

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 11/12 March 2017 '2nd Sunday Of Lent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 11 Mar.: 8pm (A) Teresa McHugh, Drim.
Sun. 12 Mar.: 11am (A) May Kindles & Deceased Family Members.
Mon. 13 Mar.: 9.30am.
Tues. 14 Mar.: 9.30am.
Wed. 15 Mar.: 8pm (A) Michael Gardiner, Ballinamona.
Thurs. 16 Mar.: 9.30am.
Fri. 17 Mar.: 11am St. Patrick's Day (A) William & Brigid Donnelly.
Sat. 18 Mar.: 12 noon Month's Mind: Nellie Killeen.
8pm (A) John Paul, Gerry, Katie, Teresa, Marian Sheil.
Sun. 19 Mar.: 11am (A) Alice Rafferty.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 12 Mar.: 9.30am (A) Paddy & Delia Flynn & Deceased Family Members.
Fri. 17 Mar.: 9.30am St. Patrick's Day (A) Mickey Carey.
Sun. 19 Mar.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 2. **Sunday:** Group 3.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Cepta Rourke & Phil Flynn.
Sunday: Margaret Tuohy & Pauline McHugo.
Derrybrien: March: Margaret Slattery

Readers:

Saturday: Adam Spain. **Sunday:** Breda McCormack.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 12 Mar.: Team D. **Sunday 19 Mar.:** Team A.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

Lotto No's: 8, 15, 25, 27. Jackpot €5,300. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 11/3 in Elsie's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Cancer Care West.

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

Private facilities. Hotel Mediterranee €709. 5 Nights/Hotel/Full Board. Inc. Insurance, Air Fare, Coach & Hotel. Tel: Society Travel 090 96 45350. Book Before 1 Apr./€10 discount pp Hotel Mediterranee only.

Trócaire Boxes Available At Church Doors Please Take One :

Home with you and use it during Lent. **Reflection:** When we look around us today, we see more and more how people are becoming indifferent to each other's needs. It is not fair that some should have everything and others should have nothing. Pope Francis calls us to break down the walls of indifference/renew our understanding of the bonds that unite us. Living simply is a wonderful example of what can be achieved when communities come together to care for creation.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass This Sunday @ 11am:

Mass for young people and their families in Ballinakill Church.

Spring Station Masses If You Would Like To Host A Station In:

Your area, please consider a date and time that will suit you as soon as possible. Station Masses are a beautiful tradition in our community. They are a way of invoking God's Blessing on our homes and of bringing neighbours together. This tradition can only survive in our parish with everyone's co-operation.

Friday 17 March St. Patrick's Day:

A Holyday of Obligation.

Seminar: "Caring For Our Common Home" Saturday 1 April:

10.30am-4.30pm, An Gáirdín. Nellie McLoughlin & Paul Kingsnorth will facilitate. www.angairdin.ie The seminar is grant aided. Lunch costs €10. Book by **25 Mar.** 0872845443 angairdin1@gmail.com

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.

Tales Of St. Patrick Award-winning Storyteller Rab Fulton Performs At A:

Wonderful free family event celebrating St. Patrick, at the National Museum of Ireland – Country Life, Turlough Park, Castlebar, Sat. 18 Mar. Storytelling sessions 11.30am-12.30pm/2-3pm. Events free but booking is required (094) 90 31751 or educationtph@museum.ie. Adm. to Museum of Country Life free.

Volunteers Needed: Tradespersons Between 20 & 68 Years The Ray Of:

Sunshine Foundation is seeking help. We will travel to Kenya in January 2018 to build a Rescue Home for boys used in the sex trafficking industry. This home will change lives forever. Would you like to be part of our building team? Duration of stay 11 days. Cost €3,000 which covers flights/accommodation /insurance/materials for the build. rayofsunshine.ie. Tel: Olive 087 6994599.

Portumna Community School Fashion Show 23 Mar. Organised By:

Transition Year students, in association with Muirne Goode, (Ladies Day Boutique). Cheese/wine reception 7.30pm. Show begins 8pm. Tickets: €15 per adult/€12 per student/senior citizen. Available from the school/Ladies Day Boutique/All Occasions Boutique/Palmerson's Store Bridge Rd.

Young Catholic Adult Conference Castlecourt Hotel Westport 25 March.

Talks/discussion/prayer. Speakers inc. evangelist Rosemary Swords. Cost €15, inc. lunch/refreshments throughout the day. Further info. Tel: Breda 087 2747873. All are welcome. [Facebook@catholicyoungadultconference2017](https://www.facebook.com/catholicyoungadultconference2017)

South East Galway Archaeological And Historical Society Lecture:

Thursday 23 Mar. 7:30pm Irish Workhouse Centre, Portumna, by Bryn Coldrick, and will focus on one progressive Victorian landlord and his legacy.

Fundraising Social In Aid Of Syrian Refugees Thursday 16 March 8pm:

Clayton Hotel, Galway; Entertainment: Sean Slattery & the Connections; Tickets €20 available from the Cathedral Bookshop, Galway.

Celebrating 100 Anniversary Of Our Lady Of Fatima, A Pilgrim Statue:

Was blessed by Pope Francis on 11 Jan. and crowned by Archbishop Eamon Martin on 3 Mar. and it is travelling around Ireland. It will be in the in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone Tues. 21 Mar. arriving at 6pm for public veneration. Confessions also. Holy Mass 7pm. Consecration of the Homes & Families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus and enrolment in the brown scapular will take place at the end of Mass for those who wish to do so. This will be followed by Holy Hour. All are most welcome.

St Vincent de Paul Donations To Their Shop Abbey St. Portumna:

Clothes/household linen/bric-a-brac/DVDs/books. All funds raised locally stay local. Log on to our Facebook page, Portumna Vincents Charity Shop. Call in to see us. Thurs./Fri./Sat. 12-4pm.

Study Hub Opening Cahercourt Loughrea 6th Year Students And If:

Places available for 3rd years. Phone Free Zone. No Distractions / strictly supervised. Mon.-Fri. 4.15-8.15pm with half hour break. Sat. 9.30am-1.30pm. Tel: Breda. Booking essential. 086 3792360.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge! Many People Abstain From Alcohol:

Take Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. www.pioneerassociation.ie or contact your local Pioneer centre representative. Help someone you know/love with an alcohol/drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice.

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

Contemplative prayer/silence/stillness Esker Retreat Centre, Experience what it means to pray *with* God instead of search *for* God. Opening evening inc. short introduction to the Method of Centering Prayer. Book/Register: 091 844007.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 5:17-37:

1. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus proposes standards that go beyond external ways of behaviour. He challenges our inner attitudes. When have you found that living out of inner conviction is more life-giving than keeping up appearances? 2. Jesus applies his teaching to feelings of anger and sexual desire. He suggests that if we do not keep an eye on our feelings and thoughts we will not be able to control our actions. Perhaps you have experienced the truth of this. What has helped you to integrate your feelings so that you were able to live in right relationship with yourself and others? 3. For Jesus, persons with genuine authenticity do not need to swear an oath to be convincing. Their 'yes' or 'no' suffices. Recall people who had this kind of credibility for you. When have you found that your simple, direct and honest communication had a positive persuasive force?