

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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(The parish newsletter is available on-line @ www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

Easter Week: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
<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.
Monday 17th April	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Tuesday 18th April	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Wednesday 19th Thursday 20th and Friday 21st April: No Mass			
Saturday 22nd April	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Andy and Catherine Flynn
Sunday 23rd April	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Teresa Carty (1st Anniversary)

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 22nd April: Cathy Boyle Sunday 23rd April: Mary Horan:

Readers:

Saturday 22nd April: Cathal Lenehan. Sunday 23rd April: Ryan Keleghan

Collections: 8/9th April €722.69. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection this weekend is for 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.

Trocaire Boxes: Please return your box as soon as possible. Thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

Forth coming event: Baptism, Sunday 23rd April, 12 noon, St Jarlath Church.

Connolly for Kids Hospital: To find out more see www.connollyforkidshospital.com

Accord, Ballinasloe: Seeking a Centre Services Support person. 8 and 1/2 hours per week. For more information contact Mary at 090-9643916 or email: stmichaelsballinasloe@eircom.net.

A date for your diary: Family Mass in anticipation of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in the Community Centre on Sunday 11th June at 4pm. All welcome. More details later.

Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre AGM, Tuesday 25th April @ 9pm in the Community Centre. All Welcome.

WMOF18: see www.worldmeeting2018.ie

Reflection: This image of Christ bursting forth from the tomb as a primitive bridegroom from his nuptial chamber is central to the Christian understanding of death and the mystical significance of the grave. Christ, like Lazarus, bursts forth with an eagle's energy as a lover would emerge in triumph from his tent to the expectant crowd bearing the evidence of the consummation of his marriage. Here we have the most mysterious and holy of all Christian symbolism: the grave as a marriage-bed where the dead are both mystically united with their Creator and born into new life. - Sheila Cassidy, "Good Friday People", DLT, London, 1991.

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection: 'Christ is Risen, alleluia!' This is the ancient Christian greeting on this day of great joy and happiness for all. 'Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the 'Feast of Feasts'. The mystery of the resurrection, in which Christ crushed death, permeates with its powerful energy our old time, until all is subjected to him' (CCC, 1169).

An Easter blessing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God for the Spirit which hovered over Creation in the beginning. Praise God for the Spirit which raised Jesus from death to new life for all eternity. Alleluia!

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.

Killalaghton Drama Group present "A Damsel From Dublin" by T K Moylan on Friday 28th and Sunday 30th in their Hall at 9pm.

Taughmaconnell Community Care presents Brendan Shine in Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe on Friday 28th April at 10pm. Tickets €15. Phone: 090-9683929.

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.

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

Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results: Numbers Drawn: 1, 7, 10, 29 No Jackpot winner. Two match three winners: John Geraghty, Earlsparck and Maureen Winters, Aille. Next weeks Jackpot €6,000.

Shamrock's camogie 50/50 winner April 9th Harry O'Brien.

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

RHS Home Care is a Non Commercial Home Care Provider bringing professional home care services to those who need assistance to remain living in their own homes. We are now recruiting new Healthcare Assistants in your area and would love to hear from you. Potential applicants must have the required Fetac/QQI level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email you CV to jobs@rhshomecare.ie or call Aoife on 090 66 25988

South East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society final lecture of our spring season takes place on Thursday, April 27th next, at the later time of 8:30pm. The lecture, at the Irish Workhouse Centre, will be given by Gerard O'Mara and will focus on soldiers from the region who fought in the Great War.

A thought: Only in the agony of parting do we look into the depths of love. - George Eliot.