



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

25 January 2026 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
098 66198
www.louisburghparish.ie



Sunday 25 January 10.00 a.m.

Tim Kitterick, 1st anniversary Aillemore.
Kate and Pat Corrigan & deceased family.
Maryann and Andy McGrail & their son Dominic.
Kathleen Sutton/ 6th anniversary

Sunday 25 January 11.30 a.m.

John Foye, Accony, 1st anniversary.
Galie McManamim nee Morahan, 1st anniversary.
Fr Leo Morahan.
Nora Kitterick, Furmoyle and deceased family members.
Bridie O Toole, Carrowclaggan.
Mary Corrigan, Woodfield, 10th anniversary and her husband, Jimmy, 30th anniversary.

Monday	January 26	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	January 27	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	January 28	No Mass
Thursday	January 29	10.00 a.m.
Friday	January 30	10.00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers in Killeen February

Reader: Padraig (Dan) O Malley

Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane

Liturgical Ministers in Louisburgh February 01

Reader: Una Morrison-Power

Eucharistic: Maureen Kilcoyne, John Joe Gibbons

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

Adoration in Louisburgh Church:

Wednesday Mornings 10.30 a.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Sick calls

If anyone would like Fr. Nelson to attend the sick at their home, for confession and holy communion, phone the parish office on 098 66198.

Blessing of homes: If anyone would like their home blessed, contact Fr. Nelson on 098 66198 or email louisburghparish@icloud.com

Louisburgh Choir Practice Monday nights 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. New members welcome. Children from 1st class upwards.

Sunday 01 February 10.00 a.m.

James O Malley, Corragaun.
Bridie and Michael McGrail & deceased of the McGrail & Davitt families.

Sunday 01 February 11.30 a.m.

Kitty Kilcoyne, Cahir, Months Mind and her husband, Owen.
Eleanor Lyons, 15th anniversary.

St. Vincent de Paul: For assistance, please contact 087 921 0885 in confidence.

Fatima Pilgrimage 2026: Fatima and Lisbon Coast; 7 nights (4+3); June 25th to July 2nd 2026; With Spiritual Director; ex Dublin. For details and booking: 012410800.

Medjugorje Pilgrimage: Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages-Led by Sharon O Leary. Direct flights from Knock October 21st- 28th. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph. Complete Spiritual Programme available. 7 nights accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day to compliment the Irish palate! Early booking discount price €865 available until January 30th. For further information contact Sharon 086 0523014.

Louisburgh Choir Practice Monday nights 6.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. New members welcome. Children from 1st class upwards.

Mayo Stoma Support Group will be having their next meeting on Thursday 29 January at 7.00 p.m. in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. It is open to all who either have a stoma or care for them. If you would like to book a place, please text 087 6275766

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

Those of you who are able to stand;

Please Stand, As the celebrant /priest Says " Pray brethren that my sacrifice and yours...." and remain standing to respond, " May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands ..." The celebrant invites you to stand at this point in the Holy Mass to pray the "offertory prayer" also referred to as the Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer because

This, is the High Point of the Holy Mass , where we offer ourselves to God our Heavenly Father through the gifts of bread, wine and collection. This is part of the church rubric was one of the changes implemented by the Novas Ordo in 1979 with the purpose of encouraging increased active participation by the congregation.

Standing is a sign of Respect and Honour. Standing symbolises our faith in Christ. We stand with Him THROUGH our faith in Him as participating members of His Church.

When we stand for prayer we assume our full stature before God, not in pride , but in humble gratitude for the marvellous thing God has done in creating and redeeming each one of us .

Standing unites the congregation with the celebrant and the church prayer.

By Baptism we have been given a share in the life of God and the posture of standing is an acknowledgement of this wonderful gift.

The Presentation of the Lord: Candlemas: (Monday 02 Feb.) is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary 40 days after the birth of her son. It also marks the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. Christians were observing this holiday in Jerusalem as early as the 4th Century A.D. Candlemas is a cross quarter day, halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. Many northern European pagans (persons who were not Christian, Jewish or Muslim) celebrated in various ways on the quarter days and cross quarter days. The early Christians made a big celebration out of Candlemas which gave new Christian converts something else to do when they might otherwise have been tempted to revert to pagan tradition. Candles were lit on this day to symbolize that Jesus Christ was the light, the truth and the way. Eventually it became the day on which the year's supply of candles for the church were blessed. The Feast of Purification is called *Candlemas* because of that.

Table quiz fundraiser for Louisburgh Sheep Show & Fair in McNamaras bar Friday 30 January at 8.30pm.

Mayo Cancer Support (Rock Rose House) Church Gate Collection

Mayo Cancer Support Assoc, at Rock Rose House, will be holding their annual church gate collection in your church area on Sunday 08 February .

We would appreciate your continued support for this local charity, that offers free emotional support to all affected by cancer and their families. See www.mayocancersupport.ie
If anyone can volunteer to assist with the collections, please contact Rose 083 489 0754

Louisburgh-Killeen Heritage invite you to Killeen Community Centre on Saturday 31 January, 11am-1pm to make St. Brigid's Crosses using rushes. All ages and abilities welcome to this free event with refreshments served.

The organisers of the Louisburgh Community Christmas Fair presented Louisburgh Community Futures with the proceeds from the 2025 Christmas market. A very generous €500 was raised towards the Townhall restoration fund. Thanks to everyone who supported and made the one day event so memorable.

Louisburgh Foroige:

Blessed St. Brigid's Crosses (blessed by Fr. Nelson) with prayer, handmade by our members & available to purchase in our local shops, €5 each all proceeds going directly to our Young people here in Louisburgh Foroige. Any Queries on where to purchase or to order them, contact Marie on 087 6530067.

Valentines Bingo on Sunday 15th Feb all welcome in Louisburgh Town Hall, Doors 7.30 Bingo @ 8.00. Louisburgh Foroige thank you for your continued support.

Safety in Church Grounds: All people using church grounds are asked to take due care and act responsibly at all times. In particular young people are asked not to use church grounds as a short cut to Sancta Maria College or its grounds by climbing over walls and railings. Apart from endangering themselves it is damaging the railings and church grounds.