

## **PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 25/26 March 2017 '4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Lent'**

### **Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 25 Mar.: 8pm (A)** Willie & Phyllis Hayes, Gilbert & Ann Hayes O'Reilly.

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

**Mon. 27 Mar.: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 28 Mar.: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 29 Mar.: 8pm (A)** Mick Whelan – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

**Thurs. 30 Mar.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 31 Mar.: 8pm (A)** Jimmy & Delia Duggan.

**Sat. 1 Apr.: 8pm** Month's Mind: Eugene Connaire.

**Sun. 2 Apr.: 11am (A)** Confirmation Mass

### **Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 26 Mar.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 31 Mar.: No Mass.**

**Sun. 2 Apr.: 9.30am (A)** Dan & Julia Keane.

### **Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 4.      **Sunday:** Group 5.

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Mary Daniel & Cepta Rourke.

**Sunday:** Eugene Casey & Margaret Tuohy.

**Derrybrien: March:** Margaret Slattery

### **Readers:**

**Saturday:** Connaire Family.    **Sunday:** Confirmation Candidates.

### **Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 26 Mar.:** Team B.    **Sunday 2 Apr.:** Team C.

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

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

**Lotto No's: 1, 19, 23, 24. Jackpot €5,500. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 25/3 in McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Seán Hanbury.

### **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:** Climate change is making disasters more frequent and more intense. It is the most vulnerable communities who are hit hardest. The hand of greed has plundered the earth's resources for profit, having forgotten that God is the Lord of all. Many of our global neighbours who are living in poverty bear witness to this injustice on a daily basis.

### **Station Mass – Derrybrien Friday 31 March @ 6pm:**

At the home of Josie Broderick and family (Anniversary Mass for Martin). 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.

### **Sacrament Of First Penance Will Be Celebrated On:**

Tuesday 4 April at 7pm in Ballinakill Church.

### **Sacrament Of Confirmation Will Be Celebrated In Ballinakill:**

Church next Sunday 2 April at 11am. We pray for God's Blessing and the coming of the Holy Spirit into the lives of the young people receiving the Sacrament.

### **Tommy Larkin's GAA Would Like To Say A Big 'Thank You':**

To Martin Rourke and his 'Fit For Life' team. For their time and efforts over the last number of weeks in getting us all outdoors and helping us achieve better health and fitness.

### **New Eucharistic Ministers And Readers:**

Needed Urgently.

### **Altar Society:**

**Ballinakill:** Cullen/Cregg. **Leaders:** Nonie Neville & Peggy Whyte.

**Derrybrien: Leaders:** Bridie Kelly, Hilary & Cathy Cunningham.

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

**Extended to Monday 3 April:** Clothes / shoes / bed linen / belts / bags / handbags / curtains/ laptops / mobile phones. Drop your bags outside Hall. Please support.

### **John Joe Conwell's Latest History Book, 'Portumna' Will Be Launched:**

In Portumna Community School Wed. 5 Apr. 8pm. Connacht rugby captain John Muldoon will do the honours with a great night in store.

### **Are You Interested In Becoming A Facilitator With ACCORD The:**

Diocesan Agency for Marriage and the Family? Would you like to share your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? Training will be provided. Closing date for application forms 20 April. Tel: 090 9643573 or Web: <http://www.accord.ie/> for further information."

### **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](http://www.vhiwomensminimarathon.ie). Once you are registered drop us an email to [c.dingle@anamcara.ie](mailto: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.

### **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](http://rayofsunshine.ie). Tel: Olive 087 6994599.

### **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 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.

### **Knock/New York Pilgrimage 8-14 May Knock Shrine Historic Pilgrimage:**

From Ireland West Airport, Knock. Flight-only tickets are now available €599 (inc. Taxes/charges) with Aer Lingus. Full packages available; inc. flights/accommodation/itinerary. Tel: Joe Walsh Tours (01) 241 0800. [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.

### **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?