

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

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Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time – Year A

Masses:

Saturday 1st 6.30pm: Private Intention.

Sunday 2nd 11.30pm: Martha Nolan O'Slatarra

Monday 3rd 8am: Private Intention

Tuesday 4th 8am: Private Intention

Wednesday 5th 8am: Private Intention

Thursday 6th 8am: Private Intention

Saturday 8th 6.30pm: Ann and Tommy Costello. Pat Burke (8th Anniv.). Michael Grogan. Sean Flannery and the deceased members of the Flannery family. Angela Kiely (MM).

Sunday 9th 11.30am: James and Sadie Headd. Dermot Coen (1st Anniv.). Bridie and Dermie Coen.

Confession is available before weekend Masses or by appointment.

Collections: 25/26th: €667.10. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: 8th: Michelle Gaffney. 9th: Sarah Whelan.

Eucharistic Ministers: 8th: Mary Barrett. 9th: Gerry Hernon.

August, Counters: Kathleen Callanan and Gerry Farrell. Church/Altar Ministry Leitrim: Anita and Isabel Skelly.

Pope's Intention for August: That in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Readings this Weekend: Like the manna in the desert, bread in plenty for the crowds is seen as a sign of the coming of the kingdom and of the heavenly banquet in the end times. The actions of Jesus in the desert are described in the same way as his actions at the Last Supper: he takes, blesses, breaks and gives.

Reflection: In our western culture today, healthy living is very much in vogue. We take care of our bodies and our mental health. Gyms, running clubs, sports, yoga, mindfulness and meditation all fit easily into our modern lifestyle. We understand the importance of physical and mental wellbeing. Yet when it comes to our spiritual wellbeing, we are often less attentive. – Tony Hanna, The Furrow, July-August 2026, p.399.

A thought: What sort of spiritual diet are we living on?

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: Jackpot: €3,900. Draw Date: 19-07-26. Winning Numbers: 2, 3, 20, 26. Match 3 Winners: Pat Healy, Brendan Costello. Next Draw Date: 26-07-26. Next Week's Jackpot: €4000

Forth Coming Events: Sunday 9th August, Baptism, 12.30pm, St. Jarlath Church.

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The Knock Youth Leadership Programme (Knock Shrine) is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to journey with young people, supporting them as they explore their faith in a safe and welcoming environment. Starting in September 2026 (**application deadline July 31st**). The programme is delivered in partnership with Youth Link and Redemptorist Youth Ministry (accredited by St. Marys University, Belfast). For more information, please contact: youthministry@knockshrine.ie

Burren Outdoor Retreat, Friday **4th September to Sunday 6th** September. Would you like to come with us on a journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of this place renew you in body and soul. Residential (people within easy reach may commute). Contact Mary at 087 970 1130 for information or Des at 085 161 4951 for bookings.

RCIA 2026/2027 – Thinking of Becoming Catholic? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for adults who: – have never been baptised – belong to another Christian tradition – are baptised Catholics but haven't received confirmation or Eucharist. The journey begins this autumn. To find out more, contact the parish or email rcia@anghailil.ie

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.kearns@atu.ie website www.atu.ie

