

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday/Sunday 12/13 March 2016 – ‘5<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Lent’**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 12 Mar.:** 8pm (A) Jimmy & Delia Duggan.  
**Sun. 13 Mar.:** 11am (A) May Kindles & Deceased Family Members.  
**Mon. 14 Mar.:** 9.30am.  
**Tues. 15 Mar.:** 9.30am.  
**Wed. 16 Mar.:** 9.30am.  
**Thurs. 17 Mar.:** 11am St. Patrick's Day (A) William & Brigid Donnelly.  
**Fri. 18 Mar.:** 9.30am.  
**Sat. 19 Mar.:** 8pm (A) Willie & Gilbert Hayes.  
**Sun. 20 Mar.:** 11am (A) Alice Rafferty.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 13 Mar.:** 9.30am (A) Delia & Paddy Flynn & Deceased Family Members.  
**Thurs. 17 Mar.:** 9.30am St. Patrick's Day (A) Mickey Carey.  
**Sun. 20 Mar.:** 9.30am.

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 3.                      **Sunday:** Group 4.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Teresa Casey.                      **Sunday:** Breda McCormack.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Mary Cavanagh & Martin Fahy.  
**Sunday:** Pauline McHugo & Ann Neville.  
**Derrybrien:** **March:** Margaret Slattery.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 13 Mar:** Team D.                      **Sunday 20 Mar.:** Team A.

**Lotto No's: 7, 21, 25, 28. No Jackpot Winner €3,500:**

Next Draw 12/3 Gorman's, Gurteeny. **Win/Share €150:** Laura Leonard, John Minogue.

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

Sat. 12: Joe Connors & Shillelagh. Sat. 19: Midnight Melodies. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Adoration This Wednesday 6-10pm All Are Welcome:**

To spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Thanks especially to those who have volunteered to attend at a specific time each Wed. May it bring great blessings on our parish community.

**St. Patrick's Day Thursday 17 March Is A Church Holiday:**

Holyday of Obligation.

**Welcome Into God's Family:**

Martin Brendan Dixon and Mai Olivia Rohan.

**Irish Emigrants Second Basket Collection:**

Thursday 17 March (St. Patrick's Day)

**Trócaire Lenten Campaign Please Take A Box Home With You:**

If you have not already received one, please take one from Church Porch. A Little Bit Of Mercy makes the world less cold and more just.

**Ramblers Utd. Easter Soccer Camp Thurs. 24 & Fri 25 March:**

10am-2pm, Leitrim Soccer Pitch. Boys/Girls 6-13yrs welcome. €25 per child. All funds go towards the running of the club. Book on 086 8512815 or email [ramblers@galwayfa.ie](mailto:ramblers@galwayfa.ie)

**Woodford Development Group Table Quiz Fundraiser:**

Walsh's Bar Woodford Friday 18 March at 8pm. Table of 4 €40. All are welcome; your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Tommy Larkin's Presentation Of U 14 Medals Friday 18 March:**

In the Clubhouse, Woodford @8pm.

**Country Kitchen @ Curra West Golf Club Open Sunday:**

Lunch served from 12 noon. Take away menu Friday & Saturday from 6pm. Open on St. Patrick's Day 10am-8pm. Tel: Rob 083 8338209 / 0879940924. Also caters for Christenings/Communions /Birthdays etc.

**Abbey 10KM Challenge Sun. 13 March 1pm Online Entry Open:**

[www.runireland.com](http://www.runireland.com). Run/jog/walk. Facebook & Runireland

**Church Gate Collection 19 & 20 March. Fundraiser For Children's Centre:**

In Galway, providing services to children with physical & sensory disabilities.

**iCatholic Live Panel Discussion Monday 14 March @ 8pm On The:**

National Council for Curriculum & Assessment's proposal to introduce an approach to teaching religion in all primary schools that may present significant challenges for Catholic primary schools and for the teaching of Catholic religious education. [iCatholic .ie/live](http://iCatholic.ie/live) or [iCatholic facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/iCatholic).

**Davitt's C.C. Collection Unwanted Clothes/Bed-Linen/Shoes/Laptops:**

Mobile phones Saturday 2 April at Tynagh Community Centre & Duniry pitch. All contributions are greatly appreciated so get Spring cleaning!!

**Workshop Christian Decision Making Jesuit Theologian/Author/Lecturer:**

Fr. Brian Grogan leading new workshop: *Making Good Decisions: A Beginner's Guide* Sat. 19 Mar. Knock Shrine. Reg. 9.30am Knock House Hotel ends 3pm. Cost €30 inc. lunch/tea/coffee. Tel: 094 9388100. [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

**Darkness Into Light Looking For Clean Jam Jars Without Labels Can Be:**

Dropped to the G.E.L's Centre, Ballinasloe on Mon./Tues./Wed. 10am-2pm.

**5 Mile Fun Run/Walk In Aid Of Ireland's First Gym For Cancer Patients:**

The East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support Group on Sun. 20 Mar. Birch Grove Ballinasloe @11am Sharp. Registration: 9:30-10:45am. All welcome.

**St. Patrick's Day Parade Portumna Register Your Float At Portumna P.O.:**

Youth/Humorous/Business/Commercial/Voluntary/Vintage from mart 12.15pm.

**Day Of Mindfulness - Gerry Cunningham MIAHP Sunday 13 March:**

10am – 4pm at An Gáirdín Portumna. Cost €30, inc. light organic lunch/tea break. Booking [angairdin1@gmail.com](mailto:angairdin1@gmail.com) Tel: 090 9741689

**Swing Into Spring Celebration Concert Fri. 18 Mar. Music & Words With:**

Omna Singers Portumna Pen Pushers/local guests. Fundraiser for Portumna Arts Group Fri. 18 Mar. in Portumna's Christ Church 8-10pm. Tickets €10 at Hayes & Hayes Pharmacy/The Cottage Store Antiques/Palmerston Stores, Ladies Day & The Beehive. Seating limited.

**Easter Triduum Esker Retreat Centre Holy Thurs. 24-Easter Sun. 27 Mar:**

3 days of meditation & prayer in preparation for Easter. Tel: 091 844549 or [www.redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie)

**Volunteers Needed Sage Support & Advocacy Service For Older People:**

To help speak up for older people across all care settings. Tel: 086 183 1428, [michelle.rooney@sage.thirdageireland.ie](mailto:michelle.rooney@sage.thirdageireland.ie) or [www.sage.thirdageireland.ie](http://www.sage.thirdageireland.ie)

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 8:1-11:**

1. Compassion for human frailty combined with a gentle challenge to a better life marked the response of Jesus. From whom have you experienced a compassionate challenge? What was that like for you? To whom have you given such a challenge? 2. The Pharisees and scribes self-righteously condemned the woman until Jesus brought them in touch with their own sinfulness. This was a conversion moment for them and they turned away from their quest for the death of the woman. Have there been times when your awareness of your own fragility and sinfulness has helped you to be less judgemental of others? 3. 'What do you say?' can be an embarrassing question. Jesus had the courage to voice an opinion, even though it was against the party line of the day. When you have seen that courage shown by yourself, or by another? What was the result?

**Week Five Lenten Reflection – Waste No Water:**

Fill a clean open-topped non-breakable container with water for each team. Be sure the containers are the exact same size and filled to the brim with water. (do not fill to the top for preschoolers). Set a start and finish point. At a signal, the first runner heads for the finish line, walks over the line, turns around and heads back to his or her team, passing the container to the next person in line. At the end of the race, the team with the most water still in the container is the winner. Discuss ways we waste water in our lives and how we can try to change this. Water is precious. **Questions For Reflection:** How do we use water in our daily lives? How might life be difficult for somebody who has no water? Why do we bless ourselves with holy water when we are entering the Church. **Did You Know?** Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us of our Baptism. The holy water cleanses, renews and refreshes us along our Christian journey.