

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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The First Week of Lent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 4th March	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Ann Dillon
Sunday 5th March	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Bridie & Michael Quinn.
Monday 6th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Tuesday 7th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Wednesday 8th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Thursday 9th March	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Friday 10th March	7.00pm.	St. Jarlath	Private Intention.
Saturday 11th March	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	William, Annie and Frances Costello
Sunday 12th March	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	John and Mary Bane

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 11th March: Cathy Boyle.

Sunday 12th March: Maureen Walsh.

Readers: Sunday 11th March: Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 12th March: Shane Fahy.

Collections: 18/19th Feb: €373.48. 25/26th Feb: €416.34. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection this weekend is the Lenten Collection. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

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 March: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Congratulations and welcome to the faith community to Eoin James Clarke who was baptised in St Jarlath Church last Sunday.

Our sympathy to Shane Kelly and family on the death of his mother Sarah who was laid to rest last week. Also, to Brendan Madden on the death of his sister; Mrs Shiel. May they rest in peace.

Welcome to Bishop Kirby to the parish this weekend as he completes his pastoral visitation.

Forth coming events:

Wednesday 8th March, First Confession for Leitrim NS, St Andrew Church, 7pm.

Thursday 9th March, First Confession for Kilcooley NS, St Jarlath Church, 7pm.

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

Faith Renewal Knock: See www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal.

Reflection for Lent: Enough. A final challenge to the soul is to discern the excessiveness in our lives - our congenital drive towards acquiring more, often in a mindless kind of greed. Fr Ronald Rolheiser writes: 'When excess enters, enjoyment departs, as does freedom. Compulsion sets in. Now we begin to seek a thing, not because it will bring us joy, but because we are driven to have it. Excess is a substitute for enjoyment.' The story goes that Joseph Heller, author of Catch 22, was once told about a fund manager who made more money that very day than he did from all his books combined. Heller replied, 'Then I have something he will never have. Enough.' Spiritual writer Mary Jo Leddy insists that at some point in Lent we must say, mean and live the following; 'It's enough. I have enough, I am enough. Life is enough. With all my heart I thank you.' - Daniel O'Leary, *Treasured and Transformed* (Dublin: Columba Press) p. 57.

Trocaire Box: You can pick one up at the back of the churches if you did not get one last weekend.

Vocations Weekend with the Augustinians: March 31st - April 2nd. Males over 18. Contact 086-8845747 or augustinianvocations@hotmail.com.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge: visit www.pioneerassociation.ie

Centering Prayer: Weekend retreat, Esker, March 24th - March 26th.

Contact: 091-844007.

Kilcooley NS is now enrolling for September 2017: Contact 091-843292 or kilcooleyns.ias@eircom.net.

Diocese of Clonfert Adult Faith Development Gathering: Re-encountering Jesus with Dr. Jessie Rogers, Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Society St, Ballinasloe, 2.30pm - 5.15pm, Sunday 5th March. All welcome.

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results: February 18th Numbers Drawn: 3, 5, 6, 22 No Jackpot winner. Three match three winners: Cian, Evan and Chloe Donnelly, c/o Skelly's Shop, Julie Riordan, Kylebrack and Mick O'Neill, Mount Pleasant, Loughrea. **Results for 25th February:** Numbers Drawn: 12, 14, 18, 21. No Jackpot winner. One match three winner: Frank Lynch, The Hill, Loughrea. Next weeks Jackpot €5,400.

Shamrock's camogie 50/50 winner February 27th Alan Curley

History of Irish Food, Conference: On Saturday March 11th, the Irish Workhouse Centre Portumna will be hosting a free conference titled 'Eaten Bread: The archaeology and history of food production and preparation'. All are welcome.

Holy Land Pilgrimage 2017 under the direction of Fr Benny McHale. June 26th - July 6th. Contact Fr Benny at 01-844227. The Holy Land is safe to visit.

John Skelly, Jim Collins, Kevin Boyle and Eamon O' Connor would like to thank everybody who supported them in their respective marathons and tea-party fund raiser. The total raised €7,122.00 and was handed over to Julie Keane of Galway Autism Partnership recently.

Study Hub opening in Cahercourt Loughrea beside GAA pitch, for 6th year students and if places available for 3rd years. Phone Free Zone. No Distractions and strictly supervised. Monday to Friday 4.15pm to 8.15pm with half hour break also Saturday from 9.30am to 1.30pm. Free trial for four days 6th to 9th of March Official opening 13th of March till June 18th and that includes the full two weeks of Easter. Contact Breda place booking essential. 086 3792360