

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

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**Second Week of Lent – Year A**

**Masses:**

**Saturday 28th 6.30pm: Eamon Hyland (9<sup>th</sup>). Peter and Celia Hyland.**

**Sunday 1st 11.30am: John Boyle. Kathleen and Willie Forde. Sylvester and Christine Clarke and the deceased members of the Clarke and Donnellan families.**

**Monday 2nd** 8am Private Intention.

**Tuesday 3rd** 7.50am Private Intention.

**Wednesday 4th** 8am Private Intention.

**Thursday 5th** 7.50am Private Intention.

**Saturday 7th 6.30pm: Barry Murphy (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.). William, Annie and Frances Costello.**

**Sunday 1st 11.30am: John Boyle and Kathleen and Willie Forde.**

**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: 21/22<sup>nd</sup> 21/22<sup>nd</sup>: €675.00. Lenten: €678.50.** Thank you for your generous donations.

**Readers: 7th Helen La Branche. 8th Andrew Watkins.**

**Eucharistic Ministers: 7th Mary Barrett. 8th Gay Horan.**

**March, Counters: Mary Horan. Stephen Leahy. Claire Nulty. Church/Altar Ministry Leitrim: Teresa Hardiman. Catriona Dillon.**

**Pope's Intention for March:** That nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

**Readings this Weekend:** Through his cross, Christ entered into his glory. We are already at this point in Lent at the heart of the paschal mystery. The disciples on the mountaintop, seeing Jesus transfigured, are encouraged for the days when they meet the cross. We are all called to holiness. If we respond as did Abraham and Jesus, then we will come to a glorious transfiguration.

**Reflection:** it is good for me to draw near to God, I have put my trust in the Lord God, that I may declare all Your works. – Psalm 73:28.

**A thought: The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn. – Ralph Waldo Emerson.**

**Important Notice:** Due to changing circumstance the Sunday Mass in St. Jarlath Church has changed to 11.30am. This came into effect on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February. Thanking you for your understanding.

**Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club:** Shamrocks Camogie Under 6/7/8 season will commence on Saturday March 21st 2026 at 9am in Leitrim Community Centre. Shamrocks Camogie caters for the Loughrea, Kilnadeema and Leitrim areas. All new members welcome. For further information check out our social media pages or contact secretary.shamrocks.galway@camgie.ie

**Forth Coming Events: Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March International Women's Day.**

**Trocaire Box:** Please collect one in the foyer of the church and fill it with your coin during Lent to help the poor of the world, and return it during Holy Week. Thank you.

**Stations of the Cross:** Please pray the Stations during the Season of Lent. Our churches are open.

**Is God calling you to the Diocesan Priesthood?** Contact your local priest or see [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**Diocese of Clonfert, Galway, Kilmacduagh and Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2026,** led by Bishop Michael Duignan departing from Shannon 29 June for 5 nights. Further enquiries contact Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410 800. '

**Marriage Enrichment Weekend.** Knock, Co. Mayo, 20 -22 March 2026. Supporting marriages at all stages. Online: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**'Lights, Camera, Contemplation!'** with Brendan O'Regan is an immersive residential retreat exploring spiritual and religious themes through the power of film. This retreat takes place in the new retreat village at **Knock Shrine from Friday, March 6th to Sunday, March 8th 2026.** Limited places available. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more details.

**"Come and See"** Day for men discerning a Vocation to the Priesthood. It will take place in Knock House Hotel on **Saturday March 28th from 11am - 4.30pm.**

**East Galway and Midlands Cancer Support** are looking for new board members to help support our local charity. If you are passionate about helping others or interested in cancer support, we would love to hear from you. Contact Brian Eccles on 0909897111. The AGM takes place on the 4th of March, 7 pm in the centre's gym. H53 P8H0



