**Sunday 16 March Killeen 10.00 a.m.**

Vera McGreal, 13th anniversary.

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

James and Margaret Mc Donnell , Cross and deceased family members.

Brian Gallagher

**Sunday 16 March Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.**

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

Michael Meenaghan, 22nd anniversary.

Bridgie Piercy, Coventry.

Andrew Durkan, Lincolnshire, formerly of Bridge Street.

Tommy and Evelyn Durkan.

Fr Pat Kitterick.

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| ***St. Patricks Day***Monday 17 March Killeen 10.00 a.m.Fr James O Grady, Glenkeen, 12th anniversary.Bridget and Patrick Davitt and deceased family members. Mike Jennings, London and Thallabawn, & deceased family Members.Monday 17 March Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.Alisha Kelly, Galway and Letterkenny.Owen Kilcoyne, snr., Cahir.Patrick , Winnie and Jimmy Donnelly. Tuesday 18 March 10.00 a.m.Wednesday19 March 10.00 a.m.Thursday 20 March 10.00 a.m. Friday 21 March 10.00 a.m. |

**Liturgical Ministries** **Killeen**: **March**

Eucharistic: Martina Fadden

Reader : Carmel Austin

**Liturgical Ministries** **Louisburgh**: **23 March**

Eucharistic : Agnes Cox, Mary B Durkan

Reader: Maura Kerrigan

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

**Sunday 23 March Killeen 10.00 a.m.**

Thomas O Grady.

Michael Ruane, Thallabawn, 37th anniversary.

Bridget Ruane, Thallabawn, 16th anniversary.

**Sunday 23 March Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.**

Tommy Duffy, 1st anniversary.

Austin and Clementine Lyons, 24th & 22nd anniversaries.

**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.

**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.

**Grow in Love – Enrolment**

This Sunday 16 March we welcome to our Masses in Killeen and Louisburgh the children from our parish who are preparing for their First Holy Communion. Their presence reminds us of the need to help others learn about Jesus and to follow his way.

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

“In developing countries, storms and droughts are wiping out livelihoods and often mean that children have to leave school permanently so they can work to help support their families. Countries where people are more vulnerable to the effects of climate change are also regions where children already receive fewer years of schooling. The effects of climate change have had a disproportionate and disastrous impact on children’s education in some of the world’s most fragile countries.”

**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

**Máméan Pilgrimage - Lá Fhéile Pádraig**

The St. Patrick's Day Mass scheduled for Máméan has, for health and safety reasons, been transferred to Kilmilkin Church (H91 HX64) at 10.00 a.m. on Monday, 17 March 2025.

**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

**The annual St Patrick's Day bake sale** takes place in the parish hall on St Patrick's Day. All local bakers are asked to please leave their cakes, buns etc. into the hall from 10 o'clock on the morning.  A raffle will take place on the day for a load of turf. Proceeds on the day going to the Parish Hall and the Louisburgh Horseshow. Please heat up your ovens and get baking.

**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**](http://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 Bingo in the Louisburgh Town Hall on Sundays , 16 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!

**Thank You from Louisburgh Foroige**

Recently our members and leaders made and offered St. Brigid's Crosses for sale . Thanks to all our community who purchased the Crosses, as a result we were able to purchase (4) I pads (Tablets) and a  DJi wireless mic system for our Tech Room, that our  Foroige members use. A special thanks to Fr. Nelson for blessing all the crosses and to all the retailers who helped out by stocking and selling our Crosses. All of us here at Louisburgh Foroige are proud of the way our community supports us . Thank You all.