

The Parish of Leitrim/Ballydugan/Kilmeen

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(The parish newsletter is available On-line @ www.clonferdiocese.ie)

The Fifth Week of Ordinary Time:

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)

Monday 10th February: St Andrew Church: 7.50am. Private Intention

Tuesday 11th February: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention

Wednesday 12th February: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Thursday and Friday 13/14th February: No Mass.

Saturday 15th February 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

Thomas, Brigid and Sean Madden

Sunday 16th February 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Fr. John Hawkins and Julia Hawkins

Readers: Saturday 15th February: Helen La Branche.

Sunday 16th February: Ryan Keleghan.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 15th February: Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 16th February: Mary Callanan.

Collections: 1st/2nd Feb: €525.37. Lourdes: €423.61. Thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you to all who donated candles for the churches on Candlemas Day.

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.

Eucharistic Ministers needed for both churches. If you wish to participate in this ministry please contact me at the above number or email address as soon as possible.

Beginning Experience: 3-5th April. Esker. For more information contact Maureen at 087-6646896 or Mary at 087-9384446.

Monastic Day Retreat: Saturday 21st March, 9-5pm and April 16th - 18th. St. Benedict's Priory, The Mount, Cobh, Co. Cork. For more information phone: 021-4811354. Booking essential at cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com.

Pilgrimages: Holy Land. 20th July for 7 nights ex Dublin. Contact James at 086-057246. Or phone Dublin at 01-8783111.

Family Carers Ireland: Need new recruits. Phone 091-885030 or email galway@familycarers.ie for more information.

Reflection: Politics. Our hope in this time of crisis is that the Catholic community can join with other people of good will to work on behalf of those who need bread; who want politics to be nourishing, to be about substance, to serve the common good. After all, that is what catholic social teaching has always imagined about politics - that is be the arena where men and women come together to seek the best interests of each and all of us. - Heyer, Keenan, Vicini, eds. Building Bridges in Sarajevo (Maryknoll: Orbis Books) p. 102.

Readings this weekend: Christians who has the Beatitudes as their rule of life become the salt of the earth and the light of the world. We should recognise the dignity that is ours as we share in the work of Christ. Like him we are to lead all people to praise the wonderful deeds of God. The Spirit-filled community can bring about a new world. Christian love will make light rise in the darkness of our world

Seven Springs Cycling Club presents The Buns 'n' Bikes Coffee Morning in aid of Cancer Care West. Sunday March 1st in St. Brigid's College Sports Hall at 10.30am. - 1pm. Charity auction at noon. All welcome to support.

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 or phone 071-9664101.

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

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

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

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Lotto. Draw Date: 2nd February. Jackpot: €7,800. Numbers Drawn: 11, 20, 22, 27. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winner; Mark Lawless. Next Week's Jackpot €7,900

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.

A thought: The time may come when we, the Catholic laity, may come to value the very person we have taken for granted all these years...the parish priest. In my book he is one of the heroes of this age. - Walker Percy.