

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

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Fifth Week of Easter – Year A

Masses:

Saturday 2nd 6.30pm: Mary and John Geraghty

Sunday 3rd 11.30am: Tony Molloy (31st Anniv.). Sean Healy (4th).

Monday 4th 8am: Private Intention.

Tuesday 5th 7.50am: Private Intention.

Wednesday 6th 8am: Private Intention.

Thursday 7th 7.50am: Private Intention.

Saturday 9th 6.30pm: Timothy and Kathleen Daniels. Brid Cahill (nee Daniels). Mike, Sr Mary and Ita Kenny and deceased members of the Kennedy Family (Leitrim Mor). Nancy Casserly (MM).

Sunday 10th 11.30am: Agnes Cannon (MM).

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: 25/26th: €746.20. The Second Collection this weekend (2/3 May) is the Priests Retirement Collection. You can return your Trocaire Box this week. Thank you for your generous donations.

Readers: 9th May Catriona Dillon. 10th Kathleen Forde.

Eucharistic Ministers: 9th Eddie Kenny. 10th Gerry Hernon.

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: No one can come to the Father except through Christ. The Church must work so that all peoples may come to the Father. Working together in love, all God's people can build up the kingdom in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, our high priest.

Reflection: Art does not come easy: this sacred, God-given impulse...It is hard to live in this generative love, and it is what we are made for; to paint light into darkness, to sing to co-creation, to take flight in abundance. – **Makoto Fujimura.**

A thought: How do we genuinely encounter the presence of the Risen Christ in our world?

Notices: Kilnadeema/Leitrim GAA Club: Numbers: 1, 17, 21, 29. Match 3 Winners; Michelle Mangan, Gerry Deeley. Mary Spaight. Next J'pot: €2,800.

Forth Coming Events: Sunday 3rd Baptism 12.30pm St Jarlath Church. Tuesday 5th Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 8.30pm. Saturday 9th May First Holy Communion, Kilcooley NS, 11am.

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

Our sympathy to Catriona Geraghty, the Spelman family, Margaret Whelan, Carmel Clarke, Eileen Callanan and the Callanan family and Terry Crowe on their recent bereavements. May their loved ones all rest in peace.

Kilcooley National School: (Catholic School under the Patronage of The Bishop of Clonfert). Pre-school Childcare Service Expression of Interest: 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. Please submit your application to the Chairperson of the Board of Management at kilcooleyns@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 10th, 2026. For more information contact Fr Ian on 087 2048497 or email at: priesthood@clonfertgalway.ie **Connaught Retreat Day** – Catholic Mothers Ireland invite you to a Connaught Retreat Day on Saturday, 9th 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 All welcome. **Shrine of Our Lady of Clonfert** – Come join in prayer for May Devotions. Confessions available Wednesdays and Fridays from 6.00pm onwards. Church open daily for private prayer, 7.00am to 11.00pm. For further information 090 967 5113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@clonfertdiocese.ie Full schedule is on the website www.clonfertgalway.ie **Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock** on Sunday May 17th. Ceremonies beginning at 2.30pm with Sacrament of the sick, followed by Eucharist at 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are invited and welcome.

