

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## Fourth Week of Advent / Christmas Time

Date	Time	Church	Intention
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.
<b>Monday 24th Christmas Eve: 7pm Children's Mass, St Andrew Church Midnight Mass: St Jarlath Church, by candlelight</b>			
<b>Tuesday 25th Christmas Day: 11am St Jarlath Church</b>			
<b>Wednesday 26th December: No Mass</b>			
Thursday 27th December	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 28th December	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Saturday 29th December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Gerry Riordan (1st Anniversary.)
Sunday 30th December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Jane Dobson

### Note: Mass times for Christmas Time

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Christmas Eve: Tom Crosse.

Midnight Mass: Patricia Treacy. Christmas Day: Gerry Hernon

**Readers:** Christmas Eve: Aisling Casserly.

Midnight Mass: Kathleen Forde. Christmas Day: Michael Stapleton.

**Collections:** 15/16th December: €456.18. Priests' Christmas Collection: €1,727.80. Thank you for your contributions.

### 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 the Costello family on the recent death of Mary-Jo. May she rest in peace. Also, our sympathy to the Dolan family (Ballydavid) on the death of their aunt Mary Burke in Long Island, New York, (nee Dolan of Ballydavid) in her 99th year. May she rest in peace.

**Forth Coming Event:** Baptism, Sunday 30th December.

St Jarlath Church, 12 noon.

**Ballot paper for Parish Pastoral Council** can be returned before January 6th via the collection baskets. Thank you for your co-operation.

**Reflection:** No room in the inn, but there was room in the stable. The inn was the gathering place of public opinion, the focal point of the world's moods, the rendezvous of the worldly, the rallying place of the popular and the successful. But there's no room in the place where the world gathers. The stable is a place for outcasts, the ignored and forgotten. The world might have expected the Son of God to be born in an inn; a stable would certainly be the last place in the world where one would look for him. The lesson is: divinity is always where you least expect to find it. So the Son of God made man is invited to enter into his own world through a back door. - Archbishop Fulton Sheen.

**Readings this weekend:** We prepare for Christmas with the attitudes of Elizabeth and Mary. Like Elizabeth we are open to receive the Christ with wonder and joy. Like Mary we are ready to do the will of God as it is made clear to us. That may mean standing by the cross before we come to the glory of the resurrection.

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

**World Meeting of Families:** Behind the scenes documentary, December 31st 2018 at 6.30pm on RTE One.

**A thought:** May the Virgin and her Child lift your latch on Christmas night. - Traditional Irish Saying.

**Holy Family Nursing Home, Killimor** requires permanent/part time care assistants. Contact 090-9676044 or 090-9676046.

**John Paul II Awards:** TY, 5th and 6th year students interested in these awards please contact your local priest or Ms Marie Burke at 083-8791745.

**Mary Immaculate College Open Day:** Saturday, January 12th, 10am -1pm. See [www.micopenday.ie](http://www.micopenday.ie).

**Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club lotto: Saturday December 8th.**

Numbers drawn: 2, 5 27, 31. no jackpot winner, one match three winner, Gerry Kenny, Newtowndaly. Jackpot next week. €4.300.

**The Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre and Field Committee** would like to say a big thank you to all for helping make last Sundays Sale of Work a huge success. Your generosity, help and support is very much appreciated and goes a long way towards maintaining this important community facility.

**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

**The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ:** The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they shall call Him Emmanuel. The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory.

**There will be a Rosary Rally in Eyre Square, Galway City, on Tuesday 1st January 2019 at 12 noon, the Feast of the Mother of God.**

**A very happy and peaceful Christmas to you all. - Fr Iomar.**