

## The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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### The Fifth Week of Lent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 1st April	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Kathleen Gannon
Sunday 2nd April	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Kathleen and Michael Darcy
Monday 3rd April	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Martin and Katy Dolphin
Tuesday 4th April	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Wednesday 5th April	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Thursday 6th April	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Friday 7th April	7.00pm.	St. Andrew	Gertie Kenny (6th Anniversary)
Saturday 8th April	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Michael James, Brigid and Mary Flynn
Sunday 9th April	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Teresa Boyle

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 8th April Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 9th April: Maureen Walsh.

**Readers:** Saturday, 8th April: Claire LaBranche. Aisling Casserly, Georgia Deely, Cathal Lenehan.

Sunday 9th April: Aoife Fogarty, Kathleen Forde, Michael Stapleton and Daniel Fahy.

**Collections:** 25/26th March €621.06. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection this weekend is for the World Meeting of the Family 2018. 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.

**Pope's Intention for April:** That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

**Our sympathy** to Gerry and Mary Hernon on the death of Gerry's father, Kieran and to Frank Martyn on the death of his sister-in-law, Patricia Martyn. May they rest in peace.

**Stations of the Cross,** Monday 3rd April, St Jarlath Church, 7pm. All welcome.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday 4th April, 8.30pm, Community Centre.

**Reflection:** Truth. Implied in the Catechism's approach and at one point made explicit is that truthfulness is a virtue, by which is meant 'a habitual and firm disposition to do good'....The central insight is that a morally good life isn't only a matter of compliance with rule and principle, rather is it in the first place a matter of the heart, of disposition and attitude, a habit, acquired and expressed in faithful practice...The virtue of truthfulness consists in 'showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and guarding against duplicity, dissimulation and hypocrisy'. - Patrick Hannon, "To Tell the Truth", The Furrow March 2017.

**Readings this Sunday:** Lazarus' resurrection is a figure and type of Jesus' resurrection, and of our resurrection, first to divine life in Baptism and to our definitive resurrection at the end of time. The Gospel is a call to a deeper faith in the Spirit living in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. Both the Creed and the Lord's Prayer are two means to growth in faith which we should all contemplate more carefully and more often.

**Holy Week:** Next weekend begins Holy Week. Please make a special effort to attend the three days of celebration of this great and significant time in our Church with your family and invite others to join us as well:

**Thursday 13th April Holy Thursday, 8pm, St Jarlath Church**

**Friday 14th April Good Friday, 3pm, St Andrew Church**

**Saturday 15th April Holy Saturday, 9pm, St Andrew Church.**

**Leitrim N.S. Family Bingo Night** - Leitrim National School Parents Association are holding a Family Bingo Night at Leitrim Community Centre **tonight Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> April at 7:15pm.** Jackpot and Plenty of Easter Eggs for prizes on the night.

**First Darkness into Light Walk, Loughrea,** May 6th at 4.15am in aid of Pieta House, starting at the Fire Station. For registration see [www.dil.pieta.ie](http://www.dil.pieta.ie).

**VHI Women's Mini Marathon:** For Anam Cara, Monday 5th June.

Registration: [www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie](http://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie).

**All Ireland Rosary Rally:** Saturday 3rd June. More information later.

**Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results:** Numbers Drawn: 8, 9, 10, 15 No Jackpot winner. One match three winner: Pdraig Power, Killimor Next weeks Jackpot €5,800.

**Shamrock's camogie 50/50 winner March. 27th Paddy Stubbs.**

**The 2017 East Galway Library Art Trail** launches on Tuesday April 4th in the Church Gallery at Ballinasloe Library.

Loughrea Photography Club are the 'focus' of this exhibition and the Trail will continue with exhibitions from local artists in Woodford Library from April 11th, Killimor Library from April 25th, Portumna Library from May 3rd and Eyrecourt Library from May 9th. All events begin at 7pm on the night. Free admission, refreshments served.

**Lourdes Clonfert Pilgrimage:** 23rd - 28th August 2017 from Knock. Book with Society Travel at 0909645350. 5 nights, hotel, full board. Cost: €709.00.

**A thought:** What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others, and the world, remains and is immortal. - Albert Pine

**Accord:** Accord Ballinasloe is looking for facilitators for Pre-marriage Courses. If you are interested phone 090-9643573. Applications must be submitted before 20th April. See [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie).