

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday/Sunday 30 April / 1May 2016 – '6th Sunday Of Easter'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 30 Apr.: 8pm People of Parish.

Sun. 1 May: 11am (A) Patten & Brendan Connors.

Mon. 2 May: 11am (A) Deceased Members of Begley Family.

Tues. 3 May: 9.30am.

Wed. 4 May: 9.30am.

Thurs. 5 May: 9.30am.

Fri. 6 May: 9.30am.

Sat. 7 May: 8pm (A) Tommy & Bridget Whelan.

Sun. 8 May: 11am (A) Edward, Johanna, Patrick, Mary & Brendan Kennedy.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun 1 May: 9.30 (A) Mick Mahony & Deceased Family Members.

Fri. 6 May: 7pm.

Sun 8 May: 12 noon First Holy Communion Celebration.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 5. **Sunday:** Group 6.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Kathleen Slattery & Cepta Rourke.

Sunday: Pauline McHugo & Margaret Tuohy.

Derrybrien: May: Bernie Egan.

Readers:

Saturday: Teresa Casey. **Sunday:** Mairead Rafferty.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 1 May: Team C. **Sunday 8 May:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 16, 23, 28, 29. No Jackpot Winner €4,200. Next Draw:
30/4 Egan's Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Cancer Care West.

First Friday Visits To The Sick And Housebound:

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

Adoration – Will Take Place At The Usual Time This Coming:

Wednesday 6 – 10pm. All are welcome.

Altar Society – May:

Ballinakill: Drim/Knocaundara: **Leaders:** Julie Riordan & Roseanne Flynn. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Frances & Carmel Broderick.

First Holy Communion In Derrybrien Church Next Sunday:

8 May at 12noon. First Holy Communion In Ballinakill Church Sunday 15 May at 11am. We ask God's Blessings on the young people who will be receiving the Sacrament.

Unwanted Clothes Collection In Aid Ballinakill Hall:

Clothes/shoes/bed linen/belts/bags/handbags/curtains/laptops/mobile phones. Hall open each day 9am-6pm so you can leave your items and bags. Closing date extended to **Thurs. next 5 May.**

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock Sunday 22 May:

Please consider doing the Pilgrimage that day as part of the Celebration of this Year of Mercy.

Annual Pilgrimage To Lourdes 23–28 Aug. – All Rooms Have:

Private facilities. Hotel Mediterranee Cost €695, Accueil, (Hospital) €608. 5 Nights/Hotel/Full Board. Tel: Soc. Travel 090 9645350

McCormack's Curra Hospice Fundraising Night Sat. 7 May:

Music: Connaire's & Friends. Doors 8pm. Tickets €10 available at the door. Spot Prizes on the night. A great nights Entertainment for a great cause for more info Tel: 087 9940924. Please Support.

Lunch served from 12 noon. Take away menu Friday & Saturday from 6pm. Tel: Rob 083 8338209 / 0879940924. Communions etc.

ACCORD - Diocesan Agency For Marriage & The Family Are:

Looking for group workers for its Pre-Marriage Education Service. Tel: 090 9643573 www.accord.ie/ for further info./application form.

Loughrea Carers Support Group Annual Fundraising Tea Dance:

Sun. 1 May 5-8pm Arch Bar, Loughrea. Tickets: €5. Tea / sandwiches hot food/Spot Prizes also. Music: The Two Johnnies.

Farm Plastic Collection Network Athenry – Tel: 091 844551:

Farm Plastic Collection takes place in your local mart in the coming weeks.

SEG IRD Computer Course Patricia / Lynne Tel: 090 9759092:

Learn computer skills/improve you employments prospects. Training is suitable for beginners and advanced users and is open to everybody. QQI (FETAC) certified. Participants may be entitled to receive a training allowance from GRETB, childcare & travel allowance is also available.

Lough Derg Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage Season Opens Sun. 1 May:

Retreats 2/7/8/10/14/15/17/21/22/23/28 /29 30. **Booking essential.** 3 Day Pilgrimage begin Wed. 1 June. You may begin any day between 1 June & 13 Aug. Pre-booking is **not** required for the 3 Day Pilgrimage. Tel: 071 9861518, email info@loughderg.org, www.loughderg.org.

Ballinasloe's Darkness Into Light Saturday 7 May At 4.15am From The:

Emerald Ballroom. Please join us on this 5km walk/run. Register online at dil.piete.ie or contact GELS 085 1237878. Bring a torch, wear appropriate clothing/footwear. Pop-up shop Main St. Ballinasloe open Fri. /Sat. 12-6pm.

Cycle Against Suicide- Portumna Town & Community School:

The whole community are invited to come to the town between 12 & 2pm on Bank holiday Monday 2 May to welcome the cyclists. This event is to raise awareness of the help and support available to those battling depression /suicide/bereaved by suicide. It is a wonderful sight to see 400-600 cyclists wearing orange to spread the word - **"it's OK not to feel OK and it's absolutely OK to ask for help"**. Music/festivities to welcome and entertain all at the Community School. All welcome.

Clare Burren Marathon Challenge – Sat. 28 May. Full/Half/10K Mini:

Marathons. Walk/Jog/Run on/off road. Entry options/Info. Tel: 087 7779714. www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/ Charity Groups/individuals/runners /walkers - everyone welcome to take part.

Cycle Against Suicide Sunday 1 May Come To Ballinasloe Volunteers:

Needed to help with the arrival of over 350 cyclists, also to provide Home-stays, who can provide a bed/shower/hot/meal. Tel: Jacinta Divilly 087 2459 138 homestays@cycleagainstsucide.com

Coláiste Néifinn Athenry 11-22 July Last Week To Avail O Course:

At reduced rate €230. Dianchúrsa option available for Snr students covering essays/grammar/prose/poetry, - 6 classes per day. Oral booklet available for J.Cert students this year. Ph 087-1161573 or see colaisteneifinn.com

Church Music Summer School begins Wed. 6 July To Sat. 9 July:

www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com

Kilconnell Art Group & Rainbow Services, Deerpark Annual 'Bealtaine':

Art Exhibition, Church Gallery of New Library on Tues. 3 May 5pm. All are welcome, refreshments served. Lisa Stack is a Galway based jewellery designer with an exhibition of Roald Dahl themed cushions and book bags at Ballinasloe Library from 29 April for 3 weeks.

Mayo International Choral Festival Peace Concert With RTÉ Concert:

Orchestra, Knock Basilica Sat. 14 May. Commemorating 1916 Rising & World War 1. Info. / tickets www.mayochoral.com.

Fr. Benny McHale Pilgrimage To The Holy Land (31st) 7-17th June:

Tel: 091 844227. The Holy Land is the safest place in the Middle East at the moment and pilgrims need have no worry about security.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 14:23-29:

1. Jesus seeks to reassure his followers in the face of his imminent death. Although he will be leaving them he promises them the gift of the Spirit. How have you been aware of the gift of the Spirit of God in your life? 2. Remember times of separation from a loved one through change of residence or other circumstances. How has the love between you been a support after the separation? 3. To his followers, Jesus promises 'we will come and make our home with them'. Our God is not a distant God but one who lives in us. What has helped you to be aware of the closeness of God to you? 4. 'Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid'. When you have been anxious, who have been the Jesus people for you who were able to calm your anxiety? How did they do this? For whom have you been one who calmed anxiety?