

**The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.**  
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**Fourth Week of Advent: Mass Times**

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 17th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Ena Flannery
Sunday 18th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Pat Melody
Monday 19th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 20th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 21st December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 22nd December	8.00am.	St Andrew	The Roche Family, Living and Deceased
<b>Friday 23rd December : No Mass</b>			
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Michael O'Rourke
<b>Midnight Mass</b>		St. Jarlath	People of the Parish
<b>Christmas Day</b>	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Jane Dobson

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christmas Eve: Patricia O'Brien. Midnight Mass: Maureen Walsh. Christmas Day: Gerry Hernon.

**Readers:** Christmas Eve: Cathal Lenehan. Midnight Mass: Hazel Touhy. Christmas Day: Georgia Deely.

**Collections: 10/11th December:** €575.84. St Vincent de Paul: €761.00. The second collection and envelope is for the Priests Christmas Collection. Thank you for your contributions.

**Food Appeal:** Thanks to everyone who contributed to this appeal. It is greatly appreciated.

*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](http://www.prhireland.ie)

**A thought:** All that is gold does not glitter, not all those who wander are lost; the old that is strong does not wither, deep roots are not reached by the frost. JRR Tolkien.

**Reflection:** *Do they know it's Christmas:* > 65 million people in our world up-rooted and displaced > Half of them are children > 3,000 people drowned in the Mediterranean in 2015 in a frantic effort to reach Europe > Ireland has pledged to take in 4,000 Syrian refugees by the end of next year and so far 500 have been accepted > Well over 1,000 families in Ireland are homeless > People homeless in Ireland: 6,709 > Homes repossessed: 1,966. – White Fathers Community, Templeogue, Dublin.

**Readings this weekend:** Our attention is now directed fully to the coming of Christ in the Christmas mystery. The Preface of the Mass calls us to wonder at this great happening, to prepare for Christmas in prayer and praise. The psalm tells us to purify our hearts as preparation. Prayer and reconciliation should be features of these days.

**Events:** Sunday 18th December 7pm, Carol Service, St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan. Refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre. Tuesday 20th December 8pm, Reconciliation Service, Cappataggle. All welcome.

**Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club** Lotto Results, December 6th  
 Four match three winners Numbers Drawn: 5, 17, 18, 21. No jackpot winner.  
 Four match 3 winners: Donnie Reidy, Masonbrook, Richie, Kate and James Healy, Racecourse, Delia Monaghan, Ballingarry and Mike Kenny, Leitrim.  
 Results on December 10th: Numbers Drawn 7,24,27,28 No jackpot winner, one match 3 winner: Michelle and Daniel Burke, Aille. Jackpot next weekend €4,300.

**Shamrocks 50/50 winner** December 11th Brendan Skelly.

**Junior Choir:** Please note the following events:

We are asking all singers and musicians to attend the celebrations. Please share your wonderful talents! Bring your guitars, tin whistles, etc. **Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm: (Ballydugan Church): Christmas Carol Service.** (Refreshments afterwards in Community Centre). **Wednesday, December 21st** at 7pm (Leitrim Church): Rehearsal for Christmas Eve Mass. **Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. (Leitrim Church): Christmas Eve Children's Mass.**

**Christmas 25 Card game;** Kilnadeema Field committee annual Christmas card game will take place in the Krush bar, Kilnadeema on Tuesday next, December 20th at 8.30pm. A great night is assured.

**Calling all emigrants home for Christmas** - 'Home for Work' Event in the Harbour Hotel, Galway city on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December from 10-1pm. Bring along your CV and talk to experts about local job opportunities on the day. All are welcome. Any questions feel free to call on 091 706717.

**Kilnadeema/Leitrim Hurling Club** are currently selling tickets for the GAA National Club Draw with many prizes including 1<sup>st</sup> prize of a Car. Tickets are €10 each and all funds raised are retained by our club. Contact John 086 3435398 or any Committee member for details.

**Wishing all our parishioners a happy and holy Christmas.**

