

## The Parish of Leitrim Ballydugan/Kilmeen.

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(The parish newsletter is available on the internet [www.clonfertdioocese.ie](http://www.clonfertdioocese.ie))

### Christmas Time:

**Masses: The following are the Anniversary Masses booked before restrictions came into place:**

Saturday 2nd January: Martin and Mary Jo Costello

Sunday 3rd January: Willie, James and Sadie Griffin

Saturday 9th January: John and Mary Hale and Alice Daniels

Sunday 10th January: Brigid Coen (1st Anniversary.)

**Note: The Masses can be said privately or rescheduled when restrictions are lifted. Please let me know your intention at the above number. Thank you**

**Collections:** Christmas Day Collection: €1,005.00. 26/27th December: €340.00. Priests Christmas Collection: €935.00. Thank you for your generous donations.

**Congratulations and welcome** to the faith community to Corey Francis Mannion and Kayden Eugene Mannion who were baptised last weekend in St. Jarlath Church.

**Our Churches** remain open for private prayer during Level 5 restrictions. I will say daily Mass in private for your intentions. You are invited to make a spiritual communion whenever you can.

**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.

**Vaccine:** People may receive any clinically approved vaccine in good conscience. Please refer to the Irish Bishop's statement, which is fully consistent with the statement from the

CDF [https://www.vatican.va/roman\\_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc\\_con\\_cfaith\\_doc\\_20201221\\_nota-vaccini-anticovid\\_en.html](https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html) 17.

**Visits: No household visits except for care and exceptional reasons.**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity:** 18 - 25th January 2021. The theme is 'Abide In My Love...You Shall Bear Much Fruit.'

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

**Reflection for the New Year. The Indian Ten Commandments:** Treat the earth and all that dwell therein with respect. Remain close to the Great Spirit. Show great respect for your fellow beings. Work together for the benefit of all mankind. Give assistance and kindness wherever it is needed. Do what you know to be right. Look after the well-being of mind and body. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good. Be truthful and honest at all times. Take full responsibility for your actions. **Readings this weekend:** When powerful silence lay overall, and night had run half her swift course, the all-powerful word leaped down from heaven, from the royal throne.

**January 6th, The Epiphany of the Lord:** The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his Baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the Magi, representatives of the neighbouring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the incarnation. - CCC, 528

**Thank you** to all who helped, participated, and exercised their ministries at the Masses over Christmas period. Also, thank you to all who decorated the churches so beautifully.

**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 27th were: 4, 23, 27, 32. There was no jackpot winner. Match three Winners; Marie Lalor, Pdraig McLoughlin. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €11,300

**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.

**A thought:** Our scientific power has outrun our Spiritual power; we have guided missiles and misguided men. - Y. Fushimi.

**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.

