

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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(The parish newsletter is available on the internet www.clonfertdiocese.ie)

Third Week of Advent: Mass Times

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.

Monday 14th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 15th December: St Andrew Church: 7.50am Private Intention:

Wednesday 16th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Thursday 17th December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Friday 18th December: No Mass

Saturday, 19th December: 6.30 St Andrew Church:

Packie and Claire Clarke

Sunday 20th December: 11am. St. Jarlath Church

Kathleen Healy. Jane Dobson

Wearing of face coverings at all Services.

Collections 5/6th December: €635.30. Thank you for your contributions. **The second envelope and collection this weekend is the Priests' Christmas Collection. Please give as generously as you can.**

Readers: Saturday 19th December Niamh O'Brien.

Sunday 20th December Isabel Keleghan.

New readers' rota now available for pick up.

Eucharistic Ministers: Saturday 19th December Catriona Kenny.

Sunday 20th December Mary Callanan.

Congratulations and welcome to the faith community to Eric James McGuin who was baptised last Sunday in St. Jarlath Church.

Forth coming event: Baptism, Sunday 20th, 12.15pm, St. Andrew Church.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve: 7pm and 9pm St. Andrew Church.

Midnight Mass by candlelight, St. Jarlath Church.

Christmas Day: 9am and 11am St. Jarlath Church.

Confession: Available before or after 6.30pm Mass Saturdays or by private appointment.

Reflection: God dignifies us. Without any effort God could bring to nothing all ills in creation from start to finish, but if He were to do so, creatures would be mere puppets with no causality by which they could act in the world; they would in effect be mere characters in a story. Rather God dignifies creatures with an ability to act and to share in His own causality, and this is especially so for humans who are rational and can make decisions to manifest God's goodness in the world.

- Dr. Gaven Kerr. Intercom December 2020/January 2021, p.23.

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.

Book by Sr. Kathleen Lynch, "The Sublime Round Tower: Iconic Call to Contemplative Prayer". €10. For order call 083-8791745.

SHOP LOCAL this Christmas: Skelly's, O'Donnell's, and Kylesmore Farmhouse, Abbey.

Online Holy Hour: For refugees/Asylum Seekers, 8-9pm. Monday Dec. 14th. See www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer.

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.

ALONE: Contact number: 0818 222024.

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Club: The numbers drawn on December 6th were: 4, 5, 20, 31. There was no jackpot winner. Match three Winners; Irene Shiel Leahy; Marion Shiel. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €11,000.

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA 25 Year Book is now available for sale from Skelly's, Shalvey Butchers and Leahy's Pharmacy. Price €20. Limited stock so pick up your copy early to avoid disappointment.

St. Vincent de Paul helpline: 086-0551134.

A message from the Leitrim/Ballydugan Community Centre committee.

Despite this unprecedented year, we the committee have worked hard to improve the facilities for all in the community. However, this comes at a high cost.

With our Annual Sale of Work cancelled, no rent from various groups etc, we have decided to embark upon a yearly lotto draw.

A member of the committee will be calling to you in due course.

Please support.

A thought: Lead by example.

