

# The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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## Christmas Time

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 29th December	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Gerry Riordan (1st Anniversary.)
Sunday 30th December	11.00am	St Jarlath	Jane Dobson
Monday 31st December	9.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 1st January 9.00am. St. Andrew:</b> Mary, Mother of God / World Day of Peace: Private Intention			
<b>Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th January: No Mass</b>			
Saturday 5th January	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Joseph and Catherine Healy
Sunday 6th January	11.00am	St Jarlath	P.J. Leahy
<b>Note: Mass times for Christmas Time</b>			

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 5th January Catriona Kenny

Sunday 6th January Mary Callanan

**Readers:** Saturday 5th January Patricia O'Brien

Sunday 6th January. Ryan Keleghan.

**Collections:** 22/23rd December: €562.45. 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.

**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.

**January 1st, Mary, The Holy Mother of God:** At the message of an angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence, she is acknowledged and honoured as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer.

**Anam Cara:** Monthly Parent Evenings. Wednesday 2nd January, 7.30pm, Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit. See [www.anamcara.ie](http://www.anamcara.ie) or phone: 085-2888888.

**Annual Mummers Festival:** New Inn Centre. Saturday 12th January at 7pm. All welcome.

**Jiving Course:** Gullane's Hotel Ballinasloe. Starting 10th January at 8pm €40. Phone: 087-3995877.

**Reflection: The Holy Family** - Each Christian family can first of all - as Mary and Joseph did - welcome Jesus, listen to him, speak with him, guard him, protect him, grow with him; and in this way improve the world. Let us make room in our heart and in our day for the Lord. As Mary and Joseph also did, and it was not easy; how many difficulties they had to overcome! They were not a superficial family, they were not an unusual family. The family of Nazareth urges us to rediscover the vocation and mission of the family. - Pope Francis.

**Readings for this weekend the feast of The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:** The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration for the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

**Courses,** St. Brendan's Education Centre, Loughrea. Phone: 091-841387 or email: [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie).

**Mass and blessing at St. Dominic's Well, Esker.** Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th January. 11am. All welcome.

**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 22nd.**

Numbers drawn: 3, 4, 6, 16. no jackpot winner, three match three winners, Brian Donnelly The Hill, Cian, Evan and Chloe C/o Skelly's, Paddy Egan Loughrea. Jackpot next week. €4.4300.

**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 thought:** Humanity is a great, an immense family. This is proved by what we feel in our hearts at Christmas. - St John XXIII.