

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday/Sunday 9/10 January 2016 – ‘The Baptism Of The Lord’

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 9 Jan.: 8pm (A) Ned & Gina Donohue. Deceased Members of Donohue & McDonagh Families.

Sun. 10 Jan.: 11am (A) Katie, Gerry, John Paul, Teresa & Marion Sheil.

Mon. 11 Jan.: 9.30am.

Tues. 12 Jan.: 9.30am.

Wed. 13 Jan.: 9.30am.

Thurs. 14 Jan.: 9.30am.

Fri. 15 Jan.: 8pm (A) Mary Ann & James, Katie & Thomas Lyons.

Sat. 16 Jan.: 8pm (A) Kitty Larkin.

Sun. 17 Jan.: 11am (A) Jimmy Sheil.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 10 Jan.: 9.30am (A) Carmel Mahony.

Fri. 15 Jan.: 7pm.

Sun. 17 Jan.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 6.

Sunday: Group 1.

Readers:

Saturday: Teresa Casey. **Sunday:** John Larkin.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Cavanagh & Martin Fahy.

Sunday: Pauline McHugo & Ann Neville.

Derrybrien: January: Delta Glynn.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 10 Jan.: Team C. **Sunday 17 Jan.:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 9, 12, 15, 31, No Jackpot Winner €2,600:

Next Draw 9/1 in Gorman's, Gurteeny. **Win/Share €150:** Ray Daniels, Vera Larkin, Tom Garvey, Joe Donoghue. Progressive **45** Every Monday Night in Tommie Larkin's Club House.

O'Connor's Moyglass – Entertainment January:

Sat. 9: Larry McEvoy. All are welcome.

We Welcome Bishop Kirby To Our Parish This Weekend:

And thank him for his visitation on Friday and celebration of our Masses this weekend.

New Parish Envelopes For 2016 – By Now You Should Have:

Your Church Envelopes for 2016. If you have not, or you would like to receive a box, please contact Fr. Conroy. All householders/wage earners are asked to use the envelopes for all collections during the year when making parish returns, as the 'Envelope System' is all we have to go on. Thanks to all for your support in 2015. Please continue to be as generous as you can in 2016. Thanks to all who helped with the distribution of Parish Literature. It is appreciated.

Counselling Support Services For Victims Of Flooding Galway:

The HSE Psychology Department for Galway, are providing a counselling support service for members of the public who have been affected by the flooding. If you or members of your family are feeling distressed or emotionally overwhelmed as a result of the flooding, you can contact the H.S.E. Counselling Helpline for Flooding Freephone 1800 245 600 from 9.30am to 5pm weekdays

CURA – Second Basket Collection Taken Up At All Masses:

Next weekend. Church sponsored organisation that helps women in crisis pregnancy situations. All services free & confidential. Available to women/men/family members. Tel: 1850 622626 or www.cura.ie

Wedding Congratulations To:

Megan O'Donnell & Robert Donohue who were married recently in Ballinakill. Every Blessing on their future lives together.

Important Dates To Remember For 2016:

- **Wednesday 10 Feb:** Ash Wednesday. Beginning of Lent.
- **Sunday 27 March:** Easter Sunday.
- **Sunday 8 May:** First Holy Communion in Derrybrien.
- **Sunday 15 May:** First Holy Communion in Ballinakill.
- **Sunday 22 May:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock.
- **23 - 28 August:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes.

Music Lessons Mullagh All Welcome Thurs. 14 January:

Continuing each Thurs. as per school term. Lessons at 6pm for beginners on tin whistle (30 mins), all Improvers welcome with any instrument from 6:30 to 7. Please Tel:/text Pauline 087 6383977.

Computer Training & Gaining QQI (FETAC) Level 4 Certification:

In Information and Communications Technology Skills please contact Monica /Clara on 090 - 9749309 for further details. Course participants will be paid a training allowance equivalent to their social welfare payments.

Foyer Of Light Charity And Love 5 Day Silent Retreat:

Theme: "if you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr Kilian Byrne 8-14 February in St. Mary's Hostel, Knock. Cost inc. full board: €380. For more dates/info/booking form please Tel: Helen 086 1678027 Email: hellywilliams@gmail.com

Fish & Chips Eve Karibas Ballinasloe Friday 15 January @6.30pm

Organized by Community Hearts to support local charities in the area & Diocese. Booking required (090)964 4830

The ConTempo Quartet Free Lunchtime Concert Church Gallery Of:

The New Ballinasloe Library Tues. 12 Feb. 1pm featuring works of Schubert & Stravinsky. This follows the launch of an exhibition in the Gallery from the German Embassy to Ireland 'The Path to German Unification' at 11.30am.

Mindfulness Retreat Day: Saturday 30 January 10am-4pm.

Gerry Cunningham, MIAHP, Mindfulness Clinic, Dublin, will be back to facilitate a retreat/reflection day. The day will help us to enter mindfully into the New Year and offer us supports in continuing to live more mindfully. Cost is €30 with deposit of €10, inc. light lunch. Booking at angairdin1@gmail.com or Tel: 090 9741689

An Gáirdín, Portumna. Ruth's Yoga Class Beginning Tues. 12 January:

Gentle Class from 6 - 7.15pm & costs €80. Continuation class from 7.30-9pm costs €90. Contact Ruth at rutheganley@gmail.com or Tel: 087 2434759.

ACCORD Marriage & Relationship Counseling Tel: 090 9643573:

Safe, professional, affordable and confidential, facilitating couples & individuals to explore, reflect, upon, resolve difficulties in their marriages and relationships.

Fit4life 10am Sharp Saturday Mornings Open To:

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

Dance Aerobics Noel O'Neill In Woodford Youth Hall On Mondays:

7.30pm and Abbey Community Centre Thursdays at 7.30pm.

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.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 3:15-16 21-22:

1. The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction? 2. The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you – either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life. 3. The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times? 4. This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?