

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 15th July	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	John and Bridget Whelan
Sunday 16th July	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Martin and Teresa Loughnane
Monday 17th July	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 18th July	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July: No Mass</b>			
Friday 21st July:	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Saturday 22nd July	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Mary and John Geraghty
Sunday 23rd July	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Tom Larkin

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 22nd July: Patricia O'Brien. Sunday 23rd July: Mary Callanan.

### Readers:

Saturday 22nd July Niamh O'Brien. Sunday 23rd July: Shane Fahy.

**Collections:** There is a special collection next weekend (22/23rd) for Trocaire because of the desperate needs of the starving people of East Africa. 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 July:** That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

**Funeral Mass:** For Patricia Martyn (Lucan) wife of Michael Martyn of Hollyhill, Sunday 23rd July, 3pm St Jarlath Church with burial afterwards in Kilcooley Cemetery.

**Leitrim/Kilcooley PTAA Annual Day Trip:** On Saturday 5th August to Botanic Gardens and Kilmainham Gaol. Bus leaving Community Centre at 8am sharp. Further details contact Mary Horan at 086-1770931 or 091-841257. All welcome both Pioneers and non-Pioneers.

**Reek Sunday:** 30th July. Masses hourly. Confessions 7.30am - 2pm. All welcome.

**Youth 2000: Summer Festival,** 17-20th August, Cisterian College, Roscrea. See [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) for more information.

**Lough Derg 2017:** See noticeboards for more information.

**Reflection: Deepening Faith** - It is easier to say what God is not than to say what or who he is. Sure, we can define God as the Supreme Being, the creator and the ruler of the universe. Theology will tell us that God is the transcendent ground of being (Tillich) and the transcendent ground of value (Kant) but it is the community experience of God that leads us to the point of being able to say with conviction, 'I believe in God.' It is when we experience the providence, the mercy and the love of God in the 'bits and pieces of everyday' that our profession of faith deepens. This is why our celebration of the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, must be prayerful and participative. Good liturgy enlivens faith. - Noel O'Sullivan, "I Believe in God - Receiving the Word", The Furrow, June 2017, p. 326.

**Readings for this Sunday:** We must have faith in the power of God's word. It is the instrument by which God effects his purpose. It does not work automatically, but grows in a soil of faith and prayer. We have to be concerned about teaching, preaching and praying the word and to work to ensure a receptive soil.

**Annual Concelebrated Mass of St. Feichin.** Mass will be concelebrated in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan in Abbey parish on Sunday July 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm to honour the 1437<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of St. Feichin, the Patron Saint of Abbey parish.

The recently erected stations of The Cross will be blessed before Mass. Covered seating is available. A cup of tea for all after Mass. Everybody is welcome. Those attending this Mass should go to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

**Prayer for Peace of Mind:** O Jesus, banish from my mind all anxieties, troubles and fears of any kind. Make my mind calm and serene and fill it only with loving thoughts and confidence in you. Amen.

### Intensive Irish Camp for Junior and Senior Cycle students at ELFA

**Loughrea** on 7th -11th August (Junior Cycle) 14th-18th (Senior Cycle).

Emphasis on spoken language and upcoming curriculum. Teachers Mary Linnane and Aishling Spellman. Places very limited contact Breda Coughlan 086 3792360.

**Jesuit Week 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> July** Facilitated by Terry Howard, SJ and Edmund Grace, SJ in the Prayer Guidance Centre. Join us for daily talks, prayer and Mass. Find out more at [www.knockshrine.ie/events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/events)

**National Novena to Our Lady of Knock 14<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> August.** Join us at Knock Shrine for nine days of reflection and prayer with daily guest speakers and workshops to enrich and enliven your faith. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> August we will celebrate the launch of the WMOF 2018 programme, 'Amoris: Let's talk Family, Let's be Family!' See the full programme and list of speakers at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**A thought:** There is a great difference between putting your nose in other people's business and putting your heart in other people's problems.