



Killeen Sunday 08 March 10.00 a.m.
Bridget and Michael Ruane, Thallabawn.
Owen Kilcoyne, Shrawee and Dublin, 2nd Anniversary.

Louisburgh Sunday 08 March 11.30 a.m.
Jim and Kitty Bradley, Chapel St. 31st & 8th Anniversary.
Thomas Gibbons, Cregganroe and his wife, Nancy.
John Duffy, Bridge Street.
Pat Joe Kirby, Askelane.

Monday	March 09	10.00 a.m.
Tuesday	March 10	10.00 a.m.
Wednesday	March 11	No Mass
First Confession Louisburgh		7.00 p.m.
Thursday	March 12	10.00 a.m.
Friday	March 13	07.00 a.m.

Pray for Michael Needham, Kiltoom, Castlepollard, Co Westmeath (formerly Cregganbawn) who died during the week. during the week.

For the season of Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 a.m. every Friday in Louisburgh Church.

Children's Saturday evening Mass, in Louisburgh Church at 6.00 p.m.. All children to be accompanied by an adult.

Liturgical Ministers in Killeen March
Reader: Carmel Austin
Eucharistic: Martina Fadden
Liturgical Ministers in Louisburgh March 15
Reader: Catherine Hartley
Eucharistic: Maureen Kilcoyne, Ann O Reilly

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.

Killeen Sunday 15 March 10.00 a.m.
John Needham, Month's Mind.
Vera McGreal, 14th Anniversary.

Louisburgh Sunday 15 March 11.30 a.m.
Michael Meenaghan, 23 Anniversary.

Dates for 2026

Louisburgh first confession	11 March
Killeen first confession	19 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 Jun

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.

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

Grow in Love – Preparing for first Holy Communion: Those preparing for the sacrament of first Eucharist will be participating in our Masses this Sunday 08 March. The children and their families are very welcome.

Please take a Trócaire box home with you and put your Lenten sacrifice to good use. Rwanda is a small, landlocked and densely populated country with around 13.6 million people, of which 52 percent are women, 65 percent are under the age of 30 and 72 percent live in rural areas.

Less than half the size of Ireland, but more than double the population, Rwanda's rural population density is amongst the highest in the world. The country's economy remains largely dependent on agriculture, with 69 percent of rural households involved in small-scale farming on small plots of land. Irregular rainfall, drought, floods, pests and diseases, together with intense competition for agricultural land, continue to affect food security.

Located on the East African Rift, a region of intense tectonic activity, Rwanda is known as the ' Land of a Thousand Hills', with lush, sloped land covering much of the country, particularly the west. This means that as the effects of climate change have intensified, and flash flooding has become more common, the threat of landslides has risen.

The Climate Just Communities (CJC) programme includes participants whose homes have been destroyed by such landslides in recent years. In 2024, Rwanda hosted around 135,000 refugees and asylum seekers, mainly from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Burundi.

Rwanda experiences shocks and stressors, including the effects of regional conflicts, a changing climate with increases in floods, droughts, and landslides.

How the Climate Crisis is Affecting Rwanda: Rising rainfall, rising risk In Western Rwanda, intense rainfall is now five times more likely to lead to deadly flooding and landslides, displacing families and destroying homes. (Ref: UN OCHA, 2023)

A food crisis fuelled by floods Worsening storms and poor soil have caused crop yields to drop by over 50% in some regions. For farming families, this means more hunger and less income. (Ref: FAO, 2023) Women carry the burden. Across Rwanda, women do 70% of agricultural work, as men are more likely to seek paid work in cities or towns. When climate change strikes, it is the work of mothers and grandmothers which is affected.

Congratulations to Ruby and Nellie Smyth who won 1st place in their relevant age groups, singing at New Park festival recently. Both sisters are members of Louisburgh Choir.

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..

Save the date: St Patricks Day, monster raffle and cake sale in aid of Louisburgh Cemeteries and Town Hall restoration fund, after 11.30 Mass Tuesday 17 March in the Town Hall.

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.

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.