

## **PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 25/26 February 2017 '8<sup>th</sup> Sunday In Ordinary Time'**

### **Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 25 Feb.:** 8pm.

**Sun. 26 Feb.:** 11am People of Parish.

**Mon. 27 Feb.:** 9.30am.

**Tues. 28 Feb.:** 9.30am.

**Wed. 1 Mar.:** 9am Ash Wednesday. National School Children.  
8pm (A) Bill & Mary Ellen Costello.

**Thurs. 2 Mar.:** 9.30am.

**Fri. 3 Mar.:** 9.30am Month's Mind Sr. Imelda (Cissie) Kennedy.

**Sat. 4 Mar.:** 8pm (A) Thomas & Margaret Conway.

**Sun. 5 Mar.:** 11am (A) May Kindles & Deceased Family Members.

### **Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 26 Feb.:** 9.30am (A) Matt Kelly.

**Wed. 1 Mar.:** 7pm Ash Wednesday.

**Fri. 3 Mar.:** 7pm.

**Sun. 5 Mar.:** 9.30am (A) Michael & Bridie McMahon.

### **Mass Servers:**

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

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

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

**Sunday:** Pauline McHugo & Ann Neville.

**Derrybrien: Mar.:** Margaret Slattery

### **Readers:**

**Saturday:** Adam Spain. **Sunday:** Confirmation Candidates.

### **Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 26 Feb.:** Team B. **Sunday 5 Mar.:** Team C.

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

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

**Lotto No's: 5, 26, 27, 28. Jackpot €5,100. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 25/2 in Walsh's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Children's Hospital, Crumlin.

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

Nelly Killeen, Cappacon. Teresa Sheil, Ballinamona. Eugene Connaire, Newtown. May they rest in peace.

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

Private facilities. Hotel Mediterranee Cost €709. 5 Nights / Hotel / Full Board. Inc. Insurance, Air Fare, Coach & Hotel. Tel: Society Travel 090 9645350. **Book Before 1 April** to receive **€10 discount per person** for hotel Mediterranee only.

### **Esker Day Retreat For Confirmation Candidates From Parish:**

On **Tuesday 28 February** during school hours. All Candidates are expected to attend.

### **Visits To The Sick And Housebound Will Take Place Next:**

Friday and Saturday morning at the usual times.

### **Altar Society – March:**

**Ballinakill:** Ballinakill/Marblehill/Knocadrum. **Leaders:** Eileen Whyte & Ann Daniel. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Detta Glynn & Madge Gallagher.

### **Wednesday Next 1 March Is Ash Wednesday The Beginning:**

Of 'The season of Lent', when we make sacrifices and do something positive to help our relationship with God and each other on the Christian journey towards Easter. **Ashes will be distributed** at all Masses **9am & 8pm in Ballinakill and 7pm in Derrybrien**, as a symbol of our Christian commitments we undertake this Lent.

### **Next Sunday's 11am Mass In Ballinakill Will Be A Preparation:**

Mass for young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their families.

### **Trócaire Boxes Available at Church Doors – Please Take One:**

Home with you and use it during Lent.

### **Lenten Collection – Taken Up At All Masses Next Weekend:**

This collection goes towards the expenses of the Diocese.

### **Unwanted Clothes Collection In Aid Ballinakill Hall Restoration:**

**Mon. 20 Mar.** Clothes/shoes/bed linen/belts/bags/handbags/ curtains/ laptops/mobile phones. Drop your bags outside Hall. Please support.

### **Re-encountering Jesus All welcome @ Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult:**

Faith Development Gathering in Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe Sunday 5 March 2.30 - 5.15pm. More info see: [www.clonfertdiocese.ie/news](http://www.clonfertdiocese.ie/news)

### **Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many People Abstain From Alcohol:**

And take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie) or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know / love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being.

### **MIC Annual MA In Education / Wellbeing Of The Older Person:**

Free Public Lecture Series Fridays 3 & 10 Mar. 6.30pm - 9pm in T204, Tara Building, MIC. These lectures are a must for all those interested in issues affecting older people in society today. All talks free but pre-booking is required. For more information and to book Email: [liz.early@mic.ul.ie](mailto:liz.early@mic.ul.ie)

### **Centering Prayer Weekend Retreat, Friday 24 6pm/Sunday 26 Mar. 2pm:**

A weekend of contemplative prayer/silence/stillness at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Experience what it means to pray *with* God instead of search *for* God. The opening evening will include a short introduction to the Method of Centering Prayer. Bookings / Registration: 091 844007.

### **East Galway Family History Society At The Woodford Heritage Centre:**

Plan in conjunction with GRETB to run two separate free courses in Family History & Digital Photography. These courses will be run on two different days over 8 weeks, 2 hrs each per week. Please email [galwayroots@gmail.com](mailto:galwayroots@gmail.com) or Tel: 090 9749309 for more information.

### **Knock To New York Pilgrimage 8-14 May Knock Shrine Will Lead A:**

Historic pilgrimage from Ireland west Airport, Knock in May. Flight-only tickets are now available @ €599 (inc. Taxes/charges) with Aer Lingus private charter. Full packages are also available which include flights, accommodation and itinerary. Contact Joe Walsh Tours for more information (01) 241 0800 or email: [bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:bronwyn.clinton@joewalshstours.ie) or see [www.knockshrine.ie/newyork](http://www.knockshrine.ie/newyork)

### **Medjugorje 24–31 May For 7 Nights – Flights/Accommodation:**

Transfers/guides inc. Tel: Michael Mulryan 087 6737888/091 850855.

### **Fr. Benny McHale Athenry Pilgrimage To The Holy Land 26 June-6 July:**

Occupancy fills up very quickly. Tel: 01 844227. It is the safest place in the Middle East at the moment so you need have no worries about security.

### **Leading God's People In Prayer 2 Evenings Help Participants In Leading:**

Public prayer in their local church. If interested you need to complete the booking form which is available on ([www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal](http://www.knockshrine.ie/faithrenewal)) or from their local parish. They will be held on Mondays 6/13 Mar. @ 8–10pm in the Knock House Hotel, with Mary Connolly, MA. Cost: €10 to cover both nights.

### **Workshop For Choirs As Part Of The Latest Faith Renewal Programme:**

Takes place Thurs. 9 Mar. 7.30 - 9.30pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine. It is facilitated by the Irish Church Music Association. Cost €10 per person, all choirs welcome. Booking in advance is necessary. Contact (094) 93 75355 or email [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

### **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 6:24-34:**

1. This passage has many beautiful images and encouraging words. Read it slowly and let the words and images speak to you. 2. We all worry, and possibly spend a lot of energy on needless worry. Often the things we worry about never happen. Behind much worry lies a lack of trust in ourselves, in others, and in God. What has helped you to develop the kind of trust that helps you to avoid excessive worrying? 3. One of the situations that can cause anxiety is when we have divided loyalties. 'No one can be the slave of two masters'. A clear set of priorities can help us avoid this dilemma. What has helped you be clear in your own mind on where your priorities lie? 4. 'Set your hearts on God's kingdom first'. Has your faith in God helped you in times of anxiety? Your faith will not take away the problems, but knowing that God is with you, no matter what, can make a difference. What is your experience of this?