



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

27 April 2025 Sunday 2 of Easter

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Sunday 27 April Killeen 10.00 a.m.
Kathleen and Paddy Armstrong, Althore & their son Tom.

Sunday 27 April Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.
Joe Maxwell.
Tom and Ena Toolin, Cahir & Dublin.
Mary Kerrigan, 2nd anniversary, her father, Phonsie & mother Maura.

Monday	28 April	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	29 April	No Mass
Wednesday	30 April	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	01 May	10.00 a.m.
Friday	02 May	10.00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministries Killeen: May

Eucharistic: Margaret Donnelly

Reader : Margaret Donnelly

Liturgical Ministries Louisburgh: 04 May

Eucharistic : Ann O Reilly, Helen Fahy

Reader: Mairead Staunton

Pray for Teresa Bradley (nee O'Malley) formerly of Askelane, who died recently in Basingstoke. Teresa was sister to the late William O'Malley of Askelane.

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.

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.

Holy Communion for those with Coeliac disease; please inform the priest before Mass if you wish to receive Holy Communion in the form of bread with minimal, practically no, gluten content, or under the form of wine.

St. Vincent de Paul are looking for new members. If you are interested, please contact 087 9210885.

For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885

Sunday 04 May Killeen 10.00 a.m.
Martin and Anne O Malley, Corragoun & deceased family members.

Sunday 04 May Louisburgh 11.30 a.m.
Tommy McCormack, 9th anniversary and deceased family members.
Austin Gill Ballyhip.
Mary and Pa Duffy, Ballyhip.
Ita Durkan, Bridge Street.
Anthony Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.
Johnny O Toole, Doughmakeon.
Bernie Gallagher, 1st anniversary.

The death of Pope Francis is truly sad news for the Church and the world. For those in the Church, not only has a spiritual leader died, but a father, *Papa Francesco*, has died. And for people of good will everywhere, a courageous, loving, welcoming, and challenging public figure has died. The outpouring of affection and grief at the death of Pope Francis is quite understandable and not at all unexpected. As one parishioner said "the parish priest of the world has died".

He is the Pope who gave us the *Year of Mercy* in 2016 with an emphasis on forgiveness and reconciliation. His celebrated letter *Laudato si'* – on caring for our common home, is a document filled with hope. He gave us this Jubilee Year of hope.

Above all, it is Pope Francis' love for God's people, especially those in poverty and on the margins, and those who experience rejection because of personal circumstances, that will long live in the memories of all who observed him.

He brought the Church of the twenty-first century on to a synodal pathway, one in which the voice of everyone, without exception, is to be heard.

On a more local level, Pope Francis visited Knock Shrine in the summer of 2018 while he was in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families.

The news of Pope Francis' death draws from us feelings of gratitude and appreciation, for this son of Italian immigrants to Argentina, who became Pope, *The Rock* – "You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church."

Requiescat in pace.

Grow in Love – Preparing for first Holy Communion: Those preparing for the sacrament of first Eucharist will be participating in our Masses this Sunday 27 April.

As a community we are called to affirm and support each other in our faith. We make this journey of faith together in the shelter of one another - we cannot do it alone. The parents and children who join us today need our encouragement and our prayers.

At the Last Supper Jesus asked us to 'do this in memory of me'. Each group of children who prepare for their First Communion help us all to remain faithful to that promise.

First Holy Communion

Killeen	Sunday 11 May 10.00 a.m.
Louisburgh	Sunday 18 May 11.30 a.m.

Easter Collection is taken up at this time. This is one of the four collections (Christmas, Easter, Summer and Autumn) for priests in Tuam Archdiocese that is held during the year. Sincere thanks to all who contribute so generously to all collections during the year.

Trócaire Collection will be taken up throughout the Easter period.

It is an old tradition in the church that we help the poor by our donations on Holy Thursday.

A request: It would be very much appreciated if put your offering in the envelope provided.

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

Pope Francis prayer for the year 2025. Every month, Pope Francis had asked Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention.

April: For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

Blessing for Expectant Mothers

There will be a blessing ceremony for all expectant mothers in the Basilica at Knock Shrine on Saturday 03 May at 11.00 a.m.

It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present.

All couples / families are welcome.

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

St. Padre Pio Relics to visit Holycross Abbey (E41PH01): Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparishoffice@gmail.com for information.

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

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. **Keeping our Churches Tidy:** If do not wish to bring the Mass Leaflet / Newsletter home with you, it would be greatly appreciated if you would leave it on the table in the porch after Mass.

Louisburgh Foroige: will be once again hosting their annual Pieta House **Darkness into light** walk on Saturday 10 May meeting at Old Head Carpark @ 4.00 a.m. with walk commencing at 4.15. Save the date, this event is open for all the community.

All donation on the night going to Pieta House.



Scan QR Code to make a donation or you can donate in our collection buckets on the night.

All are welcome to join us on the night.

Thanking You, Louisburgh Foroige.

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