

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 30 / 31 December 2017 'Feast Of The Holy Family'**

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 30 Dec.: 8pm (A) Mick Rourke & Jack Lyons.
Sun. 31 Dec.: 11am (A) Jim, Kathleen & Martin Spain.
Mon. 1 Jan.: 9.30am.
Tues. 2 Jan.: 9.30am
Wed. 3 Jan.: 8pm (A) John Blackton.
Thurs. 4 Jan.: 9.30am.
Fri. 5 Jan.: 8pm Vigil of Epiphany. (A) Annie, William, Liam & Rose Loughrey.
Sat. 6 Jan.: 11am Feast of Epiphany.
8pm (A) Patsy Murphy.
Sun. 7 Jan.: 11am (A) Teresa Duggan.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 31 Dec.: 9.30am Deirdre Connors.
Fri. 5 Jan.: 7pm Vigil of Epiphany.
Sun. 7 Jan.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

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

Readers:

Saturday: Teresa Casey. **Sunday:** Geraghty Family.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Kathleen Slattery. **Sunday:** Marion Sheil.
Derrybrien: January: Detta Glynn.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 31 Dec.: Team B. **Sunday 7 Jan.:** Team C.

Lotto No's: 14, 17, 21, 31. Jackpot €3,700. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 30/12 in McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Pat Hickey, Aoibh Donnelly, Gearóid Kelly.

Saturday 6 January - Feast of The Epiphany:

A Holyday of Obligation. See Mass times above.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:

Wednesdays 8 – 10pm in Ballinakill Church.

Annual Parish Christmas Party Next Sunday 7 January In:

Ballinakill Hall. Begins with Mass at 2pm followed by hot meal, music and entertainment for the afternoon. All are invited and welcome.

Altar Society – January:

Ballinakill: Ballinamona/Callatra/Lisheeny/Baunyknav: **Leaders:** Teresa Casey & Cepta Rourke. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Mary Walsh & Tess Tully.

Thank You To Our:

Altar Societies, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Mass Servers, Choir and all who helped with church ceremonies over Christmas and throughout the year. Your support is very much appreciated. **New people for these ministries are always needed and welcome.**

McCormack's Curra New Year's Eve Party Night:

Music by Mike & Friends. Everyone welcome. Wishing all our customers a Happy New Year.

Parish Statistic In 2017:

- We welcomed 9 babies into God's Family in Baptism.
- We Blessed 4 couples in Marriage.
- 11 children Received First Holy Communion.
- We paid our final respects to 14 parishioners.

Dates To Remember For 2018:

- **Sunday 1 April:** Easter Sunday.
- **Saturday 12 May:** First Holy Communion in Ballinakill Church.
- **Sunday 20 May:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock.
- **28 Aug. – 2 Sept.:** Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes.

Sincerer Sympathy To The:

Connors Family, Derrybrien on the death of Deirdre, Kilnadeema. To Stella Fahy, Moyglass, on the death of her mother Sarah Curran, Dublin. May they rest in peace.

Cystic Fibrosis Church Gate Collection:

Next weekend 6 & 7 January.

Suicide Prevention - Are You Or Is Someone You Know:

In crisis now and in need of someone to talk to? If you are worried about yourself or someone you know, it is important to get help as soon as possible. Please do not be alone. Everyone needs help from time to time and in fact asking for help is a sign of personal strength. Your first point of contact is your local **GP**. If it is late in the evening or night-time, contact **Westdoc at 1850 365 000**. Go to the Emergency Department in University Hospital Galway, Portiuncula University Hospital. Contact emergency services by calling **999 or 112**. Call Samaritans 24 hour Freephone Listening Service on **116 123**. Visit www.yourmentalhealth.ie for information on mental health supports / services.

Fit4Life Recommences 10am Sat. 6 Jan. Tommy Larkin's Pitch Woodford:

For 10 consecutive weeks. Suitable for all ages/abilities. Further Info. Mary Kelly. marykelly33@hotmail.com or Tel: 087 7913046. All welcome.

40th Annual Mummers Festival New Inn Leisure Centre Saturday 6 Jan.:

@ 7pm. A great night of traditional entertainment is guaranteed.

Registration WMOF2018 Events via www.worldmeeting2018.ie:

Individual pilgrims / families can now register for main three-day WMOF2018 Congress 22 – 24 August guaranteeing your ticket(s) for the Festival of Families on Saturday 25 August. Closing Mass Sunday 26 August.

Volunteer For WMOF2018 Will Attract Thousands Of Irish & International:

Pilgrims. Organising it and seeing it through will only be possible with the help of thousands of volunteers. There are currently 1,500 volunteers signed up for WMOF2018 but thousands more are needed.

AMORIS NEWS - Let's Talk Family, Let's Be Family:

People long for love that lasts. And such love is really possible. This is the good news at the heart of *Amoris Laetitia* (*The Joy of Love*) which Pope Francis invites us to embrace and share. All around the island of Ireland and indeed in other countries around the world, parishes and families are joining in the preparations for WMOF2018 / reflecting on Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family. Perhaps a lovely way to describe what all this is about is Martin Kennedy's article on the WMOF2018 parish conversations programme, a resource to explore a vision for love, marriage and family in light of people's own experiences and Pope Francis' words in *The Joy of Love*. Read this article. We have also produced different videos to explain some of the initiatives we propose within the Amoris Programme. We hope you enjoy them!

Workshop Authentic/Respectful Self-Assertiveness Carmelite Abbey:

Loughrea, 3 Mon. Nights: 29 Jan., 5 / 6 Feb. 7-10pm. **Register by 3 January.** Tel: Mary Silke, PRH Educator 090 6624937.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 2:22-40:

1. What started out as an ordinary day for Joseph and Mary turned out to be a day with an encounter they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant encounters on what you expected to be just an ordinary day? 2. Simeon gave thanks because his eyes saw the salvation God had prepared. In what ways have you experienced God's salvation in your life: an experience of being loved, or discovering a sense of purpose in life, or being touched by the wonders of creation? Give thanks for those memories. 3. Simeon also acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus, and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has sometimes pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times? 4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.

"Happy New Year"

***Every Blessing, Peace & Happiness
For The New Year To All Parishioners***