

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday/Sunday 7/8 May 2016 – ‘Ascension Sunday’**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

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

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

**Mon. 9 May: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 10 May: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 11 May: 9.30am.**

**Thurs. 12 May: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 13 May: 8pm (A)** Ferd Duane & Deceased Family Members.

**Sat. 14 May: 8pm (A)** Larry & Lena Rourke.

**Sun. 15 May: 11am** First Holy Communion.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun 8 May: 12 noon** First Holy Communion Celebration.

**Fri. 13 May: 7pm.**

**Sun 15 May: 9.30am (A)** James & Joseph Kelly.

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 6. **Sunday:** Group 1.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

**Sunday:** Marion Sheil & Anne Neville.

**Derrybrien: May:** Bernie Egan.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Keith Dervan. **Sunday:** First Holy Communion Children.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 8 May:** Team D. **Sunday 15 May:** Team A.

**Lotto No's: 5, 22, 23, 26. No Jackpot Winner €4,300. Next Draw:**

7/5 Gorman's, Gurteeny. **Win/Share €150:** P. J. Whyte, Eileen Whyte.

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

Sat. 7: Larry McEvoy. All are welcome.

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

Wednesday 6 – 10pm. All are welcome.

**First Holy Communion In Derrybrien Church This 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.

**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. Ceremonies begin at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass at 3pm followed by the Rosary Procession.

**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:**

Connaire's & Friends. Doors 8pm. Tickets €10 available at door. Spot Prizes on the night. A great nights Entertainment for a great cause. Tel: 087 9940924. Please Support. **Lunch served** from 12 noon. Take away menu Fri/ Sat. from 6pm. Tel: Rob 083 8338209 / 0879940924. **Sun. 15 May Music by Native 7-9pm.**

**ACCORD Ballinasloe Committed To Providing A Professional:**

Counseling service for individuals & couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage/relationships. This confidential service is available and affordable. Tel: 090 9643573 for appointment or E-mail [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net)

**Trip To Knock From Day Centre Eyrecourt Thursday 26 May:**

If interested please Tel: Margaret 087 2699560 or Tel: Day Centre.

**Farm Plastic Collection Network Athenry – Tel: 091 844551:**

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

**Western Alzheimer's Fundraising Tea Evening - Mary Muldoon's House:**

Kill, Kiltormer Friday 20 May 4 - 10pm. All support will be greatly appreciated.

**Afternoon Tea Dance To celebrate Bealtaine Festival Shragh Community:**

Centre Sun. 15 May. Dancing to Larry McEvoy 3–6pm. Tea/Coffee/delicious home baking served. Raffle & lots of spot prizes on the day. All are welcome.

**Portumna Players One Last Performance "A Family Rising":**

By Greg O'Connor, Town Hall Portumna Sunday 15th May. Curtain 8.30pm. Fundraiser for Portumna Town Hall in need of urgent roof repairs.

**Canola Pictures In Association With The Irish Whale And Dolphin Group:**

(IWDG) will screen the Irish documentary film *The Humpback Whales of Cape Verde* on Tues. 10 May at 7pm at Ballinasloe Library. Shot in Ireland, Cape Verde & Malta, the screening will be followed by Q&A sessions with experts from the IWDG & the film's director Tony Whelan. Adm. free, all are welcome.

**Midland Warmer Homes In Conjunction With Sustainability Energy:**

Authority of Ireland are running a Warmer Homes Scheme. This is FREE to individuals who are in receipt of; Fuel Allowance/Family Income Supplement / Jobseeker's Allowance (for more than 6 months with a child/ren U 7) or One Parent Family Payment, are a private home owner and the house was built before 2006. Only homes that have **NOT** received works can apply. If you are interested please contact us on 090-6488292 for an application form.

**SEG IRD Computer Course Patricia/Lynne Tel: 090 9759092 – Learn:**

Computer skills/improve you employments prospects. Training suitable for beginners/advanced, 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:**

Retreats 10/14/15/17/21/22/23/28 /29 30. Booking essential. 3 Day Pilgrimage begins Wed. 1 June. Begin any day 1 June - 13 Aug. Pre-booking is **not** required for the 3 Day Pilgrimage. Tel: 071 9861518, [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**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/](http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/) Charity Groups/individuals/runners /walkers - everyone welcome to take part.

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

[www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com](http://www.irishchurchmusicassociation.com)

**Mayo International Choral Festival Peace Concert With RTÉ Concert:**

Orchestra, Knock Basilica Sat. 14 May. Commemorating 1916 Rising & World War 1. Info. / tickets [www.mayochoiral.com](http://www.mayochoiral.com).

**Fr. Benny McHale Pilgrimage To The Holy Land (31<sup>st</sup>) 7-17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Archbishop Eamon Martin Christian Solidarity Pilgrimage To The:**

Holy Land 9-17 Sept. Direct flight from Dublin. visit holy sites and walk in the footsteps of Jesus in Bethlehem/Nazareth/Galilee/Jerusalem. €1,495pps. Details/itinerary on [www.maptravel.ie](http://www.maptravel.ie) or Tel: 01 878 3111.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 24:46-53:**

1. The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life. 2. Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life? 3. In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life? 4. In v.49 Jesus instructs the apostles to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship/new opportunity/ birth of a baby, etc)?