



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

09 March 2025 First Sunday of Lent

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Sunday 09 March Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Celia Kilgallon, Month's Mind.

Bridget Tiernan, Cregganbawn, 23rd anniversary.

Owen Kilcoyne, Shrawee and Dublin.

Sunday 09 March Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

John McDonagh, Cahir and London, 20th anniversary.

Kitty and Jim Bradley, 7th and 30th anniversary.

Assumpta Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

Thomas Gibbons, Cregganroe, 6th anniversary and his wife Nancy.

Monday	No Mass	
Tuesday	11 March	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	12 March	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	13 March	10.00 a.m.
Friday	14 March	10.00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: March

Eucharistic: Martina Fadden

Reader : Carmel Austin

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh: 16 March

Eucharistic : Maureen Kilcoyne, Ann O Reilly

Reader: Louise Scott Walsh

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

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

St. Vincent de Paul:

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

Pope Francis prayer for the coming year 2025.

Every month, Pope Francis asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention.

March: For families in crisis Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts even in their differences.

Sunday 16 March Killeen 10.00 a.m.

Vera McGreal, 13th anniversary.

Katie Duffy, 3rd anniversary, her husband Tommy, 20th anniversary and their son, Michael.

Sunday 16 March Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.

Eileen Gaffney, 1st anniversary and deceased of the Gaffney & Field families.

Bridgie Piercy, Coventry.

Pope Francis' audio message

The Pope's message was brief but served as the first sign of life since Francis was hospitalized. His frail voice also put on display the severity of his condition.

The Vatican said Francis recorded the message after being "touched by the many messages of affection sent to him daily."

According to an official transcript from the Vatican, the pope said: "I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers for my health from the Square, I accompany you from here. May God bless you and the Virgin protect you. Thank you."

Louisburgh Choir Practice Monday evenings at 6.30 p.m. in St Patrick's Church. All children from 1st class upwards and their parents are invited to take part. New members very welcome.

Confirmation Confessions

Louisburgh Friday 21 March 10.30 a.m.

Killeen Tuesday 25 March 7.00 p.m.

Confirmation: Monday 07 April

Louisburgh 11.00 a.m.

Killeen 2.00 p.m.

First Confessions

Louisburgh: Wednesday, 02 April, 7.00 p.m.

Killeen: Thursday, 03 April, 7.00 p.m.

First Holy Communion

Killeen Sunday 11 May 10.00 a.m.

Louisburgh Sunday 18 May 11.30 a.m.

Please take a Trócaire Box home with you and put your Lenten sacrifice to good use.

Every day, climate change drives Ilma and Julio's family deeper into poverty. **Your love this Lent can help them...**

Deadly storms and droughts. Entire harvests lost. Livelihoods and education opportunities, gone. One in every two children under the age of five, malnourished. Right now in Guatemala, hardworking families like Ilma and Julio's are being pushed further into poverty by the relentless effects of climate change. Ilma and Julio must choose between school fees that offer hope for tomorrow, and food for their little ones. There is not enough for both anymore.

But with your gift now to help Ilma and Julio's family this Lent, you can stand beside their family. To help tackle climate injustice. To rush relief after climate crises and get families back on their feet. To help them train in new, climate-resilient farming techniques, with seeds and tools that restore soils and protect harvests. To help them send their children to school, bring weather-mapping techniques to their community, and build the kind of just, sustainable future that should belong to us all.

Please give generously for Ilma and Julio's family, and future, this Lent.

Cheques drawn on U.S. and foreign Banks

Irish Financial Institutions will not accept U.S. Dollar cheques made out for smaller amounts. U.S. Bank fees can be multiples of the actual worth of the cheque when they are returned to the U.S. for Payment. Thanks to all who contribute to our Parish but we have to ask that cheques are made out in Euro and drawn from Irish Financial Institutions. Donations can also be made by debit/credit card through the facility on our website.

www.louisburghparish.ie/donate

Lough Derg:

Three day pilgrimage to Lough Derg.
Friday 30 May to Sunday 01 June
Bus departing from St Mary's Church, Westport at 8.00 a.m.

For more details and bookings contact on 087 7401391. www.loughderg.org

A Sensory Friendly Mass takes place in the Parish Church at Knock Shrine on the last Sunday

of every month at 12.30 p.m. For queries and more information, contact Nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

SONGS OF HOPE' CONCERT AT KNOCK BASILICA

A very special Concert 'Songs of Hope' will take place on **Friday, 21 March**.

The magnificent **Knock Basilica** is the venue for evening of deeply-moving Gospel Songs, Country Music and Inspirational Hymns from **John McNicholl, Donna Taggart, Louise Morrissey and Brendan Shine and his daughter Emily**. They will be joined by **Schola Cantorum Basilicae Choir** under the direction of **Úna Nolan**. Tickets are also on sale locally from St Brigid's Gift Shop, Knock Post Office and from the Information Centre at Knock Shrine. Price €35.

Also available online from [Eventbrite.ie](https://www.eventbrite.ie) (search for 'Songs of Hope Knock'). Proceeds from this event will go towards Knock Community Centre Re-Development Fund. Enquiries to 094-9388141.

Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday, 04 May. Ceremonies commence at 2.30 p.m.

Tuam and Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, Friday 29 August to Thursday 04 September (6 nights). Contact 01 2410800 for details and booking.

Louisburgh Childcare Fundraiser: Louisburgh Childcare is hosting 5 nights of Bingo in the Louisburgh Town Hall on Sundays , 09, 16, 23 and 30 March and Sunday 13 April .
Doors open at 7.00 p.m. with bingo starting at 7.30 p.m.. A raffle will be held on each night also!

Mayo Stoma Support Group : Next Meeting is on Thursday 13 March at 7.00 p.m. in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. All are welcome