

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 1/2 April 2017 '5th Sunday Of Lent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

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

Sun. 2 Apr.: 11am Confirmation Mass

Mon. 3 Apr.: 12 noon: Requiem Mass: Mary Broderick.

Tues. 4 Apr.: 9.30am.

Wed. 5 Mar.: 8pm (A) Kathleen, Patrick & Peggy Sheil. Thomas Sheil 100th Anniversary WW1.

Thurs. 6 Apr.: 9.30am.

Fri. 7 Apr.: 8pm (A) Thomas, Bridget, Jack, Mary & Willie Bowen.

Sat. 8 Apr.: 8pm (A) Johnny, Maureen, Gerard & Fiona Gardiner.

Sun. 9 Apr.: 11am (A) Thomas Gardiner.

Masses - Derrybrien:

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

Fri. 7 Apr.: 7pm.

Sun. 9 Apr.: 9.30am Special Intention.

Mass Servers:

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

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Phil Flynn & Mary Cavanagh.

Sunday: Pauline McHugo & Anne Neville.

Derrybrien: April: Delta Glynn.

Readers:

Saturday: Denis O'Connor. **Sunday:** Gardiner Family.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 2 April: Team C. **Sunday 9 Apr.:** Team D.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

Lotto No's: 4, 11, 18, 32. Jackpot €5,600. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 1/4 in Egan's, Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Noel Gardiner, Mary & Derek Whyte, Angela Sheil, Jade McNamara.

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.

Trócaire Boxes Available At Church Doors Please Take One :

Home with you and use it during Lent. **Reflection:** We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family. There are no frontiers or barriers, political or social, behind which we can hide, still less is their room for the globalisation of indifference. When our hearts are authentically open to universal communion, this sense of fraternity excludes nothing and no one

Sacrament Of First Penance Will Be Celebrated On:

Tuesday 4 April at 7pm in Ballinakill Church.

We Welcome Bishop Kirby To Our Parish This Weekend To:

Celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for 23 young people. We ask God's Blessing on the young people and their families on this special day. May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit guide their lives now and into the future.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Is Available Loughrea Cathedral:

All day next Friday 7 April, 8am – 8pm. This is in response to Pope Francis request that our church should be a welcoming church to all people, that the Mercy of God is always available to those who seek it. As always the Sacrament is available in Ballinakill after evening Masses.

New Eucharistic Ministers And Readers:

Needed Urgently.

Visits To The Sick And Housebound Will Take Place Next:

Friday and Saturday morning at the usual times.

McCormack's Curra Sunday 2 April Music By:

The Wiseguys 7-9pm

Community Games Sports Next Sunday 9 Apr. In Ballinakill

Parish Pitch Starts 2pm sharp. Events from toddlers to under 16.

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.

Getting Citizens Online Courses Loughrea Computers:

Shows you how to get online/set up send emails/be secure online among other useful info. for beginners. 5 week evening course – 1 evening a week for 2 hours, and is free. Info. Tel: Loughrea Computers on 091871732.

2017 East Galway Library Art Trail Launches Tuesday 4 April:

In the Church Gallery at Ballinasloe Library. Loughrea Photography Club are the 'focus' of this exhibition and the Trail will continue with exhibitions from local artists in Woodford Library from 11 April, Killimor from 25 April, Portumna from 3 May & Eyrecourt from 9 May. All events begin at 7pm on the night. Free admission, refreshments served.

Davitt's Camogie Club Clothes Collection Sat. 15 April

In Tynagh & Abbey Community Centres between 10am & 12pm. All old clothes, footwear, bed linen, curtains, old mobile phones and laptops are accepted. Your support is greatly appreciated .

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. 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.

1st Darkness Into Light Walk Loughrea 6 May 4.15am

Starting at Fire Station in aid of Pieta House. Registration now open online at dil.pieta.ie

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@joewalstours.ie or see 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 John 11:1-45:

1. Martha and Mary were people of faith but Jesus led them to an even deeper faith. Who were the people who led you to a deeper faith in Jesus? Remember them and give thanks. 2. Martha and Mary were struggling to come to terms with their bereavement. What has helped you in similar situations? 3. The concern of Jesus is palpable and touching. Recall those who matter to you and to whom you matter. Such love mediates God's love, which surpasses human love with the gift of new life and Easter joy. 4. One can imagine Lazarus as a symbol of people and groups that are written off as dead (sometimes by themselves), and yet through faith come back to life again. Have you had the experience of being revived by faith? Has faith helped to free you from what held you in bondage, or was destructive of your life?