

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

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Holy Week – Year B

Masses:

Saturday 23rd 6.30pm: Private Intention.

Sunday 24th Palm Sunday 11am: Eileen O'Brien.

Monday 25th 8am: Private Intention.

Tuesday 26th 8am: Private Intention.

Wednesday 27th 8am: Private Intention.

Thursday 28th **Holy Thursday 8pm:** St. Jarlath Church, Ballydugan.

Friday 29th: **Good Friday 3pm:** St. Andrew Church, Leitrim.

Holy Saturday 30th: 9pm St Andrew Church, Leitrim.

Easter Sunday, St. Jarlath Church, 31st: 11am John and Mary Bane.

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

Confession is available before weekend Masses or by appointment.

Collections: 16/17th March: €515.49. Emigrants: €427.36. Collection on Good Friday is for Holy Places. Priests Easter Collection next weekend (30/31st). Thank you for your generous donations. **Trocaire Boxes** can now be returned. Thanks for your support.

Readers: 28th: Kathleen Forde. **29th:** Colm Riordan, Catriona Dillon, Kayne Boyle, Lauren Boyle. **30th:** Katie Crosse, Maria Kennedy, Mary Barrett, Alison Cuniffe. **31st:** Joe Fahy.

Eucharistic Ministers: 28th 8pm: Gerry Hernon. 29th 3pm: Mary Barrett. 30th 9pm: Eddie Kenny. 31st: Andrew Coughlan.

Counters, March, Mary Horan, Stephen Leahy, Claire Nulty

Pope's Intention for March: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Readings this Weekend: Holy Week begins on this Sunday, which joins the foretelling of Christ's regal triumph and the proclamation of the passion. The palms serve as a reminder of the victory of Christ and to honour him as Christ the King.

Reflection: We read the Passion story in the light of the resurrection. What seemed a humiliating and shameful failure for Jesus was not the end of the story. What in your life seemed like a tragedy but created a new life and new possibilities in the end?

A thought: Is suffering always an end in itself?

Forth Coming Events: Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, 7pm, St. Jarlath Church, Ballydugan. Sunday 31st Summer Time Begins.

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: Results to follow.

Medjugorje International Youth Festival from July 31st– August 7th 2024. Spiritual Director: Bishop Michael Duignan. OPEN TO ADULTS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 (by 31st July 2024) AND 35. Subsidised Fare **€680** – all inclusive. For further information and booking form contact the Clonfert Diocesan Office: tel. 091 841 560, email office@clonfertdiocese.ie, or **contact your local priest**. Limited spaces – first come, first served. Closing date 12th of April.

Loughrea Music Club Concert. Friday 5th April, 7pm, Carmelite Abbey. Donations to Mary's Meals. All welcome.

A summary of some of what happens on Holy Saturday night:

Hush...Shiver...Ignite...Flicker...Blaze...Light up...Warm up...Smell...Follow...Acclaim...Read...Listen...Sing...Ask...Stand...Invoke...Splash...Flow...Breathe...Mingle...Dip...Bring forward...Renounce and denounce...Swear and promise...Drown...Emerge...Acclaim...Clothe...Surround...Embrace...Anoint...Petition...

