

## The Parish of Leitrim/Ballydugan/Kilmeen

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### The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time:

**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

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 21st February: No Mass.**

**Saturday 22nd February 6.30. St. Andrew Church:**

Monica Hardiman (26th Anniversary)

**Sunday 23rd February 11am. St. Jarlath Church:**

Sean, Hannah and John Skelly.

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**Readers:** Saturday 22nd February: Aisling Casserly.

Sunday 23rd February: Aoife Fogarty.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Saturday 22nd February: Imelda Cunniffe.

Sunday 23rd February: Maureen Walsh.

**Collections:** 8/9th Feb: €879.94. Thank you for your generous contributions.

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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.

**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.**

**Sign of Peace and flu advice:** The Health Protection Surveillance Centre (HPSC) has said that the handshake at the time of the "sign of peace" involves **low risk** of spreading the virus.

Those who have flu are under no obligation to go to Mass. If you have the flu, please stay at home, rest, stay well hydrated and, if necessary, seek your doctor's help. Mass is available on the Diocesan Website [www.clonfertdiocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie) as well as many parishes and via television and radio

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

**Monastic Day Retreat:** Saturday 21st March, 9am-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](mailto:cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com).

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

**Reflection:** To be connected with the church is to be associated with scoundrels, warmongers, fakes, child molesters, murderers, adulterers, and hypocrites of every description. It is also, at the same time, identifies you with the saints and the finest persons of heroic soul within every time, country, race, and gender. To be a member of the church is to carry the mantle of both the worst sin and the finest heroism of soul... because the church always looks exactly as it looked at the original crucifixion, God hung among thieves. - Ronald Roheiser OMI.

**Readings this weekend:** Human beings have been given freedom to obey God's laws or not. Christ calls us to choose love as the fulfilling of the law. His followers do not measure out the minimum legal requirements but choose the fullness of life. 'You have heard what it was said...but I say to you'.

**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.

**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.

**Mary Immaculate College:** Department of Theology and Religious Studies are offering PhD assistantship in Catholic Education scholarship grants. Stipend and fee of c. €18, 000 per annum for 3 years and a fee waiver for one further year of study. Contact Professor Fr. Eamon Conway at 061-204353 for more information or email [eamon.conway@mic.ul.ie](mailto:eamon.conway@mic.ul.ie) or see [www.mic.ie](http://www.mic.ie). Also, M.Ed at MIC in RE: Closing date 31st May 2020. See [www.mic.ie](http://www.mic.ie).

**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)

**Unemployed?** Want to learn computer skills? Call Kevin at 091-773557 or 086-0432801. Work done under the National Learning Network Ltd.

**Accord:** Professional counselling for individuals and couples. Confidential, available and affordable. Contact 090-9643573 or email: [Ballinasloe@eircom.net](mailto:Ballinasloe@eircom.net).

**St. Brendan's Education Centre, Loughrea:** Level 5 Fashion Media and Make Up Modules. 9.30am -4pm. Hairdressing Theory and Practice, 9.30am -4pm. Starting 24th and 26th February. Contact 091-841387 or email [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie).

**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)

**Kilnadeema-Leitrim Community Games** are holding a fundraising table quiz in The Hill bar, Kylebrack on Saturday 29th February at 8,30pm. Tickets €10 are available from Joanne Tiernan 087-9575395 or Kevin Boyle 087-6237533 or on the night. All welcome! All support gratefully appreciated.

**A thought:** All the efforts of the human mind cannot exhaust the essence of a single fly. - St Thomas Aquinas.