

## The Parish of Leitrim/Ballydugan/Kilmeen

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### The Fourth Week of Ordinary Time:

#### Saturday 1st February 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

John and Agnes Kenny. Willie Lyons (Lisafooka)

#### Sunday 2nd February 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Michael Mannion

Monday 3rd February: St Andrew Church: 7.50am. Private Intention

Tuesday 4th February: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention

Wednesday 5th February: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Thursday 6th February: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention

Friday 7th February: No Mass.

#### Saturday 8th February 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

Christy Daniels (1st Anniversary.)

#### Sunday 9th February 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Catherina and John Duane. Bridie Coen (Months Mind)

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**Readers:** Saturday 8th February: Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 9th February: Georgia Deely.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 8th February: Patricia O'Brien.

Sunday 9th February 26th January: Mary Horan.

**Collections:** 25/26th January: €536.31. Second basket collection for flowers: €385.00. Thank you for your generous contributions.

The second basket collection this weekend is for Lourdes. Please give as generously as you can.

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*Please pray for parishioners who are ill at this time.*

**The Pope's Intention for February:** Listen to the Migrants' Cries. We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

**Our sympathy** to Pat Lyons and family (Newtowndaly) on the recent death of Marie. May she rest in peace.

**Congratulations and welcome** to Sheena Teresa Carty-Scully who was baptised last Sunday in St Jarlath Church.

**Blessing of Candles: At both Masses this weekend we bless candles for our churches and our homes. We also bless throats after each Mass in honour of St. Blaise whose feast day is on Monday 3rd February.**

**St. Blaise:** He died in 315. Bishop of Sebaste, martyred in Armenia. Tradition states that he was a physician before becoming a bishop. Since the eight century he has been venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat.

**Reflection: No-to rugged individualism!** In opposition to such individualism, the Christian ethos insists on the common good, the solidarity of all creatures - human beings among themselves and in relationship to the environment - and the preferential option for the poor. The Catholic tradition today not only recognizes political and civil rights such as the right to religion, speech, press and assembly but also social and economic rights such as the right to food, clothing, shelter, education and health care. - Heyer, Keenan, Vicini, eds. *Building Bridges in Sarajevo (Maryknoll: Orbis Books) p.140.*

**Readings this weekend:** The Presentation of the Lord. World Day for Consecrated Life. The Gospel. From the helpless infant being carried to and from the Temple, to the child growing in maturity and wisdom, Jesus shares fully in our human condition.

**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting:** Tuesday 4th February at 8.30pm in the Community Centre.

**A and C Social Dancing Classes:** Clonfert Hall (H53AR20), Wednesdays 8 -10pm. Learn to jive, waltz, quick step, line dance. €10 per night. Contact Ciara at 087-6663325.

**Galilee Spirituality Centre:** Active Hope Workshop with Kathryn McCabe on keeping hope alive drawing on Joanna Macy's Social Ecology. March 4th, 6.30 - 9.30pm. €20. Contact: [info@galilee.ie](mailto:info@galilee.ie) or phone 071-9664101.

**The Spirituality of Recovery:** A unique day for families affected by addiction with Mr. Sean Hartly. Feb. 15th, 10.30 -3.30 pm. €20 or €25 per family, €10 unwaged. Light lunch included.

**St Brendan Education Centre:** Word processing level 5. 8th February. 9.30 - 1pm. Contact Freda at 091-841387.

**Annual Remembrance Service** for parents who have experienced bereavement through loss of a baby or child. Monday 3rd February, 7.30pm. Portiuncula Hospital.

**Creideamh Time to Ponder the Lord's Prayer:** Family Centre, Ballinasloe, Sunday 2nd February at 8pm - 9.15pm. All welcome.

**West Offaly Training 2020:** Free. Smartphone, computer, train the trainer, manual handling, abrasive wheel training, tai chi, mindfulness, understanding autism. Call 059-9152003.

**Readers and choir members** who are in Secondary School are invited to sign up for the John Paul II Awards Scheme. Please contact me or Ms Marie Burke at 087-2048683.

Accord Ballinasloe: 090-9643573 or email: [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**Galway Rural Development and Irish Rural Link** will be holding free Computer & Internet Classes for beginners & farmers in a venue near you. If you are working in the rural community, farming, a senior citizen, unemployed or part time employed then this course is for you. Contact: Anne Cassidy,

GRD Rural Resource Officer on 087 7685711 or via email: [acassidy@grd.ie](mailto:acassidy@grd.ie)

**Shamrocks camogie 50/50 winner Jan.26th Fiona Shaughnessy**

**Operation Transformation:** At Leitrim/Ballydugan community centre every Tuesday & Thursday evening 7pm to 8 pm. Come along to walk/jog/run. €2 donation per adult to help pay for the floodlights.

**Election:** Please exercise your vote in honour of those who secured democracy for us in this country.

**A thought:** Your life can be your work of art.