

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## First Week of Advent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 2nd December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew.	Stephen Murphy and May Kenerney
Sunday 3rd December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Ena Flannery
Monday 4th December	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 5th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 6th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 7th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
<b>Friday 8th December</b>	<b>9.00am.</b>	<b>St. Andrew</b>	<b>Immaculate Conception, Holy Day of Obligation: The People of the Parish</b>
Saturday 9th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew.	Ned Coleman (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 10th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Larry Forde (20th Anniversary) and Michael and Paddy Forde

*Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 9th December: Cathy Boyle.

Sunday 10th December Mary Callanan.

**Readers:** Saturday 9th December: Frieda Crowe.

Sunday 10th December: Michael Stapleton.

**Collections:** 18/19th Nov: €514.23. 25/26th Nov: €411.08. Thank you for your contributions. Next weekend 9/10th December we will take up the second collection for St. Vincent De Paul. Please give as generously as you can to this worthy cause. Local people in need will have first call on this collection.

Our Annual Food Appeal for the Loughrea Lions Club will be taken up in both churches on 16/17th December. Please bring non-perishable food and place it in the box provided.

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

**Pope's Intention for December:** The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

**Readers Meeting:** A meeting of all readers will take place in St Andrew Church on Monday 4th December at 8pm.

**Reflection:** In Anthony de Mello's book "The Prayer of the Frog" he listed four stages of prayer: *I talk, you listen: You talk, I listen: Neither talks, both listen: Neither talks: Neither listens: Silence.*

**Readings for the First Sunday in Advent:** The God who comes is a loving Father; we are the work of his hands. Our hope in Christ will strengthen us to await steady and without blame the day of his coming. We are warned against complacency, taking God's gifts for granted. Our Lord is watching over us; he is the careful potter, the loving father, the good shepherd, the faithful one.

**Our sympathy** to the Fallon Family on the death of their mother, Elizabeth (Betty) Fallon, formally of Ballydugan who was laid to rest recently. Also, our sympathy to the Leahy family on the death of Kathleen Leahy who died recently in England. May they rest in peace.

**Congratulations** and welcome to our faith community to Conor Declan Fanning who was baptised in St Andrew Church on the 19th November.

**Carol Service:** Sunday 10th December, St Andrew Church, 6pm. Followed by refreshments in the Community Centre afterwards. All welcome to this parish/community event to get us into the festive spirit.

**Forth coming event:** Baptism, Sunday 3rd, St Jarlath Church, 12 noon.

**Eucharistic Ministry:** If you are interested in getting involved in this ministry please contact me as soon as possible.

**Anniversary Masses for 2018** can now be booked. Please pool family members together so that we will have enough weekend Masses for everyone. We will do our best to get you a date that you desire.

**A thought:** Life is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination. - Voltaire.

**Aware:** Recruiting volunteers. No prior qualifications, experience required. Visit [aware.ie/volunteer](http://aware.ie/volunteer) or call 01-6617211.

**Clonfert Adult Faith Development Gathering:** Scoil an Chroi Naofa. Sunday 3rd at 2.30pm. All welcome.

**All-night vigil in Knock** on Thursday 7th December starting at 10pm. Call: 094-9388100.

**Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre annual Sale of Work** will take place on **Sunday 17th December @ 6pm.** Special Guest: Santa Claus!!! All welcome. All proceeds from this event go towards running costs and upkeep of our Community Centre and we greatly appreciate your support.

**Progressive 25 card game** Friday 8th December 8.30 pm Tynagh community hall In aid of Parkinson's Association.

**Thursday, December 7th:** Leitrim NS Carol Service at Community Centre. Followed by tea/coffee, Bake Sale and Raffle. **6:30pm.** All Welcome.

**Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto results** for Saturday November 25th No's drawn 7 16 25 32, No Jackpot winner. No Match 3's. 5 x Lucky Dips; Brian Fahy, Dalyston; Mike Casserly, Masonbrook; Maura McLoughlin, Grange; Frances Leahy, Kilnadeema; Cian, Evan & Chloe Donnelly, The Hill. Next week Jackpot €9,300

**Shamrocks 50/50 draw: Bridie Burns c/o Krush bar.**

**St Raphael's College:** Christmas Fair, December 9th. 10-4pm. To display, demonstrate or sell contact 091-841062 or email: [tcunniffe@saintraphaels.ie](mailto:tcunniffe@saintraphaels.ie).

**Free basic computer classes for farmers** - contact Mary at 090-6482744.