

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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The Second Week of Lent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 11th March	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	William, Annie and Frances Costello
Sunday 12th March	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	John and Mary Bane
Monday 13th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Tuesday 14th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Wednesday 15th March	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Thursday 16th March	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Vigil Mass for St Patrick
St Patrick's Day:	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Richard & Frances Evans
Saturday 18th March	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Mary and Michael Lalor
Sunday 19th March	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Sylvester, Christina Clarke and deceased members of the Clarke and Donnellan Families

Eucharistic Ministers: Fri. 17th March Maureen Walsh; Saturday 18th March Patricia O'Brien. Sunday 19th March: Gerry Hernon.

Readers: Thur. 16th March Tommy Nee; Fri. 17th March. Daniel Fahy; Sat. 18th March: Helen La Branche; Sunday 19th March: Michael Stapleton.

Collections: 5th March: €618.13. Lenten Collection: €580.09. Thank you for your contributions. The second collection on St Patrick's Day is for Emigrants. 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.

The Pope's Intention for March: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Our sympathy to the Hyland family on the death of Eamon, to the Healy family (Kilmeen) on the death of Gerard (London) and to the Horan family on the death of Aggie Moran (Loughrea). May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to all our children who celebrated their First Confession this week. May God bless them in their final preparations for First Holy Communion.

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

Forth coming event: Baptism, Sunday 19th March, St Jarlath Church, 12 noon.

Stations of the Cross: Monday 13th March, 7pm, St Andrew Church. All welcome.

Readings this Sunday: Through the cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the Easter mystery. Those preparing for baptism, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountaintop, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the Cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.

St Patrick: Born in the early years of the fifth century. Captive at the age of sixteen. Sold as a slave and ended up in Ireland. Tended herds on Slemish Mountain for six years. His captivity had an effect on his spiritual life. He prayed many times each day (perhaps five!). He escaped back home at the age of twenty-two. God called him back to convert the Irish. He studied, we think, in France. He returned to Ireland as bishop in 457-61 or as early as 432. He made a great many of converts. Two of his writings survive - Letter to Coroticus and Confessions - which indicate that he, lived what he believed. He died circa 491. He is the principal Patron Saint of Ireland. Have a happy and memorable St Patrick's Day.

Galway night for Syria: Fundraising Social, Thursday 16th March, 8pm, Clayton Hotel. Tickets available at the Galway Cathedral Bookshop.

Catholic Grandparents Association: 1st Annual Retreat/Conference, 26/27th April, Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght Village, Dublin 4. Contact: Connie 098-24877 or catholicgrandparents@gmail.com.

Young Catholic Adult Conference, Castlecourt Hotel, Westport, 25th March. Fee: €15. Contact: Breda 087-2747873. Facebook@catholicyoungadultconference2017.

East Galway Family History Society: Woodford Heritage Centre, with GRETB offer free courses in History and Digital Photography, over 8 weeks, 2 hours per week. Interested contact: galwayroots@gmail.com or 090-9749309

VHI Women's Mini Marathon: For Anam Cara, Monday 5th June. Registration: www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie.

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results: Numbers Drawn: 11, 12, 20, 22 No Jackpot winner. Three match three winners: M and F Connors, Grange, Kilnadeema, Mark Kelly, Moore Street, Loughrea and Mary Barrett, Earlsparck. Next weeks Jackpot €5,500.

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

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present the hilarious comedy "Noises Off" in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea on this Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th of March. Show begins at 8.30pm. Tickets can be got for the reduced price of €10, in advance, from T. L. O'Brien's, Main Street or by booking on 083-8633796. Tickets €12 on the door.

Sunflowers Chernobyl Appeal Children's Charity wish to thank the Parish for our contributions to their church gate collection on November last which raised €415.36. Thank you for your support. For more information see www.chernobylchildren.ie.

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.

Centering Prayer: Weekend retreat, Esker, March 24th - March 26th. Contact: 091-844007.