

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

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**Fifth Week of Easter – Year B**

**Masses:**

**Saturday 27th 6.30pm:** Sr. Mary Ita Keeny. Mike Kenny. Mary and John Geraghty.

**Sunday 28th 11am:** Fr. Stanislaus Callanan. Charlie (4<sup>th</sup>) and Tadgh (2<sup>nd</sup>) Haverty.

Monday 29th **8am:** Private Intention.

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> **8am:** Private Intention.

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> **8am:** Private Intention.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> **7.50am:** Private Intention.

**Saturday 4th 6.30pm:** Sean Egan.

**Sunday 5th 11am:** Tony Molloy (29<sup>th</sup> Anniv.). Sean Healy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.).

**Note:** Mass on Thursday for school term is at 7.50am

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

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**Collections: 20/21<sup>st</sup> €697.11. Missionary Sisters: €1,005.15. Painting Project Anonymous Donations: €50. €100. €100. The second envelope and collection next weekend is the Clonfert Priests' Retirement Fund. Thank you for your generous donations.**

**Readers: May 4th: Colm Riordan. May 5th: Izzy Fahy.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: May 4th: Teresa Hardiman. May 5th: Gerry Hernon.**

**Counters, May, The Healy Family.**

**Pope's Intention for May: That religious women and me, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.**

**Readings this Weekend:** The Church grows in the fear of the Lord, filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit. The Father watches over the growth of the vine that it may bear more fruit. Faith, love and obedience to the commandments give life.

**Reflection:** Just as a vine is pruned in order to be fruitful, so we will be pruned when we accept the give and take of healthy relationships.

**A thought: What fruit am I producing? Is it good or bad?**

**Forth-coming events: First Holy Communion Leitrim NS, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 11am. Blessing of Graves: Leitrim Old Tues 7<sup>th</sup>. Leitrim New Wed 8<sup>th</sup>, Ballydugan Tues 14<sup>th</sup>. Kilteskil Wed 15<sup>th</sup>. Kilcooley Mon 20<sup>th</sup> (Mass 8pm). Kilmeen Wed 22<sup>nd</sup>. All services at 8.30pm. Come prepared for all weather conditions!**

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**Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club:** The numbers drawn on April 21st were: 9, 25, 27, 31. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners; John Donnelly. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €4,100.

**Parish Project:** The next project is to paint the externals of both churches before the Confirmation and Holy Communion ceremonies, weather permitting. If you wish to support this painting project financially please **mark your contribution "Painting Project"**. Your support will be greatly appreciated. **National Pilgrimage for Life** - The first National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine with Mass at 3.00pm in the Basilica. Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. **The Clonfert and Galway Pilgrimages to Knock** takes place on **Sunday 19th May**. Ceremonies begin as usual at 2.30pm with the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick followed by the celebration of Eucharist at 3pm, followed by the Rosary Procession.

