

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 18/19 March 2017 '3rd Sunday Of Lent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 18 Mar.: 8pm (A) John Paul, Gerry, Katie, Teresa, Marian Sheil.

Sun. 19 Mar.: 11am (A) Alice Rafferty.

Mon. 20 Mar.: 9.30am.

Tues. 21 Mar.: 9.30am.

Wed. 22 Mar.: 9.30am.

Thurs. 23 Mar.: 9.30am.

Fri. 24 Mar.: 8pm (A) William, Annie, Rose & Liam Loughrey.

Sat. 25 Mar.: 11am Month's Mind: Teresa Sheil.

8pm (A) Willie & Phyllis Hayes, Gilbert & Ann Hayes O'Reilly.

Sun. 26 Mar.: 11am (A) Mary Rodgers.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 19 Mar.: 9.30am.

Fri. 24 Mar.: 7pm.

Sun. 26 Mar.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 3. **Sunday:** Group 4.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Cavanagh & Bernie Dervan.

Sunday: Ann Neville & Marion Sheil.

Derrybrien: March: Margaret Slattery

Readers:

Saturday: Keith Dervan. **Sunday:** Sheil Family.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 19 Mar.: Team A. **Sunday 26 Mar.:** Team B.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

Lotto No's: 11, 12, 17, 30. Jackpot €5,400. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 18/3 in Eame's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Barbara Egan, Margaret Mahony.

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:** In the present condition of global society, where injustices abound and growing numbers of people are deprived of basic human rights and considered expendable the principle of the common good immediately becomes, logically and inevitably, a summons to solidarity and a preferential option for the poorest of our brothers and sisters.

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.

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

Sincere Sympathy To:

Kathleen Dixon & family on the death of her brother Frank Winters, Loughrea. To Maureen Regan & family on the death of her brother John Kelly, Loughrea. May they rest in peace.

Sacrament Of First Penance Will Be Celebrated On:

Tuesday 4 April at 7pm in Ballinakill Church.

Bishop Kirby Will Visits Our Schools:

On Thursday morning 23 March. Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in Ballinakill Church on Sunday 2 April.

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.

6Km Run/Jog/Walk Sunday 9 Apr. 1pm From Shragh Community Centre:

Registration 12–12.45pm. Entry: Adults €10/Children €5. Family Discounts. Free entry with Sponsorship Card (Minimum €10 per card). Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds for upkeep and maintenance of Shragh Community Centre. Sponsorship Cards/Enquiries Tel: Mary 087 6152668.

VHI Women's Mini Marathon On Behalf Of Team Anam Cara Mon. 5June:

10k run / jog / walk for your local Anam Cara Group. All funds raised goes directly towards our frontline services for bereaved Mums/Dads. Registration is now open at www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie. Once you are registered drop us an email to c.dingle@anamcara.ie for more info. and your Anam Cara fundraising pack. We have booked our usual spot in Doheny & Nesbitt's, Baggot St. for the day. We will be there from 12:30pm. Please support.

Learning By Pictures Study Skills - Secondary School Students/Parents:

In ELFA Loughrea Saturday 25 March .Contact Breda Coughlan 086 3792360

Coffee Morning/Cake Sale St. Raphael's College Loughrea Music Room:

Thursday 23 March 10am-1pm in aid of our positive Mental Health Day. Please support and all are welcome.

Centenary Celebrations Of Fatima Statue Blessed Recently By The Pope:

Will be in Sts. Peter & Paul's Church, Athlone Tues. 21 Mar. arriving 6pm for public veneration. Confessions also. Holy Mass 7pm. Emmanuel House Wed. 22 Mar. 11.30am followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop John Kirby 1pm. We will also host the statue on Thurs. 23 Mar. 7pm. All are welcome.

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. 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 March Organised By:

Transition Year students, in association with Ladies Day Boutique. Cheese/wine reception 7.30pm. Show 8pm. Tickets: €15 per adult/€12 per student/senior citizen. Tickets: 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)

S E G Archaeological And Historical Society Lecture Thursday 23 March:

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

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 Vincent's Charity Shop. Call in to see us. Thurs./Fri./Sat. 12-4pm.

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 5:38-48:

1. Jesus tells us to act out of love and says that acting out of love is better than acting out of revenge. What does your experience tell you? 2. Perhaps you have at times hit back in revenge when you have been hurt or offended. What effect did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them? Contrast this with the times when you resisted the urge to retaliate. What outcome did this have on you, on others, and on your relationship with them, both at the time, and in the long-term? 3. From other passages in the Gospels it is clear that Jesus did not mean that we should ignore injustices, and never make a stand against others. What lessons have you learned in life on when, and how, to make a stand? What wisdom would you share with others from your experience?