland Connect Café Starting Thursday 09 January in Louisburgh Town Hall. Join us for a cup of tea/coffee, where we will open up conversations on mental health wellbeing to strengthen the connections with ourselves, with others and with our community.

Facilitator: Cathy Moore.

Book your place phone 085 8216311 or email cathylibra082@gmail.com