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(The parish newsletter is available on-line @ www.clonfertdioocese.ie)

Third Week of Advent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 10th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Packie and Claire Clarke
Sunday 11th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Kathleen, John, Mary-Ellen and Joe Healy.
Monday 12th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 13th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 14th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 15th December	8.00am.	St Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 16th December : No Mass			
Saturday 17th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Ena Flannery
Sunday 18th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Pat Melody

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 17th December: Cathy Boyle

Sunday 18th December: Mary Horan

Readers: Saturday 17th December: Helen La Branche.

Sunday 18th December: Andrew Watkins

Collections: 3/4th December

€735.21. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection next weekend (17/18th December) is the Priests' Christmas Collection.

Food Appeal: This weekend we collect non-perishable food at both churches for the Loughrea Lions Food Appeal. Please support as best you can. Thank you.

Contact numbers: St. Vincent de Paul: 086-0551134. Lions Club: 086-1758066.

Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.

Pray for the sick of the Parish: Remember in your prayers any parishioner that may not be in good health.

Pope's Intention for December: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Workshop on authentic and respectful self-assertiveness. Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea, 3 Monday .nights January. 23rd, 30th, February. 4th (7pm to 10pm) Register by December. 23rd. Enquiries: Mary Silke, PRH Educator 090 6624937 www.prhireland.ie

Reflection: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God among us. - Edward Hays.

Gaudete Sunday: This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday or Joyful Sunday. It is symbolised by the lighting of the pink/rose candle on the Advent Wreath. The joy of the kingdom is anticipated. The readings speak of the signs of the kingdom foretold by John the Baptist and the prophet Isaiah. Patient waiting for the fulfilment is our Christian duty. There should be no complaining, no giving up or losing heart. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise the Christian community.

Forth-coming events:

Saturday 10th/Sunday 11th December Bambellini Sunday, Blessing of the crib figure of Jesus at both Masses. Please bring your baby Jesus for a blessing before placing Him in the crib in your home on Christmas Eve.

Tuesday 13th December Rehearsal for Nativity Play for Leitrim NS, 7pm, St Andrew Church (one parent to accompany their child)

Friday 16th December. Wedding, 1pm. St Andrew Church

Sunday 18th December Carol Service, 7pm. St Jarlath Church with refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre.

A thought: The only blind person at Christmas time is he who has not Christmas in his heart. - Helen Keller.

Our sympathy to Alan Ladak and the Flaherty family on the death of Teresa Ladak (nee Flaherty of Kylebrack and Camden Town) who was laid to rest in Leitrim New Cemetery last Sunday. May she rest in peace.

Loughrea Family and Community and Resource Centre: Progressive 25, Sunday 11th, 8pm, Temperance Hall. Fee: €10. All welcome.

Chernobyl Church Gate Collection: Total: €426.00. Thank you for your generous support.

RHS Home Carers needed. E-mail: job@rhshomecare.ie

Birthday wishes: Congratulations and best wishes to Brigid Larkin who will be 102 years on Monday 12th December.

Christmas Carol Service

St Brigid's College, Loughrea are holding their annual Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 15th December @ 8.00p.m. in the Carmelite Abbey. All welcome and all proceeds go to St. Vincent De Paul.

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results, Numbers Drawn: 5,17,18,21. Three match three winners: Donie Reidy, Masonbrook; Richie, Kate & James Healy, Racecourse; Della Monaghan, Ballingarry. Next Jackpot, €4,200.