



KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

22 February 2026 1st Sunday of Lent

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Killeen Sunday 22 February 10.00 a.m.
Paddy Frazer, Killeen, 3rd anniversary.

Louisburgh Sunday 22 February 11.30 a.m.
Mary and Austin O Toole, their sons, James, Michael & William, daughter, Annie & daughter in law, Joan.
Eddie and Agnes Reilly.
Ashling Coyne, 28th anniversary.
Celia O'Grady
Margaret O'Grady.
Rosemarie Tiernan and her parents, Sam & Bridget Ferson.
John Nicholson, 9th anniversary.
Tony Sammon, 4th anniversary.

Monday	February 23	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	February 24	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	February 25	10.00 a.m.
Thursday	February 26	10.00 a.m.
Friday	February 27	07.30 a.m.

For the season of Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.30 a.m. every Friday in Louisburgh Church.

Pray for: John Needham, Feenone and Pauline Kilcoyne-Walsh, who died recently.

Liturgical Ministers in Killeen March
Reader: Carmel Austin
Eucharistic: Martina Fadden
Liturgical Ministers in Louisburgh February 22
Reader: Louise Scott
Eucharistic: Agnes Cox, Una Morrison-Power

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 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.

Killeen Sunday 01 March 10.00 a.m.
Bridget and Anthony Jordan & deceased family members.

Michael Gibbons, Carrowniskey, 22nd anniversary.

Louisburgh Sunday 01 March 11.30 a.m.
Tim Torphy, The Tuirlings and Coolock, Dublin, 1st anniversary.
Alan Durkan, 13th anniversary.
Mary Jo Ball, 3rd anniversary.
Willie O Malley & deceased family, Askelane.

Dates for 2026

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 Jun

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

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 night' accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day to compliment the Irish palate. For further information contact Sharon 086 0523014.

Children's Saturday evening Mass, starting 07 March in Louisburgh Church at 6.00 p.m..

Multiple Sclerosis: Churchgate Collection this Sunday 22 February for your local Multiple Sclerosis South Mayo Branch. Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

Please take a Trócaire box home with you and put your Lenten sacrifice to good use. Uwamahoro from Rwanda is on this year's Trócaire Lenten Box. As she cooks, Uwamahoro's children study in a bare house with no windows or electricity. Her mother, Verediana, 68, does as much as she can despite living with a disability.



But the increasing extremes of climate change in Rwanda make every day even harder. Their house is crumbling and the pressure on Uwamahora is rising.

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine, led by gifted Croatian Priest, Fr Rozo Palic Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th. Venue: St. John's Welcome Centre; Saturday 10:00 am - 6:30 pm & Sunday 10:00 am - 4:30 pm. He will be supported by his Croatian Music Ministry team; no prior booking required; everyone is most welcome and please bring a packed lunch. For further enquires please contact, Patricia on 089 9466193 or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Car Rally: On Sunday 01 March, there will be road closures in the Clogher, Aughagower & Erriff Bohaun areas throughout the day. Please see local press for further details

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.

Mayo Stoma Support Group will be having their next meeting on Thursday 19 March at 7.00 p.m.. in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar. It is open to all who either have a stoma or care for them.6275766

Bingo every Friday night in Killeen Community Centre. Doors open at 7.30, p.m., eyes down at 8.00 p.m..

Congratulations to Jack McDowell who won the Coakley-Fuller cup for Baroque Music at the Newpark festival. Jack is our pianist in Killeen Church.

Gaza Fundraising Concert: Somebody Special – A Fundraising Concert for Gaza takes place in Claremorris Town Hall on Saturday next, February 28th at 7.30pm, featuring local musicians performing in support of humanitarian aid. The show sold out at the same venue in August. This concert offers a simple act of solidarity and hope for families in Gaza today. Tickets are available now from Claremorris Town Hall Theatre via the Box Office (094 931 0999) or at www.townhall.ie. All proceeds from this concert will go to Medical Aid for Palestinians (<https://www.map.org.uk/>).

Exercise classes: 6-week block: Over 60s/ Beginner to strength, exercise class; Starting Thursday 26 Feb, Louisburgh Town Hall 9.30 a.m. No previous experience required. To book your place; Text 087 663 0006 prior to starting date.

25 Drive fundraiser on Tuesday 07 April in Fahy Community Centre in aid of Daisy Lodge Children's cancer facility in Cong Co. Mayo Doors open @ 8.00 p.m. - games commence 8.30 pm sharp Admission €10 Raffle tickets for sale on the night with lots of prizes and refreshments served . All support greatly appreciated.

Louisburgh Childcare CLG will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday, 23 March 2026 at 8.00pm in Ard Caher, Cairde Caher, Louisburgh. All are welcome to attend.

Lights, Camera, Contemplation!' with Brendan O'Regan is an immersive residential retreat exploring spiritual and religious themes through the power of film. This retreat takes place in the new retreat village at Knock Shrine from Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th 2026. Limited places available. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.