

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

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Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A

Masses:

Saturday 11th 6.30pm: William, Mary Ann and Johnny Geraghty.

Sunday 12th 11.30am: Andy, Catherine and Gerard Flynn.

Saturday 18th 6.30pm: Thomas and Margaret Tierney. Pat Tierney.

Sunday 19th 11.30am: Tom and Brigid Larkin.

Confession is available before weekend Masses or by appointment.

Priest on duty 13th – 17th July inclusive is Fr. Foley (091-8423119/087-2227345).

Collections: 4/5th: €608.85. Accord: €421.67. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: 18th Helen La Branche. 19th Katheen Forde.

Eucharistic Ministers: 18th Allison Cunniffe. 19th Mary Horan.

July, Counters: Kathleen Callanan and Gerry Farrell. Church/Altar Ministry Leitrim: Teresa Hardiman and Catriona Dillon.

Pope's Intention for July: For respect for human life. For the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

Readings this Weekend: We must have faith in the power of God's word. It is the instrument by which God effects his purpose. It does not work automatically, but grows in a soil of faith and prayer. We have to be concerned about teaching, preaching and praying the word, and to work to ensure a receptive soil.

Reflection: In the second half of life we come home to our true selves. Now we know what T.S. Eliot meant when he wrote, "We shall not cease from exploration, and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time." – **Philip McParland, The Furrow, June 2026, p.341.**

A thought: As I get older I discovered that I had two hands, one for helping myself, the second for helping other people. – Audrey Hepburn.

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: Jackpot: €3,600. Draw Date: 29-06-26. Winning Numbers: 2, 16, 23, 28, Match 3 Winners: Paul Dunne, Catriona Kenny, Noel Healy, Next Draw Date: 05-07-26. Next Week's Jackpot: €3,700

Forth Coming Events: Sunday 12th July, Baptism, 12.30pm, St Jarlath Church. Sunday 19th Baptism, St Andrew Church, Leitrim. 12.30pm.

Loughrea Music Club Concert: Wednesday 29th July. 7.30pm. Loughrea Library. Featuring the Grey Lake Quartet and Maire Hughes. Admission Free. Donations to Mary's Meals. **Beginners Course in Theology** - No Exams or Essays. Beginning this September, Credenda is a part-time distance learning Beginners Course in Theology designed for adults who wish to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. No previous knowledge of theology is required, and there are no exams or essays. It combines personal study with guided sessions led by Dominican tutors. For further information and registration details, please visit www.dominicans.ie. The Cost is: €190 for the full course. **Abide in His Love Women's Conference.** The Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, 20–22 November 2026. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more. A conference not to be missed! Register now: <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com> **"Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August:** Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome. To register or find out more, visit youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland." **ATU St Angela** is inviting applications for Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery, beginning Autumn 2026. The programme is open to Qualified Primary and Post-Primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation on teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for applications is **Friday, 14th August 2026.** Further info. contact Mary Kearns at mary.earns@atu.ie website www.atu.ie **3-Day and 5-Day Residential Retreats July 2026:** Led by Fr. Prince Clarence SJ **3-Day Retreats:** Faith Formation based on the teachings of the Catholic Church and Inner Healing Adoration. Dates: **July 14th – 16th** **5-Day Ignatian Retreat:** This is an opportunity to reflect on life in light of God's boundless love and to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of Jesus. Dates: **July 20th – 24th** **Venue:** De La Salle Retreat Centre, Castletown, Co. Laois, R32 N6D8. These retreats are strictly residential. Visit our website for more details: www.ruachcatholicministry.org **Contact:** Oonagh 086 1736181 or Phyllis 085 7733037. **St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea:** 091 841387 email: freda.murphy@gretb.ie **Places available in Business Modules commencing in September:** Word Processing Level 3 Monday **7th September** 9.30am to 12.30pm, Information and Administration Level 5 Tuesday **8th September** 9.30 to 12.30pm, Legal Practice and Procedure Tuesday afternoon 1-4pm, Bookkeeping Tuesday afternoon 1-4pm and Spreadsheets Thursday 10th September 1-4pm. **Keeping Connected: Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow on Clonfert Diocese Twitter.**

