



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

01 February 2026 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Sunday 01 February 10.00 a.m.

James O Malley, Corragaun.
Bridie and Michael McGreal & deceased of the McGreal & Davitt families.
James Gallagher, Dadreen.
Sally Davitt, 5th anniversary.

Sunday 01 February 11.30 a.m.

Kitty Kilcoyne, Cahir, Months Mind and her husband, Owen.
Eleanor Lyons, 15th anniversary.
Pat Cox.
Tony McCormack, 42nd anniversary.

Monday	February 02	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	February 03	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	February 04	No Mass
Thursday	February 05	10.00 a.m.
Friday	February 06	10.00 a.m.

Liturgical Ministers in Killeen February

Reader: Padraic (Dan) O Malley

Eucharistic: Geraldine Ruane

Liturgical Ministers in Louisburgh February 08

Reader: Willie Moran

Eucharistic: Margaret O Malley,
Marian Moran

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

Adoration in Louisburgh Church:

Wednesday Mornings 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.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.

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

Sunday 08 February 10.00 a.m.

Anne Lally, Months Mind.
Pat Joe & Nora O Malley 37th & 19th anniversaries, Curraccony.
Derek Taylor 13th anniversary and his wife Phil

Sunday 08 February 11.30 a.m.

Annie B Casey, 9th anniversary.

Blessing of St. Bridget's Crosses:

May these crosses be a sign of our sharing in the Paschal Mystery of your Son and signify your protection of our lives, our land and its creatures. Through St. Brigid's intercession, during the coming year and always, may the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be on this cross, on the hands that made it and on our home where it hangs. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Candlemas:

At the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple he was revealed as the light to enlighten all nations. Candles will be blessed at Sunday Mass.

"Bless these candles and make them holy. Loving God, accept the prayers of your people, who will use these candles in praise of your name, that they may walk in the path of goodness until they reach that light which never fails. "You are encouraged to bring along candles you wish to have blessed.

Feast of St. Blaise

Blessing of Throats. The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian. This blessing is ordinarily given during Mass, or a Liturgy of the Word, on 03 February, the feast of Saint Blaise.

Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat, and from all other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 priest. A 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.

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 our church area next 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

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.

Dates for 2026

Ash Wednesday	18 February
St. Patrick's Day	17 March
Holy Thursday	02 April
Good Friday	03 April
Easter Sunday	05 April
First Communion Killeen	16 May
First Communion Louisburgh	17 May
Corpus Christi	07 June

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.

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.

WebCams – Recording: The cameras in both churches are set up only for the live streaming of Masses. There is no facility for recording events in the churches.

However, most mobile phones, tablets and computers have the facility to record what is being watched on the screen if people wish to record certain events.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Baptisms are usually celebrated in Killeen or Louisburgh churches on Saturday afternoons.

The arrangement is that if more than one baptism is booked for that day that they will be celebrated together at the time the first one was booked for. Many parishes now have a set day in the month for Baptisms but up to this we have been able to accommodate parents as to when the sacrament is held, but it is a situation that will have to be kept under review.

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.