

## The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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### The Octave of Christmas:

#### Masses:

Due to the new restrictions, and our move to Level 5 on the 26th December, regrettably there will be **no public Masses in our churches until further notice.**

I will **say daily Mass privately** for your intentions. I will also celebrate Mass for **booked anniversaries** unless otherwise directed. If you wish, they can be **rebooked** when time allows.

**First Friday Calls:** There will be **no calls on the First Friday in January.** The next calls will be on Friday 5th February, please God. Emergency calls only.

#### Collections:

19/20th December: €556.29. St. Vincent de Paul: €1,000.

**Congratulations and welcome** to the faith community to Sean Jack Manto who was baptised in St. Andrew Church last Sunday.

**January 1st is World Day of Prayer for Peace** and is also dedicated to the Mother of God. A **New Year** is a journey. Do we see the days ahead as blessed and graced from God to us? Embrace and welcome 2021 as a Jubilee time. The prophets heralded a year as a time of the Lord's favour. The gift of time is entrusted into our hands by the Lord.

**Pope's Intention for January: Human fraternity.** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our sisters and brothers of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

**GOD WITH US. A Prayer Guide for the Season of Christmas in a Time of Pandemic.** Designed for use in the home, it is aimed at helping to enrich our spiritual participation in the major Christmas celebrations. Download at <https://www.clonfertdiocese.ie/.../god-with-us-a-prayer...>

**A thought:** Once in our world, a stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world. -CS Lewis.

**A happy, healthy, and peaceful New Year to you all.**

**Reflection:** The world's richest saw their wealth climb 27.5% to 10.2 trillion dollars from April to July this year...Among the billionaires, the biggest winners this year have been the industrialists, whose wealth rose a staggering 44% in the three months to July. This comes as the World Bank announced that extreme poverty across the globe is set to rise this year for the first time in two decades. Francis not only condemns the idea of trickle-down economics; he queries the notion that the market freedom somehow levels the playing field for all people. - "Builders of a New Social Bond". The Furrow, December 2020, p.648

**Readings this Weekend: The Holy Family.** The Holy Family is seen as the model for the human family, the religious community, and the Church itself. The celebration of the Incarnation has brought us to see God's closeness. In the Holy Family we see the ordinariness of the life of Jesus, the simple acceptance by Mary and Joseph of the marvels of God. In the daily life of family and community we can touch the divine, we can come close to God. But we have to learn to live centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

**Irish Hospice Foundation:** Support Line, freephone 1800 80 70 77.

**ALONE** Covid-19 for older people. Phone: 0818 222024, 8am - 8pm. See [www.alone.ie](http://www.alone.ie) to become a volunteer.

**Kilnadeema Leitrim GAA Club:** The numbers drawn on December 20th were: 1, 27, 28, 30. There was no jackpot winner. Match three Winner; Michael Hedderman Snr. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €11,200.

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

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

**Olive Niland** would like to thank all her sponsors who helped to raise €1,300 when she completed her 19th marathon virtually.

**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 draw.

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

Please support.