

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 2/3 December 2017 '1st Sunday of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 2 Dec.: 8pm (A) Mick, Mart & Willie Fallon.

Sun. 3 Dec.: 11am (A) Jack Rafferty.

Mon. 4 Dec.: 9.30am.

Tues. 5 Dec.: 9.30am.

Wed. 6 Dec.: 8pm (A) Hugh Martyn.

Thurs. 7 Dec.: 9.30am.

Fri. 8 Dec.: 9am Feast of Immaculate Conception. National Schools.

8pm (A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville.

Sat. 9 Dec.: 8pm (A) Paddy Kennedy, Imelda Murphy & Deceased Family Members.

Sun. 10 Dec.: 11am (A) Tommy & Mary Madden.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 3 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Brigid & John Slattery.

Fri. 8 Dec.: 7pm Feast of Immaculate Conception (A) Pat Glynn.

Sun. 10 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Nonie & Jack Kelly.

Mass Servers:

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

Readers:

Saturday: Keith Dervan. **Sunday:** John Larkin.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Cepta Rourke. **Sunday:** Ann Neville.

Derrybrien: December: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 3 Dec.: Team B. **Sunday 10 Dec.:** Team C.

Lotto No's: 5, 12, 20, 32. Jackpot €3,300. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 2/12 in Walsh's, Woodford. **Win/ Share €150:** Bryan Kenny.

New Readers & Ministers Of The Eucharistic:

Are badly needed in the parish.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:

Wednesdays 8 – 10pm in Ballinakill Church.

When Booking Anniversary Masses Please Consider Whether:

Any family member would be willing to read at that Mass. If so please indicate the name of that person when arranging date of the Mass.

Visits To The Sick And Housebound Will Be Made At The:

Usual times next Friday and Saturday.

Schools' Christmas Concerts; Ballinakill Friday 8 Dec. 7pm:

Drim & Moyglass: Friday 15 December @7pm. All are welcome.

St. Raphael's College, Loughrea Christmas Fair 9 Dec. In The:

School, 10am – 4pm. All welcome. If interested in displaying / selling / demonstrating. tcunniffe@saintraphaels.ie or Tel: 091 841062.

Wedding Congratulations To Denise Browne & Colin Daly:

Who were married in Derrybrien last weekend. Every Blessing on their future lives together.

Next Friday 8 December Holyday Of Obligation:

See Mass times above.

St. Vincent de Paul Annual Collection Will Be Taken Up Next:

Weekend after Communion. This collection will go towards helping families in need in our local community and surrounding areas.

Mercy College Woodford Open Night For 6th Class Students:

Tuesday 5 December from 7pm. All are Welcome.

Man Missing - Brendan Burke Has Been Missing For 2 Weeks:

And there is no sign of him at all. We are reaching out to anywhere we can think he may have gone. Brendan grew up in Portumna and lived there until moving to Dublin in the 80's.

Book Launch - The Man With The Cap 50 Odd Poems By:

Mike Glynn, a book of poetry will be launched in Gullane's Hotel, Sat. 9 December 8.30pm. Adm. free, all welcome, bring a friend.

The 'Big Switch On' Sat. 9 Dec. 6pm Woodford - Open Street Market 4pm:

Santa 5:45pm. Mulled wine reception & free draw with lots of prizes too. Our annual fundraiser Saturday 6 January. Walsh's Bar - Tickets €2 on sale soon from local outlets and committee members. Please support.

Loughrea Toastmasters Club Mon. 4 Dec. 8pm Loughrea Hotel & Spa:

Start your New Year's resolutions early and build confidence through learning public speaking & leadership skills. Cost €6 to cover room hire/refreshments. Tel: Martin 087-2210689.

The Pieta House Wren Run's Generous Sponsors Mclnerney's SuperValu:

Loughrea/O'Meara's SuperValu Portumna has each kindly donated a €100 voucher to be won! Run takes place on St. Stephen's Day at 11am in Woodford. Everyone that registers before 17 Dec. will be entered into a once off draw to win these vouchers. Draw on 18 Dec. Online registration is available through the Pieta House Wren Run Facebook page or else come along to our Wren Run registration night in Tommy Larkins' Clubhouse on Friday 15 Dec. 7pm - 8.30pm! When you sign up you will also be entered into our Monster Draw to win prizes including a Consultation with Celebrity Architect Dermot Bannon, Hotel Getaways, Signed Galway Jersey, retail vouchers plus loads more! Entry fees: Kids (U-16): €5, Adults: €10, Family Rate (unlimited kids): €20 Group Rate (7 people): Early Bird Rate €50 (€70) - This entry also puts you into a special Draw to win 2 sets of jerseys (15) for your school or club team! All proceeds raised will be split between Pieta House & Tommy Larkins for the development of their walking track/ fitness facilities. Ts&Cs Apply! Tel: Roderick 087-9925624.

Results 45 Card Game. Winner's 1st Eamon Whelan & Jimmy Power:

Each Monday night in Tommy Larkin's Clubhouse, next Monday night jackpot €110 for 13 games.

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Dev. Gathering 2.30 - 5.15pm:

Sun. 3 Dec. Scoil an Chroí Naofa, Ballinasloe. Theme: Drawing Closer to Christ Through Mary. Info go to www.clonfertdiocese.ie All welcome.

Esker Healing Mission Monday 4 - Friday 8 December Daily 10am/5pm:

7pm / 9pm. An ideal way to prepare for Christmas. All are welcome.

December All-Night Vigil, Knock Shrine 45th Eucharistic All-Night Vigil:

Thurs. 7-Fri. 8 Dec. 7 Dec. at 10pm confessions until 12 midnight in Chapel of Reconciliation. Vigil: 12 midnight in Basilica with Rosary/Candlelight Procession /Holy Hour/Stations of the Cross. Mass 4am on 8 Dec., with Fr. Freddy Warner & Fr. Brendan Walsh. St. John's Rest & Care Centre will be open all night to facilitate pilgrims who are attending the vigil. Info. please Tel: 094 93 88100.

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat 8-10 Dec. Newbridge College, Co. Kildare:

For adults aged 16-35 yrs. www.youth2000.ie Facebook or Tel: 01 6753690.

Aware Recruiting Volunteers No Qualifications / Experience Required:

Comprehensive training / ongoing support / education provided. More info. aware.ie/volunteer or Tel: 01 6617211.

East Galway Family History In Conjunction With GRETB 2018 Free:

Part-time courses: Digital Photography/Video Editing/Basic IT Skills & Family History. Woodford Heritage Centre, Tel: 0909749309. galwayroots@eircom.net

ACCORD Ballinasloe Marriage & Relationship Counselling Service:

Available & affordable to all. Tel: 090 9643573 ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Mark 13:33-37:

1. The coming of the Lord is not just the moment of death, but any moment of grace. Recall unexpected graces – good things that happened when they were not anticipated. 2. Perhaps some of these were moments when you were particularly alert and aware of what was going on in you and around you, and this enabled you to be open to the moment of grace. Recall the contrast with moments when that alertness and awareness were not present. 3. The servants were given charge of the household 'each with their own job'. Identify with the servants as people given a responsibility within the household of God's people. What has it been like for you when you have been shown trust in this way by another person? What is it like for you to see yourself trusted in this way by God? 4. Jesus says that what he is saying to his disciples he is saying to all. Have there been times when you have been a messenger of hope to others, encouraging them to wait for a moment of grace. Who have been the ones to encourage you?