

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## Sixth Week in Ordinary Time: Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 10th February	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Thomas, Margaret and Pat Tierney
Sunday 11th February	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	John and Cathriona Duane
<b>Monday 12th February and Tuesday 13th February: No Mass.</b>			
<b>Ash Wednesday 14th February</b>	<b>9.00am.</b>	<b>St. Andrew</b>	<b>Blessing and Distribution of Ash, Day of Fast and Abstinence</b>
Thursday 15th February	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 16th February	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse
Saturday 17th February	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Tom and Nan Shiel
Sunday 18th February	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	John and Hannah Skelly
<i>Confession is available before or after 6.30pm Mass on Saturday or by appointment.</i>			
<b>Note Mass schedule for this week (Mid-term)</b>			

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 17th February: Tom Crosse.

Sunday 18th February: Gerry Hernon

**Readers:** Saturday 17th February: Maria Kennedy.

Sunday 18th February: Hazel Tuohy.

**Collections** 3/4th February: €650.32. Clonfert Lourdes Fund: €335.97. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection next weekend is the Lenten Collection. Please give as generously as you can.

### Pray for the sick of the Parish:

Remember in your prayers any parishioner that may not be in good health.

**Pope's Intention for February:** That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

**Trócaire Box:** You can now collect your Trócaire Box for this Lent. Please fill it with coin and return it at Easter Time. Your generosity to date has been exceptional so keep up the good charitable work for the most disadvantaged in our world. This year the focus is on Sierra Leone.

**A thought:** The biggest risk we take is to be dishonest with ourselves.

**Reflection:** We cannot forget the tender love and perseverance of many families in caring for their chronically sick or severely disabled children, parents and relatives. The care given within families is an extraordinary witness of love for the human person; it needs to be fittingly acknowledged and supported by suitable policies. Doctors and nurses, priests, consecrated men and women, volunteers, families and all those who care for the sick, take part in this church mission. It is a shared responsibility that enriches the value of the daily service given by each. - Pope Francis for the World Day of the Sick, 11th February 2018.

**Readings this Sunday:** Sin sets us outside the Church community. Jesus comes to bring the leper back by the ritual means prescribed by the law. The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores the sinner to the community.

**Congratulations and welcome** to the faith community to Ivy Rose McMenamin who was baptised last Sunday in St Jarlath Church.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** At our Saturday evening Mass we commission our new Eucharistic Ministers and ask God's blessing on their work.

**Parish Lenten Programme:** Let's Talk Family! Let's be Family! A series of three conversations about family and its meaning for us today will be hosted in the Community Centre starting on Thursday 22nd February at 8.15 - 9.15pm. It is open to everyone as we are all from a family of some kind or other. It is based on Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation "The Joy of Love". We look forward to your company for the discussions

**Altar Ministry:** We are calling on more volunteers for the Altar/Church Ministry in St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan. The volunteers who presently keep the church clean and tidy do need some more help. So, if you'd like to get involved contact me or Eleanor Flynn.

**WMOF2018:** Registration for events (22-24th August) is now open. See [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**Foyer of Light, Charity and Love Silent Retreat:** By Fr Killian Byrne, 26th February - 4th March, St Mary's Hotel, Knock. Full board €425. Contact Helen at 086-1678027.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage 2018:** Led by Fr Benny McHale on 26th June - 6th July. It is safe to travel to the Holy Land at this time. Phone: 091-844227.

**Knock:** Reflection Day on the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the Cross by Fr Michael Dunleavy OP, Saturday 17th, cost: €30. Also, Getting the most out of Holy Week with Collette Furlong, Saturday 10th March, 11am at 3pm, Knock House Hotel. Phone: 094-9388100.

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**Enneagram Part 2:** Esker 17-19 February. Phone: 091-844549.

**Vocation Discernment Weekend for Women** - Dominican Contemplative Nuns, 9-11 March. Contact Sr M Breda. 041-9838524 or see [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)

**Centring Prayer Weekend:** Retreat, Esker, 23-25 February by Contemplative Outreach Ireland. Contact: Meave/Patricia at 091-844007.

**Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto** results for Saturday February 3rd. Numbers drawn: 4, 19, 25, 28, No Jackpot winner one match three winner, Dermot Doyle, Kilchreest, Loughrea. Jackpot next week in The Arch bar, Loughrea, €10,300  
**Shamrock's camogie** 50/50 winner February.4th Ronan Mitchell, Mullagh.