

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Christmas Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 23rd December	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Jane Dobson
Sunday 24th December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Sarah and Patrick Loughrey
Christmas Eve, Children's Mass	7.00pm.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Midnight Mass. St. Jarlath			
Christmas Day Mass	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Brigid Conneely
Tuesday 26th December: No Mass			
Wednesday 27th December	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 28th December	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 29th December	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Saturday 30th December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Sunday 31st December	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Pat Melody
Note morning Mass times for this week.			
<i>Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</i>			

Eucharistic Ministers: Christmas Eve 7.00pm: Catriona Kenny.

Midnight Mass: Gerry Hernon. Christmas Day Mass 11am. Mary Horan

Readers: Christmas Eve 7.00pm. Cathal Lenehan. Midnight Mass: Kathleen Forde: Christmas Day Mass 11am: Michael Stapleton.

Collections 17/18th Dec: €636.70. Priests Christmas Collection: €2,253.55.

Thank you for your contributions. Thanks, too, to all our counters for the work they do throughout the year.

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.

23rd/24th December: This is the Fourth Sunday in Advent. Christmas Time begins with the evening Mass. It runs until the Sunday after the Epiphany.

Forth coming event: Wedding, Saturday 30th, 1pm, St Andrew Church, Leitrim.

A Christmas Prayer: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God-among-us. - Edward Hays.

Reflection: We are invited to Bethlehem today, to open up our hearts to the One who has come. We return, like shepherds 'glorifying and praising God for all they have seen and heard.' All are welcome to the manger. May we welcome all as God does, with compassion and love. Shalom. - Fr Sean Maher.

Readings this weekend: The role of Mary in the Incarnation is celebrated. She is of that house of David which God promised would be built according to his plan. The plan is revealed in Jesus Christ and is now made known to all peoples.

From the PP's Desk: My sincere thanks for your support throughout the year. We have a vibrant Parish and it is due to your commitment and dedication. I sincerely thank all who have taken on voluntary ministries in our Parish whether it be sacristans, singers, musicians, servers, readers, altar ministry, counters, Eucharistic ministers, newsletter, Parish Pastoral Council, Parish Maintenance or Parish Finance Committee. I also wish to acknowledge the support of the Community Centre and staff in our Parish life. This is invaluable. It makes for a Parish that can look to the future with hope. My prayer is that this interest and commitment will continue and grow. I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyful and prosperous New Year.

A thought: The best of all gifts around any Christmas Tree is the presence of a happy family all wrapped up in each other. - Burton Hillis.

St Padre Pio on Christmas: Far into the night, at the coldest time of the year, in a chilly grotto, more suitable for a flock of beasts than for humans, the promised Messiah - Jesus - the saviour of humankind, comes into the world in the fullness of time. There are none who clamour around him: only an ox and an ass lending their warmth to the new born infant; with a humble woman, and a poor and tired man, in adoration beside him.

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

Turkey Trot: Woodlawn Heritage Group, St Stephen's Day, 12 noon. All welcome. No turkeys will be harmed.

Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto results for Saturday December 16th. Numbers drawn: 7, 12, 19, 26. No Jackpot winner. Seven match three winners: J Burke c/o Shalvey's Butchers; Liam Fogerty, Grallagh; Oisín Kenny, Carrowkeel; Shamrocks Camogie club; Martha Molloy, Tynagh; Mary/John Fahy, Leitrim; Kathleen Leahy, Traskernagh. Jackpot next week €9,600. Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club would like to wish all its Players, Members and Supporters a Very Happy Christmas.

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

Workshop on Authentic and Respectful Self-Assertiveness. Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea, 3 Monday nights January. 29, February. 5, & 19 (7pm to 10pm)

Registration by Jan. 3rd Enquiries: Mary Silke, PRH Educator 090 6624937

