

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## Third Week of Advent: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 16th December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Packie and Claire Clarke
Sunday 17th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Kathleen Healy (7th Anniversary)
Monday 18th December	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 19th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 20th December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 21st December	8.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
<b>Friday 22nd December: No Mass</b>			
Saturday 23rd December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Jane Dobson
Sunday 24th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Sarah and Patrick Loughrey
<i>Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</i>			

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 23rd December: Catriona Kenny

Sunday 24th December Gerry Hernon.

**Readers:** Saturday 23rd December: Helen La Branche.

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**Collections:** 9/10th Dec: €344.51. St Vincent de Paul: €480.85. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection this weekend is the Priests Christmas Collection. Please give as generously as you can.

### **Masses for Christmas:**

Christmas Eve Children's Mass, 7pm, St Andrew Church, Leitrim.

Midnight Mass, St Jarlath, Ballydugan

Christmas Day, 11am, St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan.

**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.

**We congratulate and welcome to the faith community** Thomas Michael Gerard Sherlock and Madison Harper Sherlock who were baptised last weekend in St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** This weekend we bless your baby Jesus crib figure at both masses. Please place the figure in your crib with a family prayer when at home.

**Reflection:** Waiting - Some of the language we use about waiting - 'be watchful', 'stay alert' - isn't just appropriate in relation to something which will happen in the future. It refers also to the present. The One who came and who will come again, is also the One who is always coming, in the here and now. We have to look around, alert and vigilant - in order to see how He is coming, and in order to respond generously. - Peter Burns, The Furrow, November 2017.

**Readings for this Sunday** which is also known as Gaudete Sunday: As we journey in Advent and look forward to Christmas we celebrate our joy at the coming of the Lord. Joy, prayer and thanksgiving should characterise Christian worship. Because the man of integrity has come with good news for the poor, we can exult for joy. But his coming will mean that we also will practise justice and integrity.

**Confession and Reconciliation Service:** Monday 18th at 8pm in Cappataggle. All welcome to attend. It would be wonderful if you could come to this service as a family.

**Food Appeal:** We take up our food appeal contributions this weekend. Please place your non-perishable food in the boxes provided in the foyers of both churches. Thank you for your help with this worthy cause.

**Carol Service: Thursday 21st at 7pm in St Andrew Church at 7pm. All welcome.** Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre annual Sale of Work will take place this 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 9th. Numbers drawn, 5, 14, 27,29, No Jackpot winner, one match three winner, Karen Kenny, Rafarn, Newtowndaly. Jackpot next week in the Hill bar, Kylebrack €9,500.

**Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club AGM** takes place on Friday 29th December 2017 @ 6.30 pm in Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre. All welcome.

**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

### **"Calling all Past Pupils of Presentation College Athenry. (PCA)"**

A fundraising initiative has been launched by a working group of PCA Parents Council, for facilities at the new school. Become involved by attending future events, reunions etc. to be organised. We need your help. e.g. a 600-page book on history of school, interviews and photographs. Ideal Christmas present. Book available to view in Athenry Library. Book is available via [Pitch4Pres@gmail.com](mailto:Pitch4Pres@gmail.com). Keep up to date with developments on this important issue via school website [www.presathenry.ie](http://www.presathenry.ie)

**A thought:** Unless we make Christmas an occasion to share our blessings, all the snow in Alaska won't make it 'white'. - Bing Crosby.