

The Parish of Leitrim/Ballydugan/Kilmeen

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

The Third Week of Lent:

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

St Patrick's Day Vigil Mass: St Andrew Church: 7.00pm. Private Intention.

St. Patricks Day: St Jarlath Church: 11.00am. Richard and Frances Evans and Michael and Kathleen Darcy.

Wednesday 18th March. St Andrew Church: 8.00am. Private Intention.

Thursday 19th March. St Andrew Church: 8.00am. Private Intention.

Friday 20th March. No Mass

Saturday 21st March 6.30. St. Andrew Church:

James, Tom and Nan Shiel

Sunday 22nd March 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Vincent Cannon and Rosaleen Cannon

Blessing of shamrock: Please bring your shamrock for blessing at both Masses. Thank you.

Readers: St. Patricks eve: Maria Kennedy. St Patricks Day Michael Stapleton.

Saturday 21st March: Niamh O'Brien. Sunday 22nd March: Izzy Fahy.

Eucharistic Ministers: St. Patricks eve: Imelda Cunniffe. St. Patricks day: Mary Callanan.

Saturday 21st March: Tom Crosse. Sunday 22nd March: Maureen Walsh.

Eucharistic Ministers New Rota available.

Collections 7/8th March: €601.01. Thank you for your contributions. The second collection on St Patrick's Day is for Emigrants. Please give as generously as you can.

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.

HSE Covid-19 Virus Guidelines can be found at www.hse.ie or www.clonferdiocese.ie.

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.

Circuit Training for over 40's in new gym at the Leitrim/Ballydugan Centre. Interested contact Kevin Boyle.

Choir practice for Easter starting on Monday 16th at c. 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

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

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

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

A thought: Maireann croi eadronn I bhfad. A merry heart lives long.

Reflection: 'I thirst'. These two words of Jesus on the cross are full of meaning. Crucifixion was a most brutal form of execution. That a victim of such barbarity should cry out for a drink is hardly surprising. Yet Jesus' words, 'I thirst' carry deeper meanings. He longed to do his Father's will. This was an overpowering desire. His cry from the cross showed that the desire was like a burning thirst. Jesus longed for our salvation, for our response, for our love. This thirst of Jesus remains. He longs for us. Let us answer his cry. - Walk with Me, p. 32.

Readings this weekend: Christ offers the water of life to all who thirst. We are being prepared to accept the Spirit. Through that Spirit the gift of love is poured into the hearts, a gift bought for us by the blood of Christ. The prayer that they grow in wisdom and love echoes the readings, and must still be the prayer of all Christians

Mother's Day: Next weekend we will have a special blessing for all mothers at both our Masses.

St. Patrick: Novena to St. Patrick. See www.padrainnaofa.ie.

Services for Older People: GRD presentation. Ballinasloe Library, Tuesday 25th March, 2pm - 4.15pm. Light lunch served.

MIC Thurles Student Teacher Experience Day Register Now! Saturday 28th March. See www.micopenday.ie.

Silent Retreat: Esker, 13th - 19th April. Preached by Fr. Killian Byrne. Cost €380 full board, Contact Helen at 00353861678027 or email: hellywilliams@gamil.com.

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.

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 Mairín 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: 7th March. Jackpot: €8,300. Numbers Drawn: 13, 26, 27, 31. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winner; Alan Kelly, M Cavanagh. Next Week's Jackpot €8,400.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!