

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 15 / 16 July 2017 '15th Sunday In Ordinary Time'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat.: 15 July: 8pm (A) Kathleen Spain.

Sun.: 16 July: 11am (A) Sadie Regan.

Mon.: 17 July: 9.30am (A) Brigid Foster & Deceased Family Members.

Tues.: 18 July: 9.30am.

Wed.: 19 July: 9.30am.

Thurs.: 20 July: 9.30am Brigid & William Donnelly.

Fri.: 21 July: 9.30am.

Sat.: 22 July: 8pm (A) Packie & Margaret Scully.

Sun.: 23 July: 11am (A) James, Margaret, John & Fr. Frank Murray.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 16 July: 9.30am (A) Pete Slattery.

Fri. 21 July: No Mass.

Sun. 23 July: 9.30am (A) Fr. Kevin & Greg Connors.

Mass Servers:

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

Readers:

Saturday: Laura Rourke. **Sunday:** Denis O'Connor.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Cavanagh. **Sunday:** Margaret Tuohy.

Derrybrien: July: Detta Glynn.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 16 July: Team B. **Sunday 23 July:** Team C.

Lotto No's: 8, 21, 25, 30. Jackpot €7,100. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 15/7 in McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Galway Hospice.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament:

Wednesday 8 – 10pm.

Galway Plate Raffle Tickets In Aid Of Funds For The Parish Hall:

Are presently being distributed to all homes in the Parish.

All monies raised goes towards the cost of Insurance for the Parish Hall and other expenses, e.g. Light / Heat etc. Draw takes place in Egan's, Derrybrien,

Sunday 30 July @11pm.

And They're Off



Will Garnsworthy Cycling West Coast For MS Ireland - Visit:

www.wherethereswilltheresways.com/WillsWildRide/Home.php

Trócaire Emergency Appeal Next Weekend:

All Churches in Ireland will hold a 'special collection in aid of famine and drought affected countries across East Africa, Somalia, South Sudan, Kenya and Ethiopia. Over 24 million people are struggling to survive in these countries. A second Basket Collection will be taken up at all Masses after Communion **next weekend**. Please support this very worthy cause.

Annual Concelebrated Mass Of St. Feichin – Mass Will Be:

Held in St. Feichin's Cemetery, Lackan, Abbey Parish **Sun. 16 July 7pm** to honour the 1437th anniversary of the birth of the Patron Saint of Abbey Parish. Recently erected Stations of The Cross will be blessed before Mass. Covered seating available. A cup of tea for all after Mass. Everybody is welcome. Those attending this Mass should go to the village of Abbey and follow the direction signs.

Annual Pilgrimage Lourdes 23–28 August:

All rooms have Private Facilities. Hotel Mediterranee €709. 5 Nights / Hotel / Full Board. Includes; Insurance / Air Fare / Coach / Hotel. Tel: Society Travel 090 96 45350.

Dyslexia/Literacy Difficulties 1-to-1 Tuition Children/Adults:

Classes run throughout summer. Please Tel: Breda Mahony 086 1604461 for further info.

Volunteers Needed To Teach Basic Computer Class To Beginners At:

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre. Classes start in September. Please contact us on 091 871149 or call in for a cuppa.

Yoga In Cartron House Ballinakill The Flying Yogini Find Us On Facebook:

Find us on Facebook: fb.me/theflyingyoginistudio 20 July 7 – 8pm. Yoga has a massive amount of proven health benefits i.e. Asthma, Anxiety etc.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival Cistercian College, Roscrea Co. Tipperary:

Thurs. 17–Sun. 20 August. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people, with over 1400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or Tel: 01 6753690.

Woodford Library Summer Reading Challenge From 1 July Open To:

Children of all ages and is a great way to keep kids reading over the summer. The theme this year is 'Summer Stars' so come along and check it out. For further details contact the library.

Drim NS Celebrating Its Centenary Next Year 2018 We Want To Publish:

A book to celebrate the history of our school. We'd be grateful of any photos, articles, memories, folklore, poetry etc associated with the school and its community. Please spread the word to past pupils, parents, teachers and anyone that was associated with the school. Your co-operation would be greatly appreciated.

Horse Riding Callatra Stables Riding Lessons/Forest Rides Available:

For adults / children of all ages / levels. Children's group lessons start at €15. Tel: Aisling for more info. 087 6991204.

Lough Derg 3-Day Pilgrimage Up To & Including Sunday 13 August:

Booking not necessary. Various travel options available countrywide. The Lough Derg team can help you to co-ordinate public transport or link up with Pilgrimage Organisers in your locality. Tel: Maureen/Lorraine 071 9851518 Email: info@loughderd.org www.loughderg.org

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Matthew 13:1-23:

1. Jesus uses parables to make people think about their own responses to his message. As you read this parable you may recognize that at different times you have been like each of the different types of soil. As you recall times when you presented fertile soil for the Word of God, what helped you create that receptive atmosphere? What lessons for life do you get from that? 2. Parents with children, teachers with pupils, speakers with listeners, are all like sowers in a field where the preparation of the soil is up to another – the child/pupil/listener. They can sow the seed but cannot guarantee that it will bear fruit. At times there may be a temptation not to try any more. The challenge is to sow in hope. When have you been surprised by the harvest you have reaped? 3. 'We are wasting our time here' may sometimes be the apparent wisdom in a group. Have there been times when you have gone against this apparent wisdom and seen your efforts bear fruit?

THE DEEP END: The Generous Sower. Can You Picture It:

I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil. The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. Rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere, on the path/patches of rock/among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there. Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.'