

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

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Third Week of Lent – Year A

Masses:

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

Sunday 8th 11.30am: Joe and Bridie Lawless.

Monday 9th 8am Private Intention.

Tuesday 10th 7.50am Private Intention.

Wednesday 11th 8am Private Intention.

Thursday 12th 7.50am Private Intention.

Saturday 14th 6.30pm: Michael James, Brigid, Mary and Frank Flynn.

Sunday 15th 11.30am: John and Mary Bane (Kilmeen).

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**.

Collections: 28th Feb/1st March: €536.10. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: 14th Katie Crosse. 15th Aoife Fogarty.

Eucharistic Ministers: 14th Catriona Kenny. 15th Bridie Quinn.

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: Wisdom and love are themes that echo through our readings this weekend.

Reflection: In a noisy world, silence is difficult and challenging. But in contemplative silence, that of the heart, we hear the voice of God. – Maria Hall, Intercom, February 2026 p.12.

A thought: We celebrate the liturgy, not to merit God's love but to experience him lavishing his love on us. – Fr Sean Smith, Intercom, February 2026. P.10.

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

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: 1/3 Numbers: 9,11, 20, 22. Jackpot Winner, Dan Corry. Next Jackpot: €2,000. Forth Coming Events: Sunday 8th March, Baptism, 12.45pm. Sunday 8th March International Women's Day. Sunday 15th Mother's Day. Sunday 15th March, Baptism, 12.30pm.

Our sympathy to Valerie McGee (Kilmeen) on the recent passing of her sister, Attracta Sammon (Athlone). May she rest in peace. **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. **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 **"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. The Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme** launched in March 2024. The Payment scheme provides financial payments, and health supports to eligible people who spent time in Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions in Ireland. Eligibility criteria can be found online, and applications can be made via an online portal (website below) or by post Visit: www.gov.ie/en/department-of-children-disability-and-equality/campaigns/mother-and-baby-institutions-payment-scheme/ Contact Helpline: 01 522 9922 (call to request application pack) All applications are handled with care, dignity and full confidentiality. **"Have you ever thought about fostering?** Change a child's life by becoming a Tusla Foster Carer. Talk to Tusla Fostering today by freephone 1800 226 771 or visit www.fostering.ie to learn more." **If you are 65 or older** and would like to apply for a personal alarm, under the Seniors Alert Scheme Grant, for your safety and peace of mind, please call Galway Contact at 091 867892 or email galwaycontact@gmail.com **Men's Development Network** – Male Advice Line Domestic abuse doesn't discriminate. If you're a man facing abuse, you're not alone. We're here to help. Call our Male Advice Line: 1800 816 588 Visit: <https://mensnetwork.ie/> Our confidential service provides support, advice, and a listening ear to male victims of domestic abuse. Seeking help is a sign of strength, and we're here to guide you every step of the way. **ACCORD Ballinasloe** are committed to providing a professional counselling service for individuals and couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. CONTACT 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail accordballinasloe@gmail.com. **Cookery Demo.** Friday March 27th. With Eunice Power. In aid of The Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna. Tickets €35. Ticket Link: irishworkhoudecetre.ie.

