

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday/Sunday 3/4 December 2016 – '2nd Sunday Of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 3 Dec.: 8pm (A) Jack Rafferty.

Sun. 4 Dec.: 11am (A) Thomas Sheil.

Mon. 5 Dec.: 9.30am.

Tues. 6 Dec.: 9.30am.

Wed. 7 Dec.: 8pm (A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville.

Thurs. 8 Dec.: 9am Feast Of Immaculate Conception.
National School Children

Fri. 9 Dec.: 8pm (A) Hugh Martyn.

Sat. 10 Dec.: 12 noon Requiem Mass: Maura Kenny (nee Comar)
formerly Moyglass. R.I.P.

8pm (A) Mick, Mart & Willie Fallon.

Sun. 11 Dec.: 11am (A) Tommy & Mary Ann McGuire.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 4 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Noreen Durcan.

Thurs. 8 Dec.: 7pm Feast Of Immaculate Conception.

Fri. 9 Dec.: No Mass.

Sun. 11 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Nonie & Jack Kelly.

Mass Servers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Phil Flynn & Mary Cavanagh.

Sunday: Marion Sheil & Ann Neville.

Derrybrien: Dec.: Margaret Slattery.

Readers:

Saturday: Denis O'Connor. **Sunday:** First Communion Children.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 4 Dec.: Team B. **Sunday 11 Dec.:** Team C.

Lotto No's: 9, 10, 14, 24 Jackpot €3,900. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 3/12 in McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Ian Fahy,

Padraic Loughrey, Jason Tuohy, Linda Heffernan.

Adoration 8 – 10pm:

Every Wednesday.

Gardai At Recent Community Alert Meeting Asked People To

Be Aware of locking their cars with a FOB when shopping as criminals have FOB blockers which will allow the lights to flash as if the car is locked **BUT** leave the car **unlocked**, giving them access to the car contents. Physically check that the car is locked.

Drim & Moyglass National Schools Concert Fri. 16 Dec. @7pm:

Sharp in Ballinakill Hall. All are Welcome.

Annual Parish Christmas Party Will Be Held This Year On:

Sunday 8 January in Ballinakill Hall. All are welcome.

Thursday 8 December Feast Of Immaculate Conception: A

Holiday of Obligation.

Sincere Sympathy To The Family And Friends Of Bridie Flynn:

Ballinamona (formerly Drimkeary). May she rest in peace.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection Will Be Taken Up At All:

Masses next weekend. This collection is towards the local Portumna Branch of the organisation so any funds used will be going to the aid of local Parishes, including families who request help in our own parish. Please support.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass Next Sunday 11 Dec.:

In Ballinakill Church for 1st Holy Communion Children and their families at 11am.

Tommie Larkin's Juvenile Meeting Wednesday 7 December:

Starting @ 8.30pm in the Clubhouse. All are welcome.

Annual Christmas Progressive '45 Shragh Hall Wed. 14 Dec.:

Starting 8pm sharp. Tables of 6:3x2. 18 games. €10 each. Substantial cash prizes/raffle. Tea/Christmas Treats for all. All Welcome

Mercy College Woodford Open Night For 6th Class Students:

Wednesday 7 December from 7pm. All are welcome.

Esker Healing Mission 5-9 Dec. Redemptorist Church Esker 4 Sessions:

Each day: 10am/5/7/9pm. Theme: Wisdom of God. Annual Healing Mission Celebrates the gifts of the year that is passing/let go of some of life's hurts/ guides towards Christmas/renews faith that God pitches tent on our borean.

Special Olympics Polar Plunge 10 Dec. 1.30pm Blackrock Salthill:

Plungers raise €50 and run into the water, all for a good cause. Contact Breffni.Gorman@specialolympics.ie reg. www.specialolympics.ie/polarplunge

You can register and take part on the day by coming to the Galway Bay Hotel from 12.30pm. Warm refreshments served afterwards in the Galway Bay.

The 'Big Switch On' 10 Dec. @ 6pm & Open Street Market 4pm:

Santa arriving 5:45pm, mulled wine reception and a free draw with lots of prizes. To reduce energy costs we are switching over to energy efficient LED lights this year. Strips cost €70 each and a total of 30 are needed. Anybody who would like to sponsor a strip or make a donation towards this can Tel: Mattie 086 2470081 or call to John Keary, Woodford. Any donations would be greatly appreciated! Our annual fundraiser is on Sat. 7 Jan. in Walsh's Bar. Tickets €2 from local outlets/committee members. Please support.

Applications For Level 6 Online Certificate in Autism Studies (UCC):

Will close on Friday 16 December:

Strange Occurrences In A Small Irish Village' DVD Available Now:

Examines the phenomenon of Knock Shrine, from the testimonies of those that witnessed the Apparition in 1879, to those that play a central role in Knock Shrine/village today. On sale at Knock Shrine Bookshop Knock Museum and online at www.knockshrine.ie An ideal Christmas gift!

Progressive 25 Card Game Sunday 11 Dec. 8pm In the Temperance Hall:

Loughrea. Cash Prizes and Raffle on the night. Admission €10 and all are welcome. Proceeds to Loughrea Family Resource Centre. Please Support.

Loughrea Comhaltas Traditional Music Session 1st & 3rd Sat. Each Month:

In the Abbey, Loughrea. Open to all ages/all levels. Juniors 7-8pm senior/ advanced 8-9pm. All welcome. Tel: 087 1337326.

Army Band (2 Brigade) In Concert Tues. 13 Dec. Lough Rea Hotel & Spa:

At 8pm, joined by local children's choirs and special guest soloists. Fundraiser for Loughrea Lions Club. Tickets €10 available from Keary Auctioneers, Michéal O'Brien's, Lough Rea Hotel or any Lions Club member.

Christmas Crumlin Fundraiser St. Brigid's College Loughrea:

In their school hall on Sun. 4 Dec. 11am-3pm. Santa will be there. Stalls: hand-made crafts/bake sale/local businesses stalls. All proceeds go to the above.

The 44th Annual Eucharistic All-Night Vigil at Knock Wednesday 7 Dec.:

Confessions in the Chapel of Reconciliation from 10pm followed by Vigil at 12am in the Basilica with Rosary/Candlelight Procession/Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr. Brendan Walsh, SCA Concelebrated Mass will then take place at 4am with Fr. Freddy Warner, SMA The Vigil will be available to watch live on the Knock Shrine website: www.knockshrine.ie/watch. Further info: Tel: Knock Shrine 094 93 88100 / info@knock-shrine.ie

Computer Course Training Suitable Beginners/Advanced QQI FETAC:

Participants may be entitled to training/child care/travel allowance GRETB. Tel: Patricia/Lynne SEG IRD9759092.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 3:1-12:

1. John the Baptist came to bear witness to Jesus. Who have been the people who have borne witness to us of the good news of the gospel that God loves us, a friend/parent/teacher, etc.? To whom have we borne that witness? 2. John appears in the story as one who had the courage to be himself in the face of opposition. He was also a person who knew his own value, did not make exaggerated claims and was content with his mission. Can you recall times when you have been content to be yourself, without pretending to be more than you are? What was it like to have that freedom, even in the face of criticism from others? 3. John was 'the voice of one crying out in the wilderness', announcing confidently to those in the wilderness that they must not despair because God's grace may come to them at any moment. Have you had the experience of being in the wilderness, feeling lost? From whom did you hear a voice that gave you hope? Have you been able to give hope to other people when they were in the wilderness?