

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

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Second Week of Lent – Year C

Masses:

Saturday 15th 6.30pm: William, Annie and Francis Costello.

Sunday 16th 11am: Special Intention. Joe and Bridie Lawless.

7pm Vigil Mass for St. Patrick's Day.

Monday 17th 11am Richie and Frances Evans. Kathleen and Michael Darcy.

Tuesday 18th 8am Patrick and Maura Nulty

Wednesday 19th 8am Private Intention

Thursday 20th 8am Private Intention

Saturday 22nd 6.30pm Mary and Michael and Frank Lalor.

Sunday 23rd 11am Eileen and Joe O'Brien

Note: Mass on Monday morning during school term is at 7.50am.

Confession is available before weekend Masses or by appointment.

Collections: 8/9th Mar. €662.51. Lenten: €813.59. The second envelope and collection on St. Patrick's day is for Emigrants. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: Mar 22nd: Colm Riordan Mar 17th: Aoife Fogarty Mar 23rd: Andrew Watkins

Eucharistic Ministers: Mar 22nd: Tom Crosse Mar 23rd: Gay Horan

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

Pope's Intention for March: That broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Readings this Weekend: The vision of Christ transfigured in glory is given to the three apostles, who will see him suffering in the Garden.

Reflection: On the day of judgement men will render account for every careless word they offer. – St Patrick.

A thought: A Lent well spent will bring us to a joyful celebration of Easter.

Forth coming events: Sunday 16th March 12 noon and 12.45pm Baptisms, St Jarlath Church.

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: The numbers drawn on March 9th were: 19, 21, 23, 31. No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 Winners; Martina Canavan, Catherine Shiel. The next draw will be for a jackpot of €8,700. **Trocaire Boxes** available at the back of each church for collection. **Keeping Connected:** Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter. **Living as Missionary Disciples – A Lenten Retreat Opportunity, Fri. 28th & Sat. 29th March** in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe. See www.creideamh.ie/retreat for details. All welcome but places limited. **Pope Francis** has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". **A short-term pledge** is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction. **'Whisper of God' One Day Retreat** in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine on Saturday, March 22nd. The day will include quiet prayer, reflection and spiritual direction. For bookings and more information, contact John Farrelly, Knock Shrine by email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie or telephone 086 0108623. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details. **Fr. Benny McHale** will conduct a four-night programme on volume two of Luke's New Testament writing, the Acts of the Apostles, which will be read during the Easter season. No previous knowledge is required and Bibles will be provided. The course takes place on Wednesday 19 March, 26 March, 2 April and 9 April from 7:30pm to 9.30pm in The Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine. Places are limited. For bookings, contact Nicola Mitchell at Knock Shrine. Tel 094 93 88100 or email nicolamitchell@knockshrine.ie **Happy St. Patrick's Day!**

