

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

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### Fourth Week of Easter – Year A

#### Masses:

**Saturday 25th 6.30pm: Mass for the Deceased Members of the Pioneer Association**

**Sunday 26th 11.30am: Fr. Stanislaus Callanan. Teresa Carty (10<sup>th</sup>). Sean Egan (4<sup>th</sup>). Patrick and Katie Spelman.**

**Monday 27th 8am:** Private Intention.

**Tuesday 28th 7.50am:** Private Intention.

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

**Thursday 30th 7.50am:** Private Intention.

**Saturday 2nd 6.30pm: Mary and John Geraghty**

**Sunday 3rd 11.30am: Tony Molloy (31<sup>st</sup>). Sean Healy (4<sup>th</sup>).**

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

**Note:** Morning Mass for the school year will be at **7.50am** on **Tuesday and Thursday**.

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**Collections: 18/19<sup>th</sup>: €529.52. The Second Collection next weekend (2/3 May) is the Priests Retirement Collection. You can return your Trocaire Box this week.** Thank you for your generous donations.

**Readers: 2<sup>nd</sup> May Allison Cunniffe. 3<sup>rd</sup> Joe Fahy.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 2nd Teresa Hardiman. 3rd Maureen Walsh.**

**May, Counters: The Healy Family. Church/Altar Ministry Leitrim: Helen La Branche. Ann Casserly.**

**Pope's Intention for May: That everyone might have food.** That everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Readings this Weekend: This is Good Shepherd Sunday,** a day of special prayer for vocations to the work of service in the Church. There is the enduring command of Christ to his Church to go out

and preach to all people. There is need for people of faith to respond to that command, people who are prepared to dedicate their lives to this work for the sake of the gospel.

**Reflection: How can we know if something come from the Holy Spirit or it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment. – Pope Francis.**

**A thought: Joy is not something to learn, it is something to live.**

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**Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club:** 19<sup>th</sup>: 3, 24,28,30. Match 3: Sinead Dervan. Next J'Pot: €2,700.

**Forth Coming Events: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> World day of Prayer for Vocations. Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Preparation Ceremony, 7.30pm Loughrea Cathedral. Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May First Holy Communion, Leitrim NS, 11am. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May Baptism, 12.30pm St Jarlath Church.**

**Blessing of Graves with Rosary in May 2026: Monday 4<sup>th</sup>, Leitrim Old Cemetery. Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Leitrim New Cemetery. Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Ballydugan Cemetery. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Kilteskil Cemetery. Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> Kilcooley Cemetery (Mass 8pm). Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> Kilmeen Cemetery. All Prayer Services begins at 8.30pm. Please come prepared for all weather conditions.**

**Congratulations and welcome** to the faith community to Cillian John Walsh who was baptised last Sunday in St. Jarlath Church.

**Kilcooley National School:** (Catholic School under the Patronage of The Bishop of Clonfert). Pre-school Childcare Service Expression of Interest: The Board of Management of Kilcooley National School is inviting expressions of interest for the establishment and running of a preschool childcare service on the school premises which will be made available on an annual licenced basis. This planned service is subject to the relevant norms of both the School's Patron and the Department of Education and Skills. Applicants must have a minimum of 3-years-experience as a preschool leader, and also a minimum of Fetac level 6 in early childhood care and education. This is a proposal for a sole trader for the purposes of running the preschool service independent of the school. Please submit your application to the Chairperson of the Board of Management at [kilcooleyvns@gmail.com](mailto:kilcooleyvns@gmail.com) **Interested in becoming a priest in the Dioceses of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora? –** come and find out more about Diocesan Priesthood at our Vocations Afternoon on Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2026. For more information contact Fr Ian on 087 2048497 or email at: [priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie](mailto:priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie) **Connaught Retreat Day** – Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to a Connaught Retreat Day on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, from 10am–6pm at the Fr Peyton Centre, Attymass (F26 X884). A day of prayer, reflection, and spiritual renewal with guest speakers, Br Ronan Sharpley OFM, Children's Rosary Ireland, and Fr Valerian Castelino C.S.C. Lunch and refreshments provided. Cost: €50 (assistance available if needed). Booking: [www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats](http://www.catholicmothers.ie/retreats) All welcome. **Bowel Cancer Awareness Month:** Bowel cancer is one of the most common cancers, but when detected early, it is highly treatable. You can reduce your risk of bowel cancer by eating healthy (high fibre, limit processed meat/red meat), limiting alcohol, maintain a healthy weight, being physically active, and getting help to quit smoking. Bowel screening is available to everyone aged 57-71 year See [www.hse.ie/bowelscreen](http://www.hse.ie/bowelscreen)



