

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday/Sunday 26/27 December 2015 – ‘Feast of The Holy Family’**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 26 Dec.: St. Stephen's Day: 8pm** (A) Martin, Kathleen & Jim Spain.

**Sun. 27 Dec.: 11am** (A) Eugene, Tony & Una Hayes, Tom Moroney.

**Mon. 28 Dec.: No Mass.**

**Tues. 29 Dec.: No Mass.**

**Wed. 30 Dec.: No Mass**

**Thurs. 31 Dec.: 8pm (A)** Patsy Murphy.

**Fri. 1 Jan.: No Mass.**

**Sat. 2 Jan.: 8pm** (A) Mick Rourke & Jack Lyons.

**Sun. 3 Jan.: 11am** (A) Teresa Duggan.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 27 Dec.: 9.30am** (A) John & Bridget Slattery & Deceased Family Members.

**Fri. 1 Jan.: No Mass.**

**Sun. 3 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 4.

**Sunday:** Group 5.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Cathal O'Hehir. **Sunday:** Emma Gunning.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Phil Flynn & Mary Daniels.

**Sunday:** Marion Sheil & Norah Porter.

**Derrybrien: January:** Detta Glynn.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 27 Dec.:** Team A. **Sunday 3 Jan.:** Team B.

**Lotto No's: 12, 17, 19, 31. No Jackpot Winner €2,400:**

Next Draw 26/12 in McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** D., K., J., C. Cleary. **Progressive 45** Every Monday Night in Tommie Larkin's Club House.

**O'Connor's Moyglass – Entertainment:**

**Saturday 26 Dec.:** St. Stephen's: Wagon Wheel. **Thursday 31**

**Dec.:** New Year's Eve: Country & Irish Night with Pat & Mike.

**Saturday 2 January:** J & S Sound.

**Parish Christmas Party In Ballinakill Hall Will Be Held:**

**Next Sunday 3 January** beginning at 2pm with Mass, followed by a hot meal and music entertainment for the afternoon. Please come along and bring a friend.

**Christmas Cards, Calendars 2016, Annual Newsletter & 2016**

Envelopes Boxes have been distributed to houses. Anyone who did not receive theirs please contact Fr. Conroy. **Please note** that some houses will have a different number this year. This is due to an adjustment in figures.

**Altar Society – January:**

**Ballinakill:** Ballinakill/Marblehill/Knocadrum. Leaders: Eileen Whyte & Ann Daniels. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Detta Glynn & Margaret Slattery.

**Deaf Hear – Anthony Hooban, Paul Tuohy & Family Of The Late:**

Gerry Lyons, wish to thank everyone who helped in any way to make this years' Tractor Run a success. A total of €6,380 was collected and presented to Deaf Hear.

**Scrooge.ie Christmas Panto Shragh Hall Nightly:**

Performances on Fri. 1, Sat. 2, Sun. 3 @8pm. Pre-Book Tickets from Patrice 087 6552313 or Paula: 087 310 3946. Tickets €10, under 5's free.

**Black Polly Heifer Missing From Lands Of Alleygoola:**

If anyone knows of its whereabouts contact Stephen Gardiner.

**Fit4life Is Back Starting 10am Sharp Sat. Morning 2 January:**

Open to all ages and all fitness levels. Tel: Martin Rourke at 086 3866786

**Portumna Arts Group Annual Celebration 6 January We Would Like To:**

Wish all our friends/sponsors/performers/volunteers & audiences a very Happy Christmas! On 12<sup>th</sup> night as is customary Annual Dinner in O'Meara's Restaurant 7.15 pm. Varied menu: €15/2 courses or €20/3 and complimentary glass of wine. Booking essential - drop your deposit of €15 to Noelle in Hayes & Hayes Pharmacy or Joan in the Credit Union. Tel: 085-1925466.

**Course - The Enneagram Spread Over 2 Afternoons Will Be Conducted:**

In Athenry Social Service Centre 2-7pm Sun. 3 & Sun. 10 Jan. organised by Athenry Simanjiro Partnership. All proceeds go to the provision of services in Tanzania. Fr. Benny McHale, has kindly agreed to facilitate the 2 days. No's limited, pre-booking essential. Tel: 087 6484225 or 086 8601439

**Gort Community School Free Tuition - Adults In Community:**

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

**Counselling/Support After An Abortion Cura Provides Even Many Years:**

After an abortion and for as long as needed. We also offer counselling/support for men and other family members. Our counsellors are specially trained in this area and all services are free of charge. Confidential, non-judgemental and are available nationwide. Info. Tel: Cura 1850 622 626, or visit [www.cura.ie](http://www.cura.ie)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Age - Senior Help Line Do You Need Someone To Talk To?**

Confidential listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. Lines open every day of the year, inc. Christmas Day 10am-10 pm. Older people call because they feel lonely and want some company in their day. Callers have financial, family/health concerns. A small number experience elder abuse or depression and need support to carry on. We offer a friendly, listening/non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness.

**East Galway Family History Society's 2016 Bi-lingual Calendar Themed:**

'School Days East Galway' now available for sale in shops in east Galway, Gaeilge Locha Riach office, Loughrea & Woodford Heritage Centre. In inc. photographs from various National Schools.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 2:41-52:**

1. Luke's skill as a storyteller comes through in the details of the story in a way that many people can identify with: the loss of a child, the frantic search, the seemingly offhand speech of the teenager. Let the drama of the story speak to you. Where do you find good news in it? 2. In the Gospel of Luke this story serves to give a glimpse of the future greatness of Jesus, the teacher of his people. Sometimes we can look back over our own life, or the lives of others, and with hindsight can see in childhood or teenage years a glimpse of gifts and talents that were later to blossom. Where have you seen this? 3. 'Did you not know that I must be about my Father's business?' This seemingly insensitive reply by Jesus to Mary serves to highlight that in his life the mission given him by God would take precedence over family ties, painful though this would be. Perhaps you have known situations in your own life, or in the life of another, where there was pain for family members as you followed your own destiny? Where in the midst of the pain was the good news?

**Prayer For Motorists Before Driving:**

Before I take my place behind the wheel, I pray,  
O Sacred Heart of Jesus, guide me on my way.

Virgin Mary, Morning Star, from every danger guide this car.

Thou, dear Lord, who gave it to enjoy,  
grant that its purpose be to safe and not destroy.

**Amen**

**"Happy New Year"**

***Every Blessing, Peace & Happiness  
For The New Year To All Parishioners***