

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Third week in Ordinary Time

Date	Time	Church	Intention
Saturday 26th January	6.30pm	St. Andrew	Patrick and Winifred Smyth
Sunday 27th January	11.00am	St Jarlath	Private Intention
Monday 28th January	7.50am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Tuesday 29th January	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Wednesday 30th January	8.00am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Thursday 31st January	7.50am	St. Andrew	Private Intention
Friday 1st February	7.00pm.	St Jarlath	Feast of St Brigid.
Saturday 2nd February	6.30pm	St. Andrew	John and Agnes Kenny
Sunday 3rd February	11.00am	St Jarlath	Michael Mannion

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 2nd February: Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 3rd February: Mary Horan.

Readers: Saturday 2nd February: Frieda Crowe.

Sunday 3rd February: Michael Stapleton.

Collections 19/20th January: €450.09. The second basket collection next weekend is for Clonfert Lourdes Pilgrimage. This is to support persons who are ill and who would like to visit Lourdes. 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 January: That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

Blessing of candles and throats: The annual blessing of candles for homes and churches and the blessing of throats will take place at next weekend Masses. Please bring your candles for the blessing.

Forth coming event: Baptism, Sunday 27th, St. Andrew Church, 12.15pm

St. Brendan's Education Centre: Train the Trainer. QQ1 Level 6, Tourism QQ1 Level 5, Childcare Level 6. Contact 091-841387.

Catholic Schools Week: Sunday 27th January - Saturday 2nd February.

Remembrance Service for bereaved parents will be held in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel on Monday 4th February at 7.30pm.

Social Bridge in the Loughrea Hotel and Spa, Mondays at 11am

Reflection: The time when priests could perform all the tasks of leading a community have passed. Such responsibilities are now too complicated - safeguarding, audits, management of personnel, maintenance of buildings, preparing liturgies, reaching out to the needy in the area. Many hands and multiple skills are needed. With an aging clergy, it is difficult for the Irish Church to move quickly from implementing a traditional pastoral approach to adapting to new demands. While it hesitates to make serious changes, a vacuum is created that is happily occupied by others, some with a social agenda unfriendly to the Church and religion. - Hugh MacMahon, The Furrow, December 2018.

Readings this weekend: The teaching of the Church on the Liturgy of the Word is expressed in these texts. Jesus states that the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled in himself: so, the Scripture word is articulated for us each time it is proclaimed in church. Christ is really present in his Word. That Word challenges us to a renewal of life, as the people rediscovered their identity when Ezra read the Law to them. Those who serve as ministers of the Word will find the joy of the Lord to be their strength

Beginning Experience Weekend: 5-7th April: If you have lost a spouse through death/divorce/separation then contact Gerry at 086-3855090 or Maureen at 087-6646896 to register. Course will be held in Esker.

Western Alzheimer's New Volunteering Befriending Service: Meeting Wednesday 30th January, Menlo Park Hotel, 11am - 1pm. Contact: 091-565193.

Retrouvaille: A support for married couples. Next programme, 8 - 10th February. Contact: Tony/Anne 014953536 or Mike/Anne 014500922 or see www.retrouvaille.ie.

Medjugorje: May 22nd. 7 nights. Ex Shannon. For further details contact Michael Mulryan at 091850855 / 0876737888.

Operation Transformation: Please join us for a walk/ jog/ chat on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7pm to 8pm under the floodlights at Community Centre. All ages welcome. Parents must provide supervision for their children. €2 per night donation, for adults only, towards cost of floodlights.

Clonfert Pilgrimage to Lourdes: The pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 15th-Tuesday 20th August this year. Change of date from previous years.

Kilnadeema Leitrim Hurling Club lotto: Saturday January 19th.

Numbers drawn: 17, 22, 24, 31. no jackpot winner, five lucky dip, Eanna Kenny; Geraldine Tynan; Aoife Daniels; Mary Hyland; and Teresa Donohue. Next week's jackpot €4,800.

Shamrock's 50/50 winner January.20th. Tom Clarke.

A thought: Be a catalyst of positive change.