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

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## Christmas Time – Year C

## Masses:

**Saturday 28th 6.30pm:** Mary Daniels (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv). Gerard Riordan (7<sup>th</sup> Anniv). John Joe Rabbitte (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniv).

Sunday 29th 11am: Michael and Frances (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv) Mannion.

Wed 1st 8am: World day of Peace. Holy Year of Jubilee.

Thurs 2nd 8am: Private Intention

Saturday 4th 6.30pm: Private Intention

Sunday 5th 11am: P.J. Leahy (11th) and deceased members of the Leahy Family.

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

Collections: 21/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: €892.26. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: Colm Riordan. Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: Joe Fahy.

Eucharistic Ministers: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>: Rose M. Broderick. Dec 5<sup>th</sup>: Bridie Quinn.

**Counters, January: The Healy Family.** 

Pope's Intention for January: Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those afflicted by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

**Readings this Weekend: 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 love centred on God, with respect and love for each other.

**Reflection: January 1<sup>st</sup> - Mary, Mother of God.** At the message of the angel, the Virgin Mary received the Word of God in her heart and in her body, and gave Life to the world. Hence, she is honoured and acknowledged as being truly the Mother of God and Mother of the Redeemer. (LG, 52).

A thought: Keep a green branch in your heart and the singing bird will come. – Chinese Proverb.

**Forth coming events**: Sun 29<sup>th</sup>, Baptism 12noon, St Jarlath Church. Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Baptism, 1pm, St Andrew Church.

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: The numbers drawn on December 22nd were: 6, 9, 10, 32. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winner; Amy Haverty. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €7,600. Shamrocks Camogie 50/50 Draw: Congratulations to Sean Cleary, the latest winner of our 50/50 lotto jackpot of €473.

**Opening of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025** – All are welcome! This special year of hope and reconciliation with God and with each other will be officially opened by Bishop Michael at the **Cathedral of St Brendan Loughrea at 8pm Mass on Saturday 28th of December 2024.** 

**The Ordinary Jubilee Year** takes place every twenty-five years. It is a special time of reconciliation with God and with one another. During the Jubilee Year 2025, the Cathedral of Our Lady Assumed into Heaven and St Nicholas, Galway and the Cathedral of St Brendan, Loughrea, have been dedicated as special places of pilgrimage where the Holy Year Indulgence may be obtained. www.galwaydiocese.ie <u>www.clonfertdiocese.ie</u>

A big "THANK YOU" for your support of your Parish Community over the year and especially for your active participation in the various ministries of our church.

I wish you and your families many blessings and peace for 2025. Fr. Iomar.