

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday/Sunday 19/20 March 2016 – ‘Passion Sunday’

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 19 Mar.: 8pm (A) Willie & Gilbert Hayes.

Sun. 20 Mar.: 11am (A) Alice Rafferty.

Mon. 21 Mar.: 9.30am.

Tues. 22 Mar.: 9.30am.

Wed. 23 Mar.: 9.30am.

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Holy Thursday 24 March: 8pm - Mass of ‘The Lord’s Supper’.

Good Friday 25 March: 3pm - ‘The Lord’s Passion’.

Holy Saturday 26 March: 8pm – ‘Easter Vigil’: People of Parish.

Easter Sunday 27 March: 11am – Mass of Resurrection.

(A) Deceased Members of The Boland Family, Sam McCarthy.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 20 Mar.: 9.30am.

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Holy Thursday 24 March: 6.30pm - Mass of ‘The Lord’s Supper’.

Good Friday 25 March: 5pm - ‘The Lord’s Passion’.

Easter Sunday 27 March: 9.30 – Mass of Resurrection.

Mass Servers:

Holy Thursday: Group 4. **Good Friday:** Group 5.

Holy Saturday: Group 5 & 6. **Easter Sunday:** Group 3.

Readers As arranged:

Eucharistic Ministers:

Holy Thursday: Bernie Dervan & Mary Daniels.

Good Friday: Marion Sheil & Norah Porter.

Holy Saturday: Kathleen Slattery & Cepta Rourke.

Easter Sunday: Eugene Casey & Margaret Tuohy.

Derrybrien: March: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 20 Mar: Team A. **Sunday 27 Mar.:** Team B.

Lotto No’s: 11, 15, 24, 28. No Jackpot Winner €3,600:

Next Draw 19/3 O’Connors, Moyglass. **Win/Share €150:** Sinéad Mitchell.

Collections During Easter:

Holy Places of Pilgrimage: Taken up at Good Friday ceremonies goes to aid Christians in the Holy Land who are being persecuted and for the up-keep of places of worship there.

Priests’ Easter Collection: Taken up at all Masses **next** weekend.

Trócaire Boxes: Will be collected on the weekend after Easter.

Confessions Available Mon. 7pm Woodford & 8pm Ballinakill:

Also after Holy Thursday Ceremony Ballinakill @8pm and after Good Friday Ceremony Derrybrien @5pm. Other Priests available.

“The Chrism Mass” Loughrea Cathedral Wed. 23 March 8pm:

During which the oils will be blessed by Bishop John Kirby for use in the Clonfert Diocese throughout the year, for the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Anointing of the Sick. All are welcome.

Visits To Sick And Housebound Will Be Made:

During Holy Thursday & Holy Saturday.

Adoration & Prayer – Holy Thursday:

Church open until **10pm**. Confessions also available at this time.

Easter Sunday Dawn Mass – In The Park Ballinakill:

In front of Church Grounds on Easter Sunday at **6.30am** (sunrise time). A cup of tea well be available afterwards. All are welcome.

Progressive 25 Card Game Good Friday 9pm In Ballinakill Hall:

Admission €10. All are welcome. Please support.

Eucharistic Ministers ‘Blessing Of Hands’:

During the Holy Thursday Ceremonies, at 6.30pm and 8pm.

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.

Sincere Sympathy:

To the McHugh Family, Drim, on the death of Teresa. To the family and friends of Brendan Rafferty, England (formerly Carraroe). To the family and friends of Larry Duane, U.S.A. May They rest in peace.

O’Connor’s Moyglass – March Entertainment:

Saturday 19: Midnight Melodies. **Easter Saturday Night 26:** Country Comfort. **Easter Sunday Night 27:** Strictly Come Dancing. Waltzing & Jiving competitions. Music by PK and his Country Mix. All monies raised go to Galway Hospice All are welcome. Please support

Annual Pilgrimage To Lourdes 23 – 28 August:

All rooms with private facilities. Hotel Mediterranee Cost €695, Accueil, (Hospital) €608. 5 Nights, Hotel, Full Board. Book before 9 April and receive a discount of €10 per person for Mediterranee Hotel only. Tel: Society Travel Ballinasloe 090 9645350

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. Tel: 086 8512815 email ramblers@galwayfa.ie

Well Done To Seamus O’Kelly Players Loughrea On Their Production Of:

John B. Kean’s play ‘Sive’, winning numerous awards at the West Limerick Drama Festival including best actor John Hayes, Knockadrum, and best young actress Delia Keane, Ballinakill.

Galway Co. Council Open Invitation State Ceremonial Event Easter Mon:

28 Mar. at Athenry Town Park, Athenry, 11.20am visit www.galway.ie

Country Market Thursday 24 Mar. - Holy Thursday 8.30am-12.30pm:

Lovely free range eggs for sale. New members always welcome.

SEG Archaeological & Historical Society Lecture Thurs. 24 Mar. 8.30pm:

In the Irish Workhouse, Portumna, as part of the society’s efforts to appropriately mark the centenary of 1916, by Dr. Conor McNamara entitled ‘Degenerate Sons’: ‘Liam Mellows Galway and 1916 Rising’.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 22:14-23:56:

1. This passage is a very rich one and it would be a mistake to attempt to pray each and every part of it. Almost every phrase has something new: actions, images/symbols/words. When you read the passage, stay with whatever part of it resonates with your own life, but make sure when you pray it that you stay with the passage until you get beyond the violence and the horror to find a good news lesson for you. A few specific points taken at random are: 2. In this scene of great tragedy, there are people helping others, either reluctantly or with compassion: Simon, the women of Jerusalem, the criminal on the cross, and Jesus himself. Note the differences in the manner in which the help given (as a burden, with sympathy, etc). What has been your experience of helping and being helped? 3. Despite the persecution by the leaders Jesus still shows forgiveness. When have you seen that spirit of forgiveness in yourself or in others? In your experience what is the effect of a forgiving spirit ... or the absence of that spirit? 4. Towards the end there is a ray of light. Jesus says ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit’. His relationship with his Father was one of trust, even at a moment like this. What difference has it made to you in times of difficulty or pain to have a relationship of trust with God, or with someone else?

Week Six Lenten Reflection – Paper Bags:

Before this week’s session, visit a local shop and ask for paper bag donations. Enquire with a manager if they would be willing to display the bags or give them to customers after you have decorated them with Earth-friendly messages. Discuss with the children ways in which we use plastic bags or waste packaging and how this affects the earth. Brainstorm with the children and create a big list of ways we can help the earth. Provide them with markers or crayons to use to depict these ideas/messages on the paper bags using slogans, pictures, etc. **Questions for Reflection:** 1. God made humans so that they would take care of the earth, the animals and all of creation. Do you think we are doing a good job? 2. Can you think of a time when you didn’t take care of the earth like God had wanted? 3. How can we do a better job at protecting creation so that everybody can enjoy it? **Did You Know?** Amos was named after the Prophet Amos. The Prophet Amos spoke about justice and fairness between the rich and the poor.