

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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(The parish newsletter is available on-line @ www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

Holy Week:

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 24th March	6.30pm.	St. Andrew	Mary and Michael Lalor
Sunday 25th March	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Vincent and Rosaleen Cannon
Monday 26th March	9.00am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 27th March	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 28th March	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Holy Thursday	8.00pm.	St. Jarlath	Maureen Flanagan
Good Friday	3.00pm.	St. Andrew	
Holy Saturday	9.00pm.	St. Andrew	Easter Vigil: Paddy and Mary Smyth
Easter Sunday	11.00am.	St. Jarlath	Assumpta Haskins (1st Anniversary)

Note the Mass times for Holy Week: Please make a special effort to attend the ceremonies in your local church and encourage other parishioners to join us.

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

Eucharistic Ministers: Holy Thursday: Mary Callanan.

Good Friday, Imelda Cunniffe: Holy Saturday-Vigil Mass: Tom Crosse.

Easter Sunday: Maureen Walsh

Readers: Holy Thursday: 8pm, Ballydugan: Michael Stapleton.

Good Friday: 3pm, Leitrim: Passion Helen La Branche: Narrator: Cathal Lenehan,

Jesus: Fr Daniels, O and C: Niamh O'Brien.

The Solemn Intercessions: Patricia O'Brien.

Easter Vigil: 9pm, Leitrim: Liturgy of the Word: 1st Reading: Ryan Keleghan, 4th

Reading: Andrew Watkins, 7th Reading: Georgia Deely.

Epistle: Frieda Crowe.

Easter Sunday: 11am, Ballydugan: Shane Fahy

Collections: St Patrick's Day: €290.22. 17th/18th March €402.25.

Emigrants: €245.00.

Please return your Trócaire Box during Holy Week. The collection on Good Friday

is for Holy Places. The second envelope and collection on Easter Sunday is the

Priests Easter Collection. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you.

Pray for the sick of the Parish:

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

Clocks go forward one hour on Sunday the 25th. Summertime!

Catholic Grandparents Association: See www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

A thought: It is far better to be alone than to be in bad company. - George Washington.

Reflection: Understanding God - Once we equate God with life itself a transformation takes place in the way we believe. Once we remove everything that separates divinity and humanity, heaven and earth, grace and nature, then we begin to truly and freely live and move in another milieu. Once we use the same name for the Gracious Mystery and Mother of all becoming, and the primal energy of creation and ongoing evolution, our faith cannot ever be the same again. - Daniel O'Leary, An Astonishing Secret, Dublin: Columba Press, 2017, p.13.

Pope's Intention for March: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Reconciliation Service: A Reconciliation Service will take place in Cappataggle for the Cluster (Leitrim, Mullagh and Cappataggle) on Monday 26th March at 8pm.

All are welcome to attend and to avail of Confession.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday with the commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem on a donkey. We carry blessed palm which reminds us of Christ's victory over death. We hear the reading and proclamation of the Passion today and also on Good Friday. During this week we celebrate the mysteries of salvation accomplished by Christ in the last days of his life on earth.

Stations of the Cross: Good Friday: St Jarlath Church, Ballydugan at 7pm. All welcome.

Creative Writing: Free Course at Loughrea Family and Resource Centre, Thursday April 19th, 10.30 - 12.30pm, 6 weeks, Contact: 091-871149.

Killimor Camogie Club Bingo, Friday 30th at 8pm in Community Centre. Jackpot: €250. All welcome.

Study Hub Loughrea: Easter Intensive Courses in Irish, Maths, French, Biology and Chemistry. Junior and Leaving Certs. 26 - 30th March, 3-8pm and 2-6 April, 11 - 4pm. €8. Phone: 086-3792360.

Roscommon Nurses Guild: Public Meeting on "A Perspective from the Frontline - Abortion is not Healthcare". Tuesday 27th March at 8pm. Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon.

44th Eucharistic Loreto Vigil: Knock, Saturday 24th at 8.30pm. Mass at 11.30pm. Celebrant: Fr Brendan Walsh SAC.

Accord Ballinasloe: Committed to professional counselling service for individuals and couples. Confidential and affordable. Phone: 090-9643573. Email: ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net.

Choose Life: see www.chooselife2018.ie

CURA: Agency of the Irish Bishops Conference to support women experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Phone: 1850 622 626 or visit Cura.ie

GRETB Loughrea: Introductory Community Training Course in Family History and Genealogy. Contact: John Melville at 091-841387 or email: john.melville@gretb.ie.

Leitrim N.S. Family Bingo Night - Leitrim National School Parents Association Family Bingo Night at Leitrim Community Centre this Saturday, 24th March

Silent Retreat: Foyer of Light, Charity and Love by Fr Kilian Byrne. 2-8th. April Esker.

€380.00 full board. Contact Helen at 086-1678027 or email: hellywilliams@gmail.com

The Seumas O'Kelly Players return with their award winning show, Big Maggie by John B. Keane, on Saturday April 7th and Sunday April 8th in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea at 8 pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's Main Street Loughrea, €12 on the door.

Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club Lotto results for Saturday March 18th. Numbers drawn: 6,14,27,32. No Winner, 5 lucky dip winners, James Donnellan, Caheratrinn; Gerard Kennedy C/o John Kennedy; Sean Stewart, Fishpond; Ann and Brendan Kennedy, Earlsparck and Donnie Ready, Masonbrook. Jackpot next week €3,100.

Shamrocks Camogie club and Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club Victory Social in the Meadow Court Hotel, Loughrea this Saturday 24th March, at 8pm. Tickets €20 available from club officers.