

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Second Week of Advent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
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
Monday 11th December	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 12th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 13th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 14th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 15th December: No Mass			
Saturday 16th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Packie and Claire Clarke
Sunday 17th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Kathleen Healy (7th Anniversary)
<i>Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</i>			

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 16th December: Patricia O'Brien

Sunday 17th December Maureen Walsh.

Readers: Saturday 16th December: Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 17th December: Hazel Tuohy.

Collections 2nd/3rd December: €734.22. Thank you for your contributions.

The second basket collection this weekend is for St Vincent de Paul. Please give as generously as you can. The second envelope and collection next weekend is the Priests Christmas Collection.

St Vincent de Paul: If you wish to seek assistance from St Vincent de Paul please phone 086-0551134 in the strictest confidence.

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.

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

Our Annual Carol Service is on this Sunday(10th) at 6pm in St Andrew Church. All are welcome. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Community Centre.

Reflection: Advent is the season in which we prepare for the coming of the Saviour, when we get deeply in touch with our need for a Saviour. But for that to happen we have to get in touch with and acknowledge our sin: there is in every one of us a primitive self; there are dark, untamed areas within us. Even before he was born, Jesus was named as 'the one who will save his people from their sins'. This is why God sent him into the world - to save us from our sins; to be our Saviour. - Peter Burns C.Ss.R., The Furrow, November 2017.

Readings for this weekend: St John the Baptist calls to us to straighten out our lives, to lower the mountains of pride so that God's grace can lead us to do what he wants with us. There is no place for our selfishness and pride in St Peter's new heaven and new earth.

Congratulations and welcome to the faith community to Nathan William Loughnane who was baptised last Sunday in St Jarlath Church.

We wish Brigid Larkin a very happy birthday on the 12th. She will be 103 years young!

Bambinelli Sunday: Bring your baby Jesus figure to Mass on the 16th/17th December for a blessing before placing it in the crib as a family before Christmas.

Food Appeal: Our Annual Food Appeal for the Lions Club will be taken up next weekend (16th/17th) in both churches. Please place non-perishable food items in the boxes provided for this very worthy cause. The number to contact for assistance from the Lions Club, in strict confidence, this Christmas is 086-1758066.

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.

Anniversary Masses: You can now book your Mass for 2018.

Silent Retreat Knock: For women 18 and older. December 28th - January 1st. Contact 085-8235525.

Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto results for Saturday December 2nd. Numbers drawn: 5, 6, 8, 29. No Jackpot winner, no match three winners, 5 lucky dips, Aiden Scully, An Sibin; Olive Deely, Birogue, Kilnadeema; Michael McLoughlin, Grange; James Walsh, Bookeen; Leo and Mary Larkin, Earlsparck. Jackpot next week. €9,400.

Shamrocks 50/50 draw, Brendan Kennedy, Earlsparck

Study Hub Loughrea: January 2nd to 6th Intensive Courses for Leaving and Junior Certs in Maths, French and Irish. Small group sizes and three hours per subject per day. Contact Breda 086 3792360

A thought: The joy of brightening other lives, bearing each other's' burdens, easing others' loads and supplanting empty hearts and lives with generous gifts becomes for us the magic of Christmas. - WC Jones.