



<b>Sunday 29 December Killeen 10.00 a.m.</b> Declan Davitt, Curradavitt, 7 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tommie Coyne Killadoon.		
<b>Sunday 29 December Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.</b> Matthew Sammin, his wife Mary Kate and his sister, Kate, Askelane. Teresa Bowen (Cox) 5 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Tom and Nora Walsh, Main Street. Martin and Mary O Grady & their son, Martin, Kilgeever. Austin Kilcoyne, Shanacloye. Pakie and Kathleen O'Malley and their daughter Mary Ann. Thomas and Bridget Burke.		
Monday	30 December	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	31 December	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	01 January	10.00 a.m. <i>Michael Ward; Walter John Walsh.</i>
Thursday	02 January	10.00 a.m.
Friday	03 January	10.00 a.m.

<b>Liturgical Ministries Killeen: January</b>
Eucharistic: Michael Joe O Malley
Reader : Eileen O Malley
<b>Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh: January</b>
Eucharistic : Helen Fahy, Jimmy Corrigan
Reader : Suzanne Cox

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

**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.

**Newsletter notices:** Anniversary Masses and notices for the newsletter must be sent in no later than Thursday Morning.

<b>Sunday 05 January Killeen 10.00 a.m.</b> Mike McNamara, 3 <sup>rd</sup> anniversary and deceased of the McNamara & Keane families. Michael and Elizabeth Sammin, Cross. Eileen and William Ferrins.	
<b>Sunday 05 January Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.</b> Nora and Peter Foye & deceased of the Foye family. Peter O Grady, Glen Keen, 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. Robert Powers, U.S.A., 9 <sup>th</sup> anniversary.	

**Priest's Christmas Collection** is taken up at this time. The weekly collection is used exclusively for the upkeep of parish property and the running expenses of the parish.

Cheques for this collection should be made out to 'Louisburgh Priests Acc.'

Thanks to all who contribute so generously to all church collections throughout the year.

**Dates for 2025**

Ash Wednesday	05 March
Easter Sunday	20 April
Confirmation Louisburgh	07 April
Confirmation Killeen	07 April
First Communion Killeen	11 May
First Communion Louisburgh	18 May

**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**

### **Sacrament of Baptism:**

Baptisms will be held at 2.00 p.m. on Saturdays only.

Baptism is the sacrament that celebrates a person's admission into the Christian community and it is thought to be more appropriate to have it as a community rather than a private ceremony.

### **Christmas Liturgies:**

Thanks to the many people who actively prepared for and participated in the Christmas Liturgies in the Parish.

Sincere thanks to the many who give of their time and talents to the Parish Administration Committees and Organisations and who serve parish needs in the various Ministries during the year.

There is always room, and a huge welcome, for anybody who may wish to take up a ministry or assist in one of the parish committees.

### **Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

Archbishop Francis will open the Jubilee Year of Hope at the annual Mass for Peace in Tuam Cathedral on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, at noon.

In his letter "Hope does not Disappoint", introducing the Jubilee of Hope, Pope Francis writes "The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God's gift of creation".

One of the features of the Jubilee of Year of Hope is an emphasis on popular piety, such as places of pilgrimage and wayside shrines, both strongly associated with this diocese. In addition, there are local shrines, patterns, holy wells, Knock, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick and of course our churches, prayers and practices.

May we experience the joy of being 'pilgrims of hope' during the coming year.

As the dawn breaks on a new year,  
let us give thanks for all we hold dear:

our health,  
our family  
and our friends.

Let us release our grudges,  
our anger  
and our pains,

for these are nothing but binding chains.  
Let us live each day in the most loving ways,  
the God-conscious way.

Let us serve all who are in need,  
regardless of race, colour or creed.

Let us keep God in our hearts  
and to call on God's name each day.

Let us lead the world from darkness to light,  
from falsehood to truth  
and from wrong to right.

Let us remember  
that we are all one,  
embracing all,

discriminating against none.

May your year be filled with peace and love.

May God's blessings shower upon you  
and bestow upon each of you

a bright,  
healthy

and peaceful new year.

**Wishing you every blessing  
and  
a very Happy New Year in 2025**

*Athbhliain faoi shéan is faoi mhaise duit;*

*Bonne Année:*

*Frohes neues jahr;*

*Szczesliwego Nowego Roku;*

*Feliz Ano Novo;*

*Feliz Ano Nuevo;*

*Buon anno;*

*Мирний новий рік*

### **New Year's Prayer**

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to [louisburghparish@icloud.com](mailto:louisburghparish@icloud.com) no later than Thursday morning