

## **THE PARISH OF LEITRIM/BALLYDUGAN/KILMEEN**

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### **Ordinary Time: Mass Times**

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> January 6.30pm Martin Costello

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January 11am, St Jarlath Church: P J Leahy

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 7.50am Private Intention

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 8am Private Intention

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 8am Private Intention

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January 8am Private Intention

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> No Mass

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm Mary Coleman (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 11am, St Jarlath Church: Private Intention

**Note Mass times are back to the regular schedule for the school term.**

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

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Catriona Kenny, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Gerry Hernon.

**Readers:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> Patricia O'Brien, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> Kathleen Forde

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

**Collections:** Priests Christmas Collection: €1,055.00. Christmas Day Collection: €1,525.00. 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> December: €580.68. Thank you for your contributions. You should now have received your new envelope box for 2018. Please use this system for easy counting and accountability. Thank you.

**Mummer Festival:** 40<sup>th</sup> Mummer festival this weekend in New Inn. All welcome.

**Our sympathy** to the Riordan family on the sudden death of their brother, Gerry, who was laid to rest during the week. May he rest in peace.

**Congratulations** to Grace Callanan and James Skehill who were married in St Andrew Church On the 29<sup>th</sup> December. May God bless them in the years ahead.

**This weekend we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord.** Jesus is anointed with the spirit and his power. He is proclaimed Messiah. He now goes about doing good, working the signs that make him known as the Servant of God. He is the one who brings good news to the poor and tells of salvation. Through our Baptism each one of us is ordered to the life of Christ – Priest, Prophet and King – and the Father looks on us with favour.

**Christmas Time ends** with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Ordinary Time begins on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January. This is signified by the colour green.

**Next Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, is World Day of Migrants and Refugees.**

**Pope's Intention for January:** That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

**A thought:** The best things in life are yours, if you can appreciate yourself. That's the way to stop worrying – and start living! – Dale Carnegie.

**Reflection:** Perhaps the most valuable result of all education is the ability to make yourself do the thing you have to do, when it ought to be done, whether you like it or not. It is the first lesson that ought to be learned; and however early a man's training begins, it is probably the last lesson that he learns thoroughly. – Thomas Huxley (1825 – 1895)