

## **PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday 7 – Sunday 8 January 2017 'The Baptism Of The Lord'**

### **Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 7 Jan.: 8pm (A)** Gina & Ned Donohue. Deceased Members of Donohue & McDonagh Families.

**Sun. 8 Jan.: 11am (A)** Teresa Duggan.

**Mon. 9 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 10 Jan.: 9.30am (A)** Henry Burke.

**Wed. 11 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Thurs. 12 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 13 Jan.: 8pm (A)** Mary Ann, James, Catherine & Thomas Lyons.

**Sat. 14 Jan.: 8pm (A)** Kitty Larkin.

**Sun. 15 Jan.: 11am (A)** Gertie Flynn.

### **Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 1 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 13 Jan.: 7pm**

**Sun. 15 Jan.: 9.30am (A)** Terence Headd.

### **Mass Servers:**

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

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

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

**Derrybrien: Jan.:** Detta Glynn.

### **Readers:**

**Saturday:** John Larkin.      **Sunday:** Flynn Family.

### **Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 8 Jan.:** Team C.      **Sunday 15 Jan.:** Team D.

### **Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

### **Lotto No's: 8, 15, 23, 25. Jackpot €4,400. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** The Hill, Kylebrack. **Win / Share €150:** Galway Hospice.

### **Annual Parish Christmas Party This Sunday 8 January In:**

Ballinakill Hall. Begins with Mass at 2pm followed by hot meal, music and entertainment for the afternoon. All are invited and welcome.

### **TAD Club Social Saturday 4 February In Meadow Court Hotel:**

Music by Gemini 4. Great night for all celebrate the club's achievements for the past year. More details to follow.

### **Dates To Remember For 2017:**

- **Sunday 2 April:** Confirmation in Ballinakill Church
- **Sunday 16 April:** Easter Sunday.
- **Sunday 6 May:** First Holy Communion in Ballinakill Church.
- **Sunday 28 May:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock.
- **23 - 28 August:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes.

### **Sincere Sympathy To The Family And Friends Of:**

John Blackton. May he rest in peace. .

### **Station Mass: Ballinlough / Tulla:**

Saturday 14 January at 3pm at the home of Liam & Ann Keary.

### **Dance Aerobics Noel O'Neill Woodford Youth Club Hall:**

Mon. 9 Jan. 7.30 pm & to Abbey Community Centre Thursday 12 Jan. at 7.30pm. €7 per class, pay as you go.

### **Cystic Fibrosis Church Gate Collection Next Weekend 7/8 Jan:**

Used to improve services in UCHG. Please support.

### **Medjugorje 24 – 31 May For 7 Nights:**

Flights, accommodation, transfers and guides included in price. €619, if deposit of €100 paid by 1 February. Tel: Michael Mulryan 087 6737888 or 091 850855.

### **Pre-Marriage Course Esker: Fri. night-Sun. Lunch**

Highly Recommended by couples who have done this course. Courses: Jan., Mar., June & Oct. email [info@redemptoristsesker](mailto:info@redemptoristsesker) [www.redemptoristsesker.ie/whatwedo](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie/whatwedo)

### **Samaritans Open Meetings Harbour Hotel, Galway:**

Saturday 14 Jan. at 11am or Tues. 17 Jan. at 8pm. Thursday 21 Jan. at 8pm in The Claregalway Hotel or Friday 22 Jan. at 11am in the Harbour Hotel, Galway. Further Info. 086 2468203 or [samsgalwayselection@gmail.com](mailto:samsgalwayselection@gmail.com).

### **St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea Still Places:**

Available on our Employability Skills Course starting 9 Jan. and Horticulture Course in Feb. Tel: John Melville 087 0620363 or [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie)

### **Fit4life: Back By Popular Demand Saturday @ 10am All Welcome:**

In Tommy Larkin's GAA Pitch Woodford. All abilities and all age groups catered for. Further info. please contact Martin Rourke at [martin.g.rourke@gmail.com](mailto:martin.g.rourke@gmail.com) or Tel: 086 3866786.

### **A Warm Welcome – The Dedicated Staff & Volunteers of The Athlone:**

Branch of the Dyslexia Association of Ireland would like to invite children (ages 7 -12) to their workshop for a new term. For further information, please contact the branch. All new children are welcome. Monday 30 Jan. Jan. in St. Mary's National School, Gracepark Rd, Athlone 4.30 - 6.30. Coordinator: Damien McIntyre. Tel: 087 6040060 [athlone@dyslexia.ie](mailto:athlone@dyslexia.ie)

### **Catching Your Breath One-day Workshop: Gentle Movement/Breath:**

Chant/meditation Glenstal Abbey, Murroe. 14 Jan. 9.30am-5pm. Breath is the spirit and essence of life/expression/communication. Many of life's events and disappointments can limit our breath. Any restriction reduces our enjoyment of life and being Christmas is a time of great joy and re-birth, but it can also be a time of extra demands and breath-holding. Fee €85 inc. workshop/materials/ lunch/teas/coffees. Leader: Niall Kelly certified Alexander Technique teacher.

### **New CD Mother Of Mine A Song For Galway Hospice Inc. 2 Cover Tracks:**

Mother of Mine & St. Theresa Of The Roses, performed by Paschal Brennan. Cost €5. On sale at Galway Hospice, Renmore, Eglington St. Pharmacy, XL Newsagents, Eyre Square Shopping Centre, XL Paperchase, Terryland, O'Briens Newsagents William St., XL Laurel Stores ,Newcastle, Scoil Bhríde National School, Shantalla.

### **Roscommon & East Galway Recovery College (REGARI) Develop:**

Facilitate modules for people who want to learn about Mental Health and Recovery in Mental Health. Modules/classes held in Athlone, Ballinasloe & Roscommon. If you would be interested in attending or would like more info. Tel: 086 1304869/087 2280165. Email [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com)

### **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 3:13-17:**

1. The Baptism of Jesus marks a turning point in his life and the start of his public ministry. Recall moments when your life changed and you moved into a new phase. 2. The experience was one in which Jesus had a new sense of his own identity. What have been the experiences which have helped shaped your sense of who you are? 3. How have you come to an awareness of being a child of God, beloved by God, and one on whom rests the grace of God? 4. It is surprising that Jesus, the Saviour of the world, asks to be baptised by John. The request symbolises his desire to identify with us. At the same time he is filled with the Holy Spirit. That step of identifying with us is an important element in his being able to help us. Have you ever found that when someone identifies with you, it is easier for him/her to help you? Has your ability to identify with others had any impact on your effectiveness in helping others?

### **The Deep End:**

How can we enter into the mystery of Jesus' humble self-abasement and Baptism? Gregory of Nazianzus, a fourth-century Church father tells us: 'Let us be buried with Christ by Baptism to rise with him; let us go down with him to be raised with him; and let us rise with him to be glorified with him.' Do you want to see changes in your life? And do you want to become a more effective instrument of the Gospel? Examine Jesus' humility and ask the Holy Spirit to forge this same attitude in your heart. As you do, heaven will open for you as well. The Lord is ever ready to renew us in his Spirit and to anoint us for mission. We are called to be 'light' and 'salt' to those around us. The Lord wants his love and truth to shine through us that others may see the goodness and truth of God's message of salvation. Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit that you may radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around you. 'Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with the joy of the Gospel. May I find joy in seeking to please you just as you found joy in seeking to please your Father'.