

**The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.**  
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**Third Week of Easter: Mass Times**

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 29th April	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Trush, Sonny, Martin Clarke and Kalie Clune
Sunday 30th April	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Assumpta O'Brien-Haskins (Months Mind)
Monday 1st May	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Tuesday 2nd May	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Wednesday 3rd May	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
Thursday 4th May	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention.
<b>Friday 5th May: No Mass</b>			
Saturday 6th May	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Brigid, Thomas and Sean Madden
Sunday 7th May	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Brigid and Thomas Shiel
<b>Note: Mass on the Bank Holiday Monday is at 9am</b>			

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

Saturday 6th May: Catriona Kenny Sunday 7th May: Maureen Walsh:

**Readers:**

Saturday 6th May: Patricia O'Brien. Sunday 7th May: Kathleen Forde

**Collections** 22/23rd April €567.87. Thank you for your contributions.

The second envelope and collection next weekend is for the Clonfert Priests Retirement Fund. 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.

**World Meeting of Families** 22-26 August 2018: see [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

**Pope's Intention for May:** That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

**Forth coming event:** First Holy Communion, Saturday 6th May, 11am, St Jarlath Church for Kilcooley NS.

**Congratulations and welcome** to the faith community to Lucy Eamie Hyland who was baptised last Sunday in St Jarlath Church.

**First Friday Calls:** I will visit and do the "First Friday Calls" on Wednesday 3rd of May as I cannot do them on Friday 5th due to other commitments. If there is a difficulty with this visiting time please let me know in advance.

**Reflection:** Jesus spoke a lot about fruit. A good tree produces good fruit: a bad tree, bad fruit. Jesus taught that his disciples would be recognized by their love for one another and the fruit of their lives. Through baptism we were chosen and appointed to bear fruit that will last - but what kind of fruit?

St Paul describes the fruit of the Holy Spirit: 'But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control' (Gal 5:22).

Readings this weekend: The Gospel story contains a wealth of teaching on the meaning of the Eucharist as a celebration of the presence of the Risen Lord. Christ takes, blesses, breaks and gives the bread to his disciples and is known to them in the action. It is in the context of two or three gathered in his name that they come to faith. It is he who opens their minds and hearts explaining their doubts in the light of Scripture. And it is on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day, that the Lord of Days walks with them in the cool of the evening.

**May: Pray a decade of the rosary a day for the month of May.**

**Blessing of Graves with a Rosary Prayer** for all our deceased relatives, friends and neighbours: Monday 8th May: **Leitrim Old Cemetery.** Tuesday 9th May: **Ballydugan Cemetery.** Monday 15th May: **Leitrim New Cemetery and Killeen Lisheen.** Tuesday 16th May: **Kilcooley Cemetery.** Monday 22nd May: **Kilteskil Cemetery and Traskernagh Lisheen.** Wednesday 24th May: **Kilmeen Cemetery.** All services are at 8.30pm and please come prepared for the weather conditions on the day.

**Alzheimer's Tea Day:** Thursday 4th May, 9am. onwards. Call for a Cuppa to the kitchen of Gerry and Gretta Costello, Leitrim. All funds raised go directly to the Alzheimer's Society of Ireland for services and supports in this area. Please support.

**Day of Prayer for Vocations,** Sunday 7th May: Please pray for and encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life over the coming days. Thank you.

**Farm Plastic Collection:** In your local Mart soon. Contact Athenry at 091 844551 for further details.

**Loughrea Carers' Support Group.** Annual Tea Dance in Arch Bar Loughrea, Sunday 30th April from 5-8pm. Music by Two Johnny's. Tickets €5

**Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration,** National Pilgrimage to Knock, Sunday 30th April, 11am Confessions, 3pm Mass.

**Day Retreat:** "Do not worry about tomorrow" with Martina Lehane-Sheehan, Esker, Sunday 7th May. Myers-Briggs with Dan Baragry C.ss.R. May 19th - 21st. Contact: 091-84459.

**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](http://www.dil.pieta.ie).

**Kilnadeema-Leitrim hurling club Lotto Results:** Numbers Drawn: 5, 6, 12, 16 No Jackpot winner. One match three winner: Paddy and Bernie Larkin, Traskernagh. Next weeks Jackpot €6,200

**Shamrock's 50/50 April 23rd winner Fergal Bane.**

**Ramblers United** under 13's face Kiltullagh in the under 13 League Cup Final this Sunday at 12pm at Eamon Deacy Park. Please go along and support.

**A thought:** Forgiveness does not change the past, but it does enlarge the future. - Paul Boese.