

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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

Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 28th January	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Joseph and Catherine Healy
Sunday 29th January	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Private Intention
Monday 30th January	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 31st January	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 1st February	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 2nd February	6.30pm.	St Andrew	The Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles and Throats.
Friday 3rd February: No Mass			
Saturday 4th February	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	John (6th) and Agnes Kenny (7th Anniversary) (Killeen)
Sunday 5th February	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Michael Mannion (Hollyhill)

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 4th February: Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 5th February: Mary Callanan.

Readers: Sunday 4th February: Claire LaBranche.

Sunday 5th February: Hazel Tuohy

Collections: 21/22nd January: €512.18. CURA: €292.09. Thank you for your contributions. The second collection next weekend is for Lourdes. This collection supports people who would like to go to Lourdes seeking healing and consolation. Please give as generously as you can.

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.

Note: Mass on Thursday 2nd is at 6.30pm. We will bless candles for your home and candles you wish to donate to the churches. We will also bless throats as it is the eve of St Blaise.

Blessing of Throats: The blessing of St Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick.

Forth coming event: Sunday 29th January, Baptism, 12 noon, St Jarlath Church.

Reflection: Letting go. Forgiveness is another word for letting go. We are saved by forgiveness, the power to forgive ourselves, to allow ourselves to be forgiven, which matures into the power to forgive others and allow them their time to be forgiven. Forgiveness is about letting go of guilt - some imagined, some real - and about letting go of fear. There is no healing, no salvation, without forgiveness. and with forgiveness all things become saved and healed once again. - Matthew Fox, 'A Theology of the Cross', A New Creation, ed. Roger S. Gottlieb (New York: Crossroad) p.27.

The Presentation of the Lord. This feast is a remembrance of the Lord and Mary, mother of the Lord. With candles in their hands, the people go out to meet the Lord and to acclaim him like Simeon, who recognised Christ as 'a light to reveal God to the nations'.

The Pope's Intention for February: That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees and the marginalised, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

Our sympathy to Ena Molloy and family on the death of her brother-in-law, Henry Molloy. May he rest in peace.

Knock Shrine Pilgrimage to New York (8-14 May):

See www.knockshrine.ie/newyork or Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800.

ASIST Suicide Awareness Course: Two day course, Fri 10-Sat 11th Feb, Shearwater Hotel Ballinasloe. Limited places. Phone: 090-6665071 or email: mary.mcgrath9@hse.ie.

Congratulations to Sr. Benedict Costello (Leitrim and Newcastle, England) on reaching her 100 birthday on Friday 27th January. May God bless her with good health and many more years.

Medjugorje: May 24th - 31st. €619. Contact: Michael Mulryan 0876737888.

Pastoral Ministry Support Co-ordinator for Clonfert: Clonfert Diocese wishes to employ a suitable person to undertake a new role of pastoral Co-ordinator for the diocese. Please see noticeboards for more information. Applications on or before 1st February 2017.

Remembrance Service: Portiuncula University Hospital, Monday 6th Feb, 7.30pm in Hospital Chapel. This is a service for parents who have experienced bereavement through the death of a child or who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or neonatal death.

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results:

Numbers Drawn: 2,16,20,2. No Jackpot winner. One match three winner: Sean Callanan, Kilcooley. Next Jackpot €4,900

A thought: Appreciate rather than complain.

The Kilconieron Camogie Club Bingo fundraiser that was postponed in November is now on the 28th of January in the Meadow Court Hotel at 8.30pm sharp. €500 jackpot to be won. Your support is much appreciated.

There are a number of places left on the 4 week Jobs Club course at Loughrea Family Resource Centre. If you would like help with CV preparation etc., you can book your place by contacting us on 091 871149.

During lambing season it is very important that you keep your dog under control at all times. No dog should be out loose after dark.