

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Third Week of Advent: Mass Time

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 15th December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Packie and Claire Clarke
Sunday 16th December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Kathleen, John, Mary- Ellen Healy
Monday 17th December	7.50am.	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 18th December	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 19th December	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 20th December	7.50am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 21st December: No Mass			
Saturday 22nd December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	William, Annie and Frances Costello
Sunday 23rd December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Kathleen and Joseph Leahy and Aggie Roche.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 22nd December: Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 23rd December: Maureen Walsh.

Readers: Saturday 22nd December: Maria Kennedy.

Sunday 23rd December: Aoife Fogarty.

Collections: Immaculate Conception: €184.06.

8/9th December: €658.48. Thank you for your contributions. The second envelope and collection this weekend is for the priest's salary. 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 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

Our sympathy to Caroline Watkins (Kilmeen) and family on the recent death of her sister, Marie McNamara (Co. Down). May she rest in peace.

Bambellini Sunday: This weekend we invite you to bring your baby Jesus crib figure to Mass for a blessing before placing it in your crib as a family.

Reconciliation Service: Confession for the cluster of Leitrim, Mullagh and Cappataggle will be celebrated in Mullagh Church on Thursday 20th.

December at 8pm. All welcome

Shamrock's 50/50 winner Dec.9th Rónan Lamart.

Reflection: We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God's compassionate love for others. - St Clare of Assisi.

Readings this weekend (Gaudete Sunday): John the Baptist inaugurates the Gospel; already from his mother's womb he welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as the 'Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.'

Christmas Mass Times: Children's' Mass, Christmas Eve, St Andrew Church, Leitrim, 7pm. Midnight Mass, St Jarlath Church by candlelight. Christmas Day Mass, St Jarlath Church, 11am.

Carol Service: A big thank you to all who participated in, provided hospitality and attended our Carol Service. It was a special evening.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul contact number: 086-0551134

Mary Immaculate College Open Day: Saturday, January 12th, 10am -1pm. See www.micopenday.ie.

Concert for East Galway and Midlands Cancer Support Centre: St Michael's Church, Ballinasloe, Wed. 19th December at 7.30pm. All welcome.

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea: QQ1 Courses in Health Care, level 5 and much more. Contact john.melville@gretb.ie or phone 091-841387.

WMOF: 1.8 million people tuned into the World Meeting of Families on RTE over the weekend. 7,000 volunteers helped out. 60,000 prayer petitions were collected. 8,093 children registered. 499,000 people attended various events. And, there was 11,000 international pilgrims from 114 countries.

The annual Sale of Work will take place this 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 December 8th.

Numbers drawn: 1, 18, 25, 30. no jackpot winner. Two match three winners: Bernie Larkin, Traskernagh and Ryan Keleghan, Traskernagh. Jackpot next week. €4.200.

Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club A.G.M. will take place on Thursday 20th December 2018 in Leitrim Community Centre @ 8pm. All members, new and old, welcome.

Intensive Christmas courses and study for Junior and Leaving Cert students in Study Hub Loughrea. From the 2nd to the 5th January in Higher Level Irish, Mathematics and French. Call Breda 086 3792360

A thought: The only real blind person at Christmas time is one who has not Christmas in their heart. - Helen Keller.