

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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

Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 2nd September	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Thomas and Teresa Deely
Sunday 3rd September	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	May and Tom Kelly
Monday 4th September	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 5th September	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 6th September	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 7th September	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 8th September: No Mass			
Saturday 9th September	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Margaret and Michael Egan
Sunday 10th September	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Mary Mannion (14th Anniversary)
<i>Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</i>			
Note: Mass times for school period.			

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday 9th September: Catriona Kenny. Sunday 10th September: Mary Horan.

Readers:

Saturday 2nd September: Aisling Casserly. Sunday 3rd September: Kathleen Forde.

Collections: 25/26th August: €896.38. Thank you for your contributions.

Pray for the sick of the Parish: Remember in your prayers any parishioner that may not be in good health.

Pope's Intention for September: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

Congratulations to Andrea Molloy and Finbarr Cronin who were married on Friday 25th August in St. Jarlath Church. We wish them many blessings in the years ahead.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting, Tuesday 5th September at 8.30pm in the Community Centre.

Sacristan in Leitrim: I am still looking for suitable volunteers for this role on a Saturday evening

Blessing of Schoolbags for the School Year: Pupils are invited to bring their schoolbags to the weekend Masses on September 9/10th for a blessing. Place your schoolbag before the altar before Mass for this special blessing for God's guidance and protection during the academic year.

Shamrock's camogie 50/50 winner August 27th Conor Donohue, Loughrea.

Reflection: I'm still discovering, right up to this moment, that it is only by living completely in this world that one learns to have faith. I mean living unreservedly in life's duties, problems, successes and failures, experiences and perplexities. In so doing, we throw ourselves completely into God's arms. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

The importance of Sunday: As the day of resurrection, Sunday is not only a remembrance of a past event; it is a celebration of the living presence of the risen Lord in the midst of his own people. For this presence to be properly proclaimed it is important that the disciples of Christ, saved as the People of God, **come together** to express fully the very identity of the Church. (Pope John Paul II, Dies Domini, 31).

From the PP's Desk: In light of the above statement by Pope John Paul II, I am conscious of the very good attendance at our Sunday Masses. I am also conscious that it could be much better. Therefore, I urge you all to encourage more parishioners to attend one of our two weekend Masses. Our parish needs its faithful to be actively present at our Eucharist otherwise a parish slowly dies. A parish is its people and not just a geographical area.

Maintenance: We continue to keep the fabric of our parish assets (churches and Parochial House) up to standard through the watchful eye of our Parish Maintenance Committee and Michael Hardiman and the TUS scheme. We have carried out some painting and decorating at St Jarlath Church over the summer. We have fitted an oil gauge to the tank in Leitrim. I have kept (to the best of my ability) the grass cut in Leitrim! Michael Kennedy has done so in Ballydugan. For this work, we are very grateful.

Bee Kool breakfast and after school service are delighted to start its new business at Kilcooley National school from 8am till 9:20am and 2pm to 6pm. Monday to Friday, if require any more information contact Breege 086 174 9887

Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto: No results submitted

Carer of the Year & Young Carer of the Year Awards 2017:

If you would like to nominate a relative, neighbour or friend for these awards please contact Family Carers Ireland, Barrack Street, Loughrea on (091) 880418 Closing date for receipt of entries is Friday 15th September.

Grandparents National Annual Pilgrimage: September 10th, 2017. Knock Shrine at 2.30pm. All welcome. visiting www.familycarers.ie.

WMOF2018 open information meeting. Venue: Gullane Hotel, 13th September at 8pm. All welcome.

Prostate Cancer Information: Galway University Hospital. 21st September, 7-9pm. Contact 091-893318 or 091-540040.

Creative Writing Course at Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, starts Monday 18th September 2017, 7.30pm - 9.30pm. Phone 091 871149 to register.

Loughrea Family and Community Resource Centre: Official Opening of their new premises on Thursday September 7th at 6pm. This event will celebrate 11 years of the Family Resource Centre in Loughrea and will introduce the community to the new space. All are welcome to attend, we look forward to seeing everyone on the night.

Introduction to Youth Theatre: East Galway Youth Theatre are running a day's intro to Youth Theatre on Wednesday 23rd of September Info. @ 085-2810895.