

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 6/7 May 2017 '4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat.: 6 May: 8pm** (A) Larry and Lena Rourke.  
**Sun.: 7 May: 11am** (A) Edward, Johanna, Patrick & Mary Kennedy.  
**Mon.: 8 May: 9.30am.**  
**Tues.: 9 May: 9.30am.**  
**Wed.: 10 May: 8pm** (A) Tim, Annie & Elizabeth Hooban.  
**Thurs.: 11 May: 9.30am.**  
**Fri.: 12 May: 9.30am.**  
**Sat.: 13 May: 8pm** (A) Ebbie Sheil, Moira Shannon.  
**Sun.: 14 May: 11am** (A) Ferd Duane & Deceased Family Members.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 7 May: 9.30am** (A) James Kelly & Deceased Family Members.  
**Fri. 12 May: 7pm** Month's Mind: Christy Glynn.  
**Sun. 14 May: 9.30am** (A) Jack Fahy & Deceased Family Members.

**Mass Servers:**

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

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Keith Dervan. **Sunday:** Sandra Donohue.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Mary Cavanagh. **Sunday:** Ann Neville.  
**Derrybrien: May:** Bernie Egan.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 7 May:** Team D. **Sunday 14 May:** Team A.

**Lotto No's: 1, 26, 31, 32. Jackpot €6,100. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 6/5 in Elsie's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Davitt's Féile Fund

**New Eucharistic Ministers And Readers:**

Needed Urgently.

**Trócaire Boxes:**

Please return them as soon as possible.

**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:**

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock:**

Sunday 28 May.

**Visits To The Sick And Housebound:**

Will be made at the usual times on Friday and Saturday.

**Sincere Sympathy To The:**

Family and friends of Damien Tuohy. To the relatives and friends of Sr. Eileen Rabbitte (formerly Marblehill). May they rest in peace.

**Congratulations To The Children Of The Parish Who:**

Celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend.

**Ballinakill Hall Meeting – There Was A Small Attendance:**

Last Tuesday, but good discussion on the possible refurbishment of the hall, a follow-up meeting will be held in the hall on **Tuesday 16 May @ 8.30pm** to which all are welcome.

**Clonfert Priests' Retirement Envelope Collection:**

Will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

**Annual South East Galway Archaeological/Historical Field Trip:**

Sunday 14 May, led by Dr Christy Cunniffe on Woodford and the Aughtys. The meeting place will be the Irish Workhouse Centre from 10am for a cuppa before our journey. All are welcome.

**Free Bealtaine Festival Musical Event St Brendan's Community:**

Nursing Unit, Loughrea. Thursday 18 May 1.30 - 3pm hosted by Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre. Music: Evoke. Refreshments served. All are welcome.

**Davitt's Camogie Club Fundraising Table Quiz For U14 Féile:**

Team on Friday 19 May in McCormack's, Curra at 9pm. Teams of 4-€40. Please support it if you can.

**Farm Plastic Collection In Your Local Mart In The Coming Week:**

Tel: FRS Athenry 091 844551.

**Portumna Red Cross The Séan Murphy Memorial Fundraising Walk:**

Sunday 14 May @ 2pm. Registration from 1pm. Fee €10. We are honouring a great man that did much for his community. Please join us.

**A Day Retreat "Do Not Worry About Tomorrow" In Esker:**

Myers-Briggs facilitator Dan Baragry C.Ss.R 19 - 21 May. Tel: 091 -84459 or [www.redemptoristsesker.ie](http://www.redemptoristsesker.ie) for more details.

**Pilgrimage Season Knock Shrine – Masses / Ceremonies Daily In:**

Addition to a wide range of services at the Shrine, inc. Prayer Guidance/Youth Ministry/award-winning Knock Museum/Café Le Chéile/religious Bookshop /daily guided tours. Info: [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**Have You A Residential Property That Has Been Vacant For At Least A:**

Year and requires repairs to bring it up to standard for renting? If the answer is YES, then you may wish to avail of a new Repair/Leasing Scheme offered by Galway Co. Co. The Council may pay for the repairs to bring the vacant property up to standard for renting, subject to a maximum of €40,000, and thereafter may pay to lease the property for a minimum period of 10 years. Info: from the Housing Unit, Galway Co. Co., Prospect Hill, Galway. Tel: 091 509003. email [housing@galway.coco.ie](mailto:housing@galway.coco.ie) or visit [www.galway.ie/housing](http://www.galway.ie/housing)

**World Meeting of Families 2018 Volunteers Required! Every Parish Will:**

Be involved in organising/participating in events at local/national level in preparation for WMOF2018. We want to make this a special event in our Diocese and use it as an opportunity to foster leadership of lay people in each parish. Training provided. We need your help. For more information contact your Priest or Diocesan Coordinator @ 083 8791745.

**Learning For Life Targets People Who Are Currently Not Working To:**

Provide them with information on the many free training opportunities available locally. We are hosting Learning for Life Series this month beginning Tues. 16 May in Tuam. The benefits attending training are many and we are conscious in the current climate of social inclusion and the positive impact of community on society's sense of well being. This is an initiative of the new SICAP programme being rolled out by Galway Rural Development Company.

**Exhibition In support Of All-Ireland Pollinator Plan 2015-2020 Abbey Tidy:**

Towns & Abbey Heritage Group will host a 'Collaborative Exhibition Exploring Pollination' in Abbey Community Centre this Sunday 7 May 3-6pm. This will be of interest to farmers/gardeners/everyone interested in preserving/caring for our natural heritage. Your support will be much appreciated.

**Irish Blood Transfusion Service Portumna Area 9 May 3-4.45pm/7-9.30pm:**

In Lorrha Dorrha Community GAA Hall. Irish Blood Needs over 3,000 pints of Blood to keep it up to date for the Hospitals in your Area for those having an operation / car crashes / cancer Patients that are under-going treatment. So I am asking all ages of people to go out and donate blood.

**Intensive Study Camp - Junior & Leaving Certs In Study Hub Loughrea:**

Monday 29 May to Tuesday 6 June 10am - 5pm. Cost €60. Teachers available throughout the week to give grinds in the following: English, Maths, Irish, Science, Geography, French, Home Economics. Cost of grinds dependent on demand. Tel: Breda Coughlan 086 3792360 places limited.

**30<sup>th</sup> Galway Abbey-Duniry Scouting Group Welcomes New Members:**

We have criteria for enrolment. Closing date 31 May. The focus is to lay a foundation for building personal confidence and positive self-esteem in young children. Please Tel: Mike 086 2513219.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 10:1-10:**

1. In the Middle East, it was the task of the shepherd to find water and pasture and to ensure safety. In your life who have been the people who nourished you and gave you security? For whom have you done this? 2. Important to the shepherd's ability to give security to the sheep is the fact that he was known and familiar to them. They recognised his voice. Does this resonate in any way with your experience? 3. We are familiar with the image of Jesus as the shepherd. The image of Jesus as the door (or gate) is not so familiar but is one that merits attention. Jesus presents himself as the door through which we pass and find life. What are the doors through which you have passed and found life: a situation/a place/a book/an experience/a person? For whom have you been a door to a richer life?