KILLEEN & LOUISBURGH NEWSLETTER

15 March 2026 4th Sunday of Lent

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Killeen Sunday 15 March 10.00 a.m.
John Needham, Month's Mind.
Vera McGreal, 14th Anniversary.
Brian Gallagher.
Tuesday 17 March 10.00 a.m.
Fr. James O Grady, Glenkeen,13th Anniversary.
Michael Jennings, Thallabawn and London.
Bridget and Patrick Davitt & deceased family.

Louisburgh Sunday 15 March 11.30 a.m.
Michael Meenaghan, 23 Anniversary.
Joan Finnegan.
Triona McConnell, her husband, Paddy, their son, Michael &deceased family members.
Assumpta Kilcoyne, Shranacloye.

Monday	March 16	**12.00 p.m.**
Funeral Mass.		
Tuesday	**St. Patricks Day**	**11.30 a.m.**
Wednesday	March 18	NO Mass
Thursday	March 19	10.00 a.m.
Friday	**March 20**	**7.00 a m.**
Saturday	**March 21**	**6.00 p.m.**
Children's Mass.		

For the season of Lent, Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 a.m. every Friday in Louisburgh Church, and 11.00 a.m. in The Old Convent.

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 22
Reader**:** Chris Fields
Eucharistic: Agnes Cox, Mary B Durkan.

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.

Penitential Service Sunday 22 March in Louisburgh church 7.30 pm

Killeen Sunday 22 March 10.00 a.m.
Thomas O Grady.

Louisburgh Sunday 22 March 11.30 a.m.
Tommy Duffy, Fallduff, 2nd Anniversary.
John Ruane, Mooneen.
Kathleen Burke, Carramore and Delphi, 40th Anniversary.

Dates for 2026

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

First Confession: Killeen, Thursday 19 March at 7.00 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

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.

Celebrating St. Patrick' is an evening of Irish Music, Culture and Heritage which takes place in Knock Basilica on Sunday, March 15th at 8pm. All are welcome. Free admission. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

Please take a Trócaire box home with you and put your Lenten sacrifice to good use.

Verediana- wisdom and fortitude
The grandmother of the family, 68-year-old Verediana, lives with a disability and is unable to work. The family do not have any livestock or land, so they are solely reliant on Uwamahoro's income to buy food, along with whatever they can gather themselves from around the local community, such as cassava leaves and beans, which she pounds down to make a stew.
Verediana has lived in her small community all her life. She has survived three wars, but was left with a disability that limits her movement, which makes the precarious nature of the roof in her house even more worrying: 'It is just my daughter who goes and works and gets us what to eat, and the problem is having this house which is old, so it can fall down any time.'

Verediana acknowledges that she has been through a lot in her life, but she is very spiritual and inspirational in her resilience.'What I can tell people is that if I only get what to eat and what to drink, that is enough'

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.

Louisburgh Community Housing AGM in Graunaile centre Wednesday 25th March at 8.00 p.m. All welcome

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..

Louisburgh St. Patrick's Day Parade
Our Annual parade will take place on Tuesday 17 March, at 12.15 pm approximately.

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.

Happy Mothers' Day

Motherhood is a million little moments that God weaves together with grace, redemption, laughter, tears and most of all, love. Lysa Terkeurst.

Notices should be sent to the parochial house or emailed to louisburghparish@icloud.com no later than Thursday morning