

The Parish of Leitrim/Ballydugan/Kilmeen

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

The Second Week of Lent:

Saturday 7th March 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

Ann Dillon. Marie Lyons (Months Mind)

Sunday 8th March 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Bridie and Mick Quinn

Monday 9th March. St Andrew Church: 7.50am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 10 March. St Andrew Church: 8.00am. Private Intention.

Wednesday 11th March. St Andrew Church: 8.00am. Private Intention.

Thursday 12th March. St Andrew Church: 8.00am. Private Intention.

Friday 13th March. No Mass

Saturday 14th March 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

Michael James, Brigid and Mary Flynn

Sunday 15th March 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Andy and Catherine Flynn

Stations of the Cross: Friday 14th March, St Andrews Church at 7pm. All welcome.

Readers: Saturday 14th March: Frieda Crowe.

Sunday 15th March: Shane Fahy.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 14th March: Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 15th March: Mary Horan.

Collections: 29 Feb./1st Mar: €705.77. Lenten Collection: €682.26. Thank you for your generous contributions. Collections: **The second basket collection on St. Patrick's Day** is for Emigrants. Please give as generously as you can. Trócaire Box still available in the foyers of our churches if you have not already received one this Lent.

Please pray for parishioners who are ill at this time.

Pope's Intention for March: Catholics in China - We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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.

St. Patrick's Day: Please bring your shamrock to Mass either at the Vigil Mass 16th at 7pm in St. Andrew Church or on the day at 11am St. Jarlath Church for the blessing.

Community Health Club: Social Dancing. Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre.

7pm-8pm this Sunday evening. Admission: €5 per household. All welcome.

A thought: Nothing in human relationships is perfect, but people should try accepting each other as they are, be open to each other, and be willing to give their best to the relationship. - Richard Buck.

Accord Ballinasloe: Phone: 090-9643573 or email: ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net.

Cancer Reflexology: Home calls available. Contact Louise at 087-2347333.

Reflection: Jesus is the perfect human being. He came to create a new humanity by transforming us and filling us with his own holiness and glory. Incorporated in Christ by baptism, we die to our old humanity and rise with him as a new creation (2 Cor 5:17). Deep within us the Spirit begins his work of transforming us into the likeness and holiness of Christ. Nonetheless, we must co-operate with the Spirit. Two things hinder this. The first is that we lose confidence that we will overcome our failings and weaknesses. This isn't true - 'God's grace is sufficient and his power is made perfect in weakness' (2 Cor 12:9). The second is that we often seem to be struggling with the same issue. The remedy is not to lose heart because the Spirit renews us every day (2 Cor 4: 16) - "Walk with Me", p23.

Readings this weekend: Through his cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the paschal mystery. The catechumens, having been shown the struggle needed, are pointed towards their own exodus. The disciples on the mountain top, seeing Jesus transfigured are encouraged for the days when they meet the Cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting: After this meeting we want to encourage as many parishioners as possible to get involved in the various ministries of the church to keep our parish alive. We encourage you to get involved in the choir and music ministry, the readers and Eucharistic ministry and the altar ministry for example. We, also, encourage those who are regular attenders to encourage others to join us for our weekend Masses. The time taken to attend this community celebration each week is very short, approximately 35 minutes!

Lourdes: Annual Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage. 14th - 19th August 2020. Under the Leadership of Bishop Michael Duignan. Medical and Nursing Care for Assisted Pilgrims Travelling to Lourdes. Includes: Insurance, Air Fare and Hotel. Return Coach to and from airport. Shannon to Lourdes. Booking Deposit €200. Total cost per person sharing: €750.

Host Families needed for Spanish students from 29th June - 27th July. Contact maurawinters@givora.ie.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: International Hotel Cork. 3-5th April. Friday 7pm to Sunday 4pm. Visit: www.marriageencounter.ie Or, phone: 087-2162436.

French Oral Practice available from Ann at 087-671487. Excellent results. See Facebook for reviews at Success@frenchsuccessgalway.com.

Bealtaine Festival 2020: Celebrating Creativity as We Age. Family and friends sing songs they love. Phone: 01-8057709 or email: bealtaine1@ageandopportunity.ie for more information in setting up a group.

Foyer of Charity: Esker Retreat. 3-19th April. Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. Cost €380 full board. Contact Helen @ 086-1678027 or email: hellywilliams@gmail.com

Beginning Experience Weekend: 3-5th April in Esker. Contact Maureen at 087-6646896 or Mary at 087-9384446 for more detailed information.

Pioneer Lenten Pledge. Take a short term or long-term pledge. See www.pioneerassociation.ie for more information.

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage to Hungry under the leadership of Bishop Michael Duignan. 15-21st Sept. 2020. Gyor and Budapest. Cost: €845 per person sharing. Limited places. Contact Isabelle at 091-841560.

Catechism of the Catholic Church - Day of Reflection at Knock. Saturday 28th March. Contact Máirín at 087-7950325 or email: caoifrain@hotmail.com

The Seumas O'Kelly Players present their Spring Comedy, "The Cripple of Inishmaan" by Martin McDonagh opening Saturday 21st of March with more shows Sunday 22nd, Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th of March in the Temperance Hall, Loughrea at 8 pm. Tickets are €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's Main Street Loughrea, €12 on the door. For further information please contact 083-8633796.

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Lotto. Draw Date: 1st March. Numbers Drawn: 1, 3, 28, 31. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winner; PJ Shiel. Next Week's Jackpot €8,300.