

The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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

Fourth Week of Advent and Christmas Time: Mass Times

Saturday, 19th December: 6.30 St Andrew Church:

Packie and Claire Clarke

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

Kathleen Healy. Jane Dobson

Monday 21st December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Tuesday 22nd December: St Andrew Church: 7.50am Private Intention:

Wednesday 23rd December: St Andrew Church: 8am. Private Intention.

Christmas Eve St Andrew Church: 7pm: Frank and Tommy Moran and

deceased members of the Moran Family. 9pm: Private Intention

St. Jarlath Church Midnight Mass, by Candlelight.

Christmas Day: 9am: Private Intention. 11am: Private Intention.

Saturday, 26th December: 6.30 St Andrew Church:

Gerard Riordan (3rd Anniversary.)

Sunday 27th December: 11am. St. Jarlath Church Pat Melody.

Wearing of face coverings at all Services.

Note: For Christmas Masses please fill seats from the front. Families can sit together. Please wear face coverings. Leave from the back, leaving distance as you leave between the people in front of you. The outside speaker will transmit the Mass to those who wish to remain outside and communion will be brought to you by the Eucharistic Minister. No congregating before or after Mass. Thank you.

Collections: 12/13th December: €744.79. Priests Christmas Collection:

€1,705.14 (Parish Target for this collection is €4,250.)

St. Vincent de Paul €390. Thank you for your generous donations.

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

Readers: Christmas Eve: 7pm Aisling Casserly: 9pm Frieda Crowe:

Midnight: Cathal Lenehan: Christmas Day: 9am Michael Stapleton:

11am Izzy Fahy. Saturday 26th Niamh O'Brien: Sunday 27th Ryan Keleghan

Eucharistic Ministers: Christmas Eve 7pm Imelda Cunniffe: 9pm Tom Crosse:

Midnight Maureen Walsh: Christmas Day 9am Gerry Hernon: 11am Mary

Horan: Saturday 26th Patricia O'Brien: Sunday 27th Andrew Coughlan.

Reflection: It is Christmas every time you let God love through you...yes, it is Christmas every time you smile at your brother or sister and offer him/her your hand. - St Teresa of Calcutta

Readings this weekend: The role of Mary in the Incarnation is celebrated. She is of that house of David which God promised would be built according to his plan. The plan is revealed in Jesus Christ and is now made known to all peoples.

In Hopeful Expectation: Prayers at Home for Advent in a Time of Pandemic

Each Advent, we are invited to set aside some extra time and space for prayer, reflection and good works. The situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes. A guide to assist you in doing just that is now available. Download it from www.clonfertdiocese.ie Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or Twitter Account.

Christmas Eve: The Virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they shall call him Emmanuel.

Christmas Day: The Word was made flesh, he lived among us, and we saw his glory.

Congratulations to the pupils, present and past, who were confirmed last weekend. May the Holy Spirit remain with them throughout their lives. Thanks to everyone who made the Sacrament possible and such a memorable occasion.

Forth coming events:

Sunday 20th December Baptism, 12.15pm St. Andrew Church.

Sunday 27th December Baptism 12.15pm St. Jarlath Church.

St. Brendan Education Centre, Loughrea has course places available for 2021. Contact details: freda.murphy@gretb.ie or 091-841387. john.melville@gretb.ie or 087-9332033.

Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Club: The numbers drawn on December 13th were: 1, 7, 26, 31. There was no jackpot winner. Match three Winner; Clodagh Brehony. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €11,100.

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.

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: For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself. - Charles Dickens.

A happy and peaceful Christmas to you all.