

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## First Week of Advent: Mass Time

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 1st December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Sarah and John Daniels and May Kenerney
Sunday 2nd December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Ena Flannery
Monday 3rd December	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 4th December	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 5th December	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 6th December	7.50am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
<b>Friday 7th December: No Mass</b>			
<b>Saturday 8th December: 11am St. Jarlath Church, Ballydugan: The Immaculate Conception, Holy Day.</b>			
Saturday 8th December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Dympna and Paddy Guerin
Sunday 9 December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Laurence and Madeline Forde.
<b>Note: Mass time for Holy Day on Saturday 8th.</b>			

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 8th: December Patricia O Brien.

Sunday 9th December Mary Callanan

**Readers:** Saturday 8th December: Helen La Branche.

Sunday 9th December: Michael Stapleton

**Collections:** 24/25th November: €651.34. Thank you for your contributions. The second basket collection this weekend is for St. Vincent de Paul. Please give as generously as you can to this worthy cause. St Vincent de Paul helpline number is: 086-0551134.

### 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:** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time

**Choir Practice:** Monday 3rd December, 7pm, St Jarlath Church. All welcome.

**Readers Meeting:** Monday 3rd, 8pm, St Andrew Church Leitrim. New readers welcome.

**Carol Service: Sunday 9th December at 6pm, St Jarlath Church. Refreshments afterwards in the Community Centre. All welcome.**

**Reflection:** Advent - Earth grown old, yet still so green, /Deep beneath her crust of gold/Nurse's fire unfelt, unseen:/Earth grown old. We who live are quickly told:/Millions more lie hid between/Inner swathing's of her fold. When will fire break up her screen? /When will life burst thro' her mould? /Earth, earth, earth, thy cold is keen, /Earth grown old. - Christina Rossetti (1830 -1894)

**Readings this weekend:** The Advent spirit of waiting and longing for the Lord reminds us of the daily call to holiness. we are to be found blameless when He comes, living lives of honesty and integrity. We are to avoid the temptations to escapism from the true meaning of life. The temptations come in many guises  
**Bambellini Sunday:** Bring your baby Jesus crib figure to church on Saturday 15th or Sunday 16th December for a blessing before placing it in the crib for Christmas. You may wish to say a prayer together as a family before laying the baby in the manger.

**Christmas Craft Fair.** In Seven Springs Day Centre, Sr Brendan's CNU, Lake Road. Sunday 2nd December, 11am - 2pm. In association with St Brendan's CNU and Loughrea, ICA.

**Anam Cara Galway:** Parents evening, December 5th, Clayton Hotel, 7.20pm. See [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie) or phone 085-2888888.

**Esker Healing Mission:** Monday 3rd December, 10am, 5pm, 7pm, and 9pm.

**Warmer Homes Grant Public Information:**

see [www.midlandswarmerhome.com](http://www.midlandswarmerhome.com) or phone 090-6488292.

**Galway Hospice Memorial Christmas Tree switch on** Sunday 2nd December at 5pm. All welcome.

**Clonfert Diocese Advent Faith Development Gathering,** Sunday 9th December, 3 -5pm, Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Society St. Ballinasloe. Speaker: Fr. Benny McHale. Topic: The Holy Land as the 5th Gospel. All welcome.

**Christmas Bazaar,** Loughrea Golf Club, Sunday 2nd December at 12noon.

**The annual Sale of Work will take place on Sunday 16th December** from 5:30pm in the Community Centre. All funds raised from the Sale of Work go towards the upkeep of our Community Centre.

**Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club lotto: Saturday November 24th.**

numbers drawn: 1,5, 14, 25. no jackpot winner. Five lucky dip winners: Joe and Ann Burke; Bridie Burns; Teresa O'Brien; Geraldine Curley and Bernie Larkin. Jackpot next week. €4.000.

**Shamrock's 50/50 winner: November 25th Patrick Hoban**

**Famine Lecture:** Tuesday, December 4th next at 8pm in the Irish Workhouse Centre, the South East Galway Archaeological and Historical Society will host a lecture by Dr Ciarán Reilly titled 'A demon in human shape': Murder in Famine Ireland. In addition, the society will be celebrating 20 years next year and articles are now sought for a bumper edition of the society journal in 2019.

**A thought:** Life is a canvas furnished by nature and embroidered by imagination. - Voltaire