

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday/Sunday 28/29 November 2015 – '1st Sunday Of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 28 Nov.: 8pm (A) Michael Flynn.

Sun. 29 Nov.: 11am (A) James & Mary Agnes Cleary & Deceased Family Members.

Mon. 30 Nov.: 9.30am Holy Souls.

Tues. 1 Dec.: 9.30am.

Wed. 2 Dec.: 8pm (A) Tommy & Mary Ann McGuire.

Thurs. 3 Dec.: 9.30am.

Fri. 4 Dec.: 9.30am.

Sat. 5 Dec.: 8pm (A) Mick, Mart & Willie Fallon.

Sun. 6 Dec.: 11am (A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 29 Nov.: 9.30am (A) Brigid & John Connors.

Fri. 4 Dec.: No Mass.

Sun. 6 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Pat Glynn.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 5. Sunday: Group 6.

Readers:

Saturday: Adam Spain. Sunday: Emer Neville.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Kathleen Slattery & Cepta Rourke.

Sunday: Eugene Casey & Margaret Tuohy.

Derrybrien: December: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 29 Nov.: Team A. Sunday 6 Dec.: Team B.

Lotto No's: 3, 5, 6, 20. Jackpot Winner €8,200 Timmy Gardiner:

This Week's Jackpot: €2,000: Next Draw 28/11 in Walsh's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150: Paraic Keane.**

O'Connor's Moyglass – Entertainment:

Sat. 28 Nov. Joe Connors & Shillelagh. Wed. Nights: Cards 9 x 6 Christmas Hampers. All are welcome.

Annual Newsletter Articles frpconroy@eircom.net By End Nov.:

Advertise for €20. Please have your articles in on time.

Monster Auction Kilrickle Fundraising Renovation Village Hall:

Sunday 29 Nov. 2pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Altar Society – December:

Ballinakill: Curra/Carrowcrin. Leaders: Margaret Kelly & Breda McCormack. Derrybrien: Leaders: Bernie Glynn & Maura Mahony.

First Friday Visits To The Sick And Housebound:

Will be made at the usual times next Friday and Saturday.

Sincere Sympathy To Matty Broderick Ballinakill On The Death:

Of his sister Julia Philips, U.S.A. May she rest in peace.

Schools' Christmas Concerts:

Ballinakill: Next Friday 4 December @7pm. Drim & Moyglass: Friday 11 December. All are welcome.

Eucharistic Adoration This Weekend We Will Have A Speaker At:

All Masses from the Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is a powerful form of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, something which we would like to establish in the parish.

Esker Healing Mission 7 – 11 December:

10am, 5pm 7pm & 9pm. All are welcome.

St. Vincent de Paul Appeal – Second Basket Collection Will Be:

Taken up at all Masses next weekend. Proceeds go to the local Loughrea Branch meaning that families in our own parish will also benefit.

Gort Community School Free Tuition - Adults In Community:

Laptops/tablets/smart phones through the 121digital programme. Wed. mornings for 6 weeks on 9 Feb. Tel: Mary Brady 091 632163.

Christmas Cooking Demonstration & Cake Sale Hosted By:

Davitt's Camogie Club Tynagh Community Centre Fri. 4 Dec. 8.30pm. Tickets €10 available from Davitt's players or Committee members.

Youth 2000 Annual Christmas Retreat Newbridge College Co. Kildare:

Fri. 18–Sun. 20 Dec. for 16-35yrs. Fun/excellent speakers/inspiring talks / workshops/prayer/live music/group activities/Youth Masses/Adoration, a Healing Service/games/lots of time to chill out and meet new people. Meals provided, accommodation on site. Donation only. Bring sleeping bag. Parental consent for under 18's. Booking essential. Free buses available. see www.youth2000.ie. Tel: 01 6753690 or join us on facebook

An Gáirdín Sowing Wildflowers Thursday 3 Dec. 7-9pm – Of Benefit To:

Individual homeowners, community organisations farmers/educators/planners/ those concerned for welfare of wildlife and habitats. Facilitated by Sandro Cafolla. Tel: 9742689; angairdin1@gmail.com Cost €10 www.angairdin.ie.

Switch On Woodford/Looscaun Christmas Lights – Open Street Market:

Sat. 12 Dec. Fundraiser Sat. 2 Jan. Walsh's Bar. Tickets €2. Please support

Community Employment Vacancies On The Sliabh Aughty:

Community Development Association Ltd. CE Project based in the Portumna/Tynagh/ Woodford & Duniry areas. Covers works associated with environmental works/general maintenance/ community facilities upkeep & administration. Further info. www.jobsirelane.ie Eligible applicants should forward their CV and Cover Letter by post or hand to Abbey Community Centre, Abbey, Loughrea, or email sacdaltd@gmail.com. Successful candidates should be prepared to complete a Garda Vetting Application Form.

Tynagh Abbey Duniry Hurling Club Auction Sunday 13 December:

In the Community Centre: Items: Feedstuffs/Timber/Vegetables/ Cake Table/Sheep/Silage & many quality household. DIY items.

Christmas Craft Fair Boathouse Bar Portumna Sunday 6 Dec. 12 - 5pm.

Get Xmas gifts / support local crafters. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Family Music Fest - Union Of Families Performing Music Together At:

Village Theatre, Carrabane Sunday 29 November at 3pm. To raise funds for refugee families in crisis. Tickets €10.

Ofaly Local Development Company FETAC Level 4:

Landscaping & Horticulture Local Training Initiative in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education, Banagher. 26 week full-time programme commencing February 2016. Further Info: Please Tel: Roy/Imelda on 087 6835561

The Paris Climate Conference – COP21- 30 Nov.-11 Dec. www.COP21

At grassroots level people are organising events, especially Sun. 29. Galway, along with other cities are hosting a march, assembling in Eyre Square 1pm. See Transition Galway Facebook. Prayer services held in many churches.

Carpe Diem Tours 2016 Pilgrimage To The Holy Land In Conjunction With:

Premier Travel. Depart Dublin Airport with Turkish Airlines on 8 June, return 18 June. Fr. John Newman, Spiritual Director. Comments from former pilgrims www.culturaltoursireland.com Tel: +353868337681. Deadline for deposits is 8 December. Early booking is advisable. Numbers strictly limited.

Donate Your 1 Cent & 2 Cent Coins To Ability West Please Feel Free To:

Drop them into Ability West, Blackrock House, Salthill, Mon.-Fri. 8.30am–5pm or contact Deirdre Whyte for other collection options. Supports 535 children & adults with intellectual disability throughout Galway City/Co. Please support.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 21:25-28 34-36:

1 This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seemed that your world was collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage remind you of this experience, making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse and liberation. 2 Jesus himself is the model in this Gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) made to you in facing difficult situations? 3 Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love, beauty, nature, etc.?