

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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Second Week of Advent: Mass Times

Saturday, 5th December: 6.30 St Andrew Church:

May Kennerney (7th Anniversary). Brian Fahy (1st Anniversary.)

Sunday 6th December: 11am. St. Jarlath Church: Ena Flannery

Monday 7th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 8th December: St Andrew Church:

7.50 am Feast of the Immaculate Conception: Private Intention:

St. Jarlath Church 7pm. Private Intention.

Wednesday 9th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Thursday 10th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Friday 11th December: No Mass

Saturday, 12th December: 6.30 St Andrew Church:

Nancy and Ned Coleman. Private Intention.

Sunday 13th December: 11am. St. Jarlath Church:

Lawrence and Madeline Forde and the deceased members of the Forde Family.

Collections: 21/22nd November. and 28/29th November: €360.00. Thank you for your contributions.

Next weekend is the Priests Christmas Collection. This is one of four collections in the year for the support of the priest. Please give as generously as you can.

Annual St. Vincent de Paul collection this weekend (5/6th December). Please give as generously as you can. If you need assistance this Christmas please phone 086-0551134 in confidence.

Readers: Saturday 5th December Ruadhan Dillon, Sunday 6th December Kathleen Forde. Tuesday 8th December Izzy Fahy, Saturday 12th December Aisling Casserly, Sunday 13th December Georgia Deely. Saturday 19th December Niamh O'Brien. Sunday 20th December Isabel Keleghan.

Note: a new rota will be drawn up for Christmas and the New Year.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 5th December Rose Mary Broderick, Sunday 6th December Mary Callanan. Saturday 12th December Mary Barrett, Sunday 13th December Mary Horan,

Forth Coming Event:

Baptism, Sunday 6th December, St. Jarlath Church, 12.15pm.

Our sincere sympathy to Evelyn Fahy and family (Dalystown) on the recent death of her mother, Bridget (Dilly) Rourke, who was laid to rest on Monday. May she rest in peace.

Confirmation 2020: Confirmation will be celebrated in the parish on Saturday 12th December as follows:

5th Class Leitrim NS 10am, St. Andrew Church

6th Class Leitrim NS 12noon, St Andrew Church

5th Class Kilcooley NS 2pm, St. Jarlath Church

6th Class Kilcooley NS 4pm, St. Jarlath Church.

Note: All Government guidelines must be adhered to.

From the PP's Desk:

Level 3 Restrictions with Special Concession: *As you will be aware, the Government announced that the country has moving to Level 3 restrictions. In light of Christmas, they have given a special concession for Places of Worship to reopen for religious services. This is to be reviewed at the beginning of January 2021. Practically, this means that our churches may reopen to the public on more or less the same terms as before and in accordance with "Nothing Can Separate us from the Love of God: Guidance for a Return to the Public Pastoral Life of the Church". Please note in particular:*

Up to 50 worshippers can attend Services with the following protective measures: 2m social distancing guidelines adhered to (members of the same household can sit/stand close together)

Wearing of face coverings at all Services

No congregation by people outside the premises before and after any service.

We need to stay vigilant and safe. We need to continue to protect the most vulnerable in our community over Christmas. We should not let our guard down. By adhering to the above measures, they will help us along the way.

Readings this weekend: St John the Baptist calls to us to straighten out our lives, to lower the mountains of pride so that God's grace can lead us to do what he wants with us. There is no place for our selfishness and pride in St. Peter's new heaven and new earth.

Reflection: At Christmas when many parents struggling with finances see the price tag on a toy their child has their heart set on, the parent will instinctively see that cost in terms of the cost of electricity, school books or the Christmas food. St. Vincent de Paul's aim with the support from people and organisations in Irish society is to reduce the need for such choices in families already worried by pressures brought on by Covid-19.-

Rose McGowan, National President, St. V de P.

www.creideamh.ie/advent for on-line **Advent Scripture Sharing**

Groups. Sunday 7.30 - 8.10pm. Thursday 11 - 11.40am.

COPE Galway: 24-hour confidential helpline at 091-565985. Domestic abuse and refuge services remain open.

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Club: The numbers drawn on November 29th were: 1, 16, 20, 26. There was no jackpot winner. No Match three Winners; Lucky Dip Winners; Josh Naughton; Frankie Burke; Terry Crowe Jnr; John Regan; Marie Warde. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €10,900

A thought: Those who raise walls will end up as slaves within the very walls they have built. - Pope Francis.