

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

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### Second Week of Advent – Year A

#### Masses:

**Saturday 6th 6.30pm: Packie and Claire Clarke.**

**Sunday 7th 11am: Lawrence and Madelene Forde and deceased members of the Forde Family.**

Monday 8th 8am: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Private Intention.

Tuesday 9th 7.50am: Private Intention.

Wednesday 10th 8am: Private Intention.

Thursday 11th 7.50am: Private Intention.

**Saturday 13th 6.30pm: Mary Jo and Martin Costello. Tess and John Joe O'Malley.**

**Sunday 14th 11am: James O'Grady**

**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: 29/30th: €421.58. The second collection this weekend will be our annual collection for St. Vincent de Paul. Please give as generously as you can. The second envelope and collection next weekend (13th/14th) is the Priests Christmas Collection.** Thank you for your generous donations.

**Readers: 13th: Kobie Tetley. 14th: Michael Stapleton.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 13th: Eddie Kenny. 14th: Maureen Walsh.**

**Counters, December: Tom and Gavin Treacy.**

**Pope's Intention for December: That Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.**

**Readings this Weekend: John the Baptist** is a prophetic voice for all ages: his message speaks to us today, for conversion is always part of the Christian way of living. Conversion to each other is called for by St Paul, so that we can be tolerant of each other, united in mind and heart.

**Reflection: Advent.** We...by virtue of the hope in which we were saved, can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory. As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. - **Pope Francis.**

**A thought: Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

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#### Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: Results to Follow

**Forth Coming Events:** Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December **Carol Service**, St Jarlath Church, 7pm. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> **Christmas Reconciliation Service** for the Cluster of Parishes, 7pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kilrickle. All welcome.

**Our sympathy** to Damien Lenihan and family on the recent passing of his mother, Kathleen. May she rest in peace.

**Collection Box 2026:** A member of the Parish Pastoral Council will have delivered a box to your door recently. We encourage you to use the envelope system as it makes for easy accountability and counting. Thank you.

**Loughrea Lions Club Annual Christmas Concert** is on 9th December 2025 in Lough Rea Hotel at 8pm. Featuring the Army Band 2 Brigade and local artists Padraig Connaughton, Madeleine Fleming, Andrea Treacy and Ultan Conlon. Tickets on sale from Hotel reception, Keary Auctioneers, Florabunda or any member of The Lions Club. Enjoy a magical evening of music and song while supporting a local charity. **St Vincent de Paul** have been a terrific support to some of our families recently. They have asked for people to get in contact with them if the financial struggle of Christmas becomes too much in this particularly expensive year. If you feel that you need extra support this Christmas, please contact them directly, in complete confidence, on 087 3650922 or email request to [info.west@svp.ie](mailto:info.west@svp.ie) **Abbey Craft Group:** Annual sale of Work Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> after 11am. Lots of things to buy. Raffle with lots of prizes. Proceeds to Cancer Care west and Galway Hospice. **For Young Women** (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities. If you are interested in attending please email [womendiscern@corkandross.org](mailto:womendiscern@corkandross.org) **St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St. Lrea:** Hairdressing Taster Programme on presently from 3-6pm Tuesdays. Contacts: [maureen.shea@gretb.ie](mailto:maureen.shea@gretb.ie) New timetable available for modules being delivered from January to May available now. Contact us on 091 841 387 or email [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie) or [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie)

**Prayer to St Nicholas:** O good St Nicholas, you who are the joy of the children, put in my heart the spirit of childhood, which the gospel speaks, and teach me to seed happiness around me. - Columban.org.



