

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.
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 (The parish newsletter is available on-line @ www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

Fifth Week in Ordinary Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 4th February	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	John and Agnes Kenny (Killeen)
Sunday 5th February	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Michael Mannion (Hollyhill)
Monday 6th February	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 7th February	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 8th February	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 9th February	8.00am.	St Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 10th February	6.30pm.	St Andrew	Mary Coleman (Months Mind)
Saturday 11th February	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Pat, Thomas and Margaret Tierney
Sunday 12th February	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	John and Catherine Duane

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 11th February: Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 12th February: Maureen Walsh.

Readers: Sunday 11th February: Maria Kennedy.

Sunday 12th February: Georgia Deely.

Collections: 28/29th January €496.29. The second collection this weekend is for Lourdes. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you for your contributions.

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.

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.

Readings this weekend: Christians who have the Beatitudes as their rule of life become salt of the earth and light of the world. We should recognise the dignity that is ours as we share in the work of Christ. Like him we are to lead all people to praise the wonderful deeds of God. The spirit-filled community can bring about a new world. Christian love will make light rise in the darkness of our world.

Congratulations and welcome to the faith community to Alice Rita O'Malley who was baptised last weekend in St Andrew Church, Leitrim.

Reflection: Real charity calls for the study of agriculture, soil husbandry, engineering, architecture, mining, manufacturing, transportation, the making of monuments and pictures, songs and stories. It calls not just for skills but for the study and criticism of skills, because in all of them a choice must be made: they can be used either charitably or uncharitably. How can you love your neighbour if you don't know how to build or mend a fence, how to keep your filth out of his water supply and your poison out of his air; or if you do not produce anything and so have nothing to offer, or do not take care of yourself and so become a burden? How can you be a neighbour without applying principle - without bringing virtue to a practical issue? How will you practice virtue without skill? - Wendell Berry, 'The Gift of Good Land', A New Creation, ed. Roger S. Gottlieb (New York: Crossroad) p.322.

Parish Finance Committee: A meeting of this committee was held on Monday night and it found satisfaction with the accounts for 2016. The Committee would encourage all parishioners to use the envelope system when contributing to the church as it makes for easy accounting. Using your envelope when visiting another parish church ensures your continued support of your parish as the envelope is returned. A copy of the accounts 2016 is posted on the noticeboards.

Leitrim National School are currently enrolling for September 2017. If you wish to enrol your child you can contact the school on (091) 847470, email leitrimschool@gmail.com or alternatively download the enrolment forms from our website: www.leitrimns.com

Forth coming event: Baptism Sunday 12th February 12.15pm, St Andrew Church.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: Tuesday 7th February, 8.30pm, Community Centre.

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.

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: 3,17,30,32. No Jackpot winner. Three match three winners:

Brigid Larkin Traskernagh; Ann Kinsella, Fahy Gardens, Loughrea and Paddy McLoughlin, Grange. Next Jackpot €5,000.

Shamrock's camogie 50/50 winner January 29th Niamh Gately.

Kilnadeema/Leitrim Hurling Club are selling tickets for the GAA National Club Draw with many prizes including 1st prize of a Car. Tickets are €10 each and all funds raised are retained by our club. Closing date is February 12th. Contact John 086 3435398 or any Committee member for details.

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.

Loughrea Bingo: Every Friday night at 8pm. Temperance Hall. Jackpot: €10,000.

Landscape and Horticulture Course: Fetac level 4, St Rynagh's College, Banagher. April. Contact: 087-6835561.

A thought: Words that enlighten the soul are more precious than jewels.