

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Holy Week: Mass Times

| Date | Time | Church | Intention |
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| Saturday 8th April | 6.30pm. | St. Andrew | Michael James, Brigid and Mary Flynn |
| Sunday 9th April | 11.00am. | St. Jarlath | Teresa Boyle |
| Monday 10th April | 9.00am. | St. Andrew | Kathleen Ryan (Remembrance Mass) |
| Tuesday 11th April | 9.00am. | St. Andrew | Private Intention. |
| Wednesday 12th April | 9.00am. | St. Andrew | Private Intention. |
| <i>Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper</i> | 8.00pm. | St. Jarlath | Moira Flannery. |
| <i>Good Friday</i> | 3.00pm. | St. Andrew | |
| <i>Holy Saturday</i> | 9.00pm. | St. Andrew | Maureen Flanagan (2nd Anniversary) |
| <i>Easter Sunday</i> | 11.00am. | St. Jarlath | John and Brigid Dillon and deceased members of the Dillon Family. |

Note: Daily Mass time is 9am. during Easter Holidays.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Holy Thursday; Patricia O'Brien. *Good Friday*; Maureen Walsh.

Holy Saturday; Catriona Kenny. *Easter Sunday*; Gerry Hernon.

Readers: *Holy Thursday*; Daniel Fahy. *Good Friday*; Georgia Deely, Michael Stapleton, Helen La Branche, Aoife Fogarty, Hazel Touhy. *Holy Saturday*.

Aisling Casserly, Kathleen Forde, Aoife Fogarty, Michael Stapleton

Easter Sunday: Daniel Fahy

Collections: 1/2nd April €497.64. Thank you for your contributions. The collection on Good Friday is for Holy Places. The second envelope and collection on Easter Sunday is the Priests Easter Collection. 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.

Our sympathy to Colm Haskins, his sons Jack and Ross and to the O'Brien Family on the passing of Assumpta who was laid to rest on Wednesday. May she rest in peace.

Reflection: Easter Vigil - The Easter Vigil is full of rich symbolism. Each moment of ritual engages the senses in remembering and restoring the heart of why we are there at all. The lighting of a new fire, carving of a candle, the cry of proclamation 'Lumen Christi' echoed by the assembly, the spreading of the fire as candles are lit from one to another, and the solemn bearing of the candle gives us a tangible sense of the presence of the Risen Christ there among us. - Sarah Adams, Reality April 2017.

Holy Week: Please try to attend the ceremonies and encourage others to join us. During this week, the Church celebrates the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth, beginning with his entry into Jerusalem. The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and ends with the Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

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.

Congratulations to Michael Geraghty who married Sharon Morris in Lackagh last Saturday. We wish them many years of wedded happiness.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for Easter: The Sacrament will be celebrated with the cluster of Parishes in Cappataggle on Monday 10th April at 8pm. All welcome.

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday at 7pm, St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan. All welcome.

Trocaire Boxes: Please return your Trocaire Box this week and thank you for your support and co-operation with this very worthy cause.

World Meeting of Families 2018: see www.worldmeeting2018.ie for more information. Also, www.facebook.com/wmof2018 and www.twitter.com/wmof2018.

First Darkness into Light Walk, Loughrea, May 6th at 4.15am in aid of Pieta House, starts at the Fire Station. For registration see www.dil.pieta.ie.

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

Registration: www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie.

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

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results: Numbers Drawn: 7, 13, 19, 29 No Jackpot winner. Two match three winners: Dara Whelan, Dalystown; Angela Joyce, C/O Maggie Mays. Next weeks Jackpot in the Hill Bar, Kylebrack €5,900.

A thought: Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song. - St John Paul II.

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

Information evening being held in ELFA Loughrea for all students doing exams ie Junior, Leaving and College students and their parents on methods on how to reduce the high levels of stress and anxiety using natural methods.

Talk facilitated by Marguerite Brady booking essential. Call Breda 086 3792360