

**THE PARISH OF LEITRIM, BALLYDUGAN/KILMEEN** (Loughrea Faith Community Area)

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**Third Week of Advent – Year C**

**Masses:**

**Saturday 14th 6.30pm:** Nancy and Ned Coleman. Martin and Mary-Jo Costello.

**Sunday 15th 11am:** Patrick and Margaret Donohue. Jack and May Connaire.

Monday 16th **7.50am:** Private Intention

Tuesday 17th 8am: Deceased members of the Glennon, Brady and Brody families.

Wednesday 18th 8am: Private Intention

Thursday 19th 8am: Private Intention

**Saturday 21st 6.30pm:** Martin, Maura and Eileen O'Shaughnessy

**Sunday 22nd 11am:** Jane Dobson.

**Note:** Mass on **Monday** morning is at **7.50am** for the school year.

**Confession** is available before weekend Masses or by appointment.

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**Collections: 7/8<sup>th</sup>: €500.71. St. V. de P. €860.75. The second envelope and collection this weekend (14/15<sup>th</sup>) is the Priests Christmas Collection. Please give as generously as you can. Thank you for your generous donations.**

**Readers: Dec 21st: Helen La Branche. Dec 22nd: Caoimhe McClearn.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: Dec 21st: Tom Crosse. Dec 22nd: Mary Callanan.**

**Counters, December: Tom and Gavin Treacy.**

**Pope's Intention for December: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.**

**Readings this Weekend: (Gaudete Sunday).** John the Baptist inaugurates the Gospel; already from his mother's womb he welcomes the coming of Christ and rejoices in being 'the friend of the bridegroom', whom he points out as 'the lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world'.

**Reflection:** No one can celebrate a genuine Christmas without being truly poor. The self-sufficient, the proud; those who, because they have everything, look down on others; those who have no need even of God – for them there will be no Christmas... Without poverty of spirit there can be no abundance of God. – Oscar Romero.

**A thought: Good news is worth repeating and celebrating.**

**First Friday Calls:** If you are housebound or ill at home and wish to receive the Sacraments on First Friday of the Month please contact me at the above number.

**Our sympathy** to Eileen Callanan and family on the recent passing of her brother, Josie Shaughnessy. May he rest in peace.

**Forth coming events: Annual Sale of Work,** Community Centre, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Wed. 18<sup>th</sup> World Migrants Day.

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**Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club:** The numbers drawn on December 8th were: 7, 9, 11, 16. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners; Caron Burke, Vincent Glynn. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €7,400.

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