

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 6 / 7 January 2018 'Baptism Of The Lord'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 6 Jan.: 8pm Feast of Epiphany (A) Patsy Murphy.

Sun. 7 Jan.: 11am Requiem Mass Lil Sheil RIP.

(A) Teresa Duggan.

Mon. 8 Jan.: 9.30am.

Tues. 9 Jan.: 9.30am.

Wed. 10 Jan.: 9.30am.

Thurs. 11 Jan.: 9.30am.

Fri. 12 Jan.: 8pm (A) Mary Ann, James, Catherine & Thomas Lyons.

Sat. 13 Jan.: 8pm (A) Ned & Gina Donohue. Deceased Members of Donohue & McDonagh Families.

Sun. 14 Jan.: 11am (A) Jimmy Sheil, Baby Conor Duane.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 7 Jan.: 9.30am (A) Carmel Mahony.

Fri. 12 Jan.: 7pm.

Sun. 14 Jan.: 9.30am (A) Terence Headd.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 6. **Sunday:** Group 1.

Readers:

Saturday: Keith Dervan. **Sunday:** Desmond Donnelly.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Margaret Tuohy. **Sunday:** Pauline McHugo.

Derrybrien: January: Detta Glynn.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 7 Jan.: Team C. **Sunday 14 Jan.:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 1, 8, 9, 17. Jackpot €3,800. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 6/1 in Egan's, Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Merlin Page, Cathal Kelly, Eoin Butterly.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

Annual Parish Christmas Party This 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.

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:

Maureen Sheil & Family, Cregg on the death of her brother Gerry Riordan, Kylebrack. May he rest in peace.

Cystic Fibrosis Church Gate Collection:

This weekend 6 & 7 January.

Social Dancing Classes Portumna Town Hall Thurs. 11 Jan.:

@ 8.30pm. Jive/Waltz/Quickstep/some Line dancing. All welcome. €10 per night. Tel: Anne-Marie 087 7827596, Ciara 087 6663325.

Progressive 25 Card Game Will Recommence In Ballinakill:

Hall next Thursday and every Thursday at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

40th Annual Mummies Festival New Inn Leisure Centre:

Saturday 27 January Rescheduled @ 7pm. A great night of traditional entertainment is guaranteed.

Welcome Into God's Family:

Clodagh Brid Kelly.

Yoga & Meditation Ruth Tues. 9 Jan. An Gáirdín Portumna:

Gentle/Beginners 6.15 – 7.15pm. Continuation 7.30 – 9pm. Ruth teaches holistic system of Yoga which helps to bring about balance /harmony. Tel: 087 2434759 or email rutheganley@gmail.com

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, Tel: **Westdoc 1850 365 000**. Go to the Emergency Department in University Hospital Galway, Portiuncula University Hospital. Tel: emergency services by calling **999 or 112**. Tel: Samaritans 24 hour Freephone Listening Service on **116 123**. Visit www.yourmentalhealth.ie for information on mental health supports / services.

Fit4Life Every Saturday @ 10am 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.

Loughrea Toastmasters Club - Meeting Mon. 8 Jan. Slieve Aughty Suite:

Of Loughrea Hotel & Spa 8pm sharp. Learn communication/leadership skills for the New Year ahead. Tel: Martin Foran 0872210689
loughrea.toastmastersclubs.org for more details.

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!

GAA Newsletter Available On: clubnewsletter@gaa.ie.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Mark 1:7-11:

1. John gives an example of humility as a person confident in his own role but not seeking to claim to be more than he is. He is able to acknowledge that Jesus is greater. There is a freedom in being able to acknowledge the gifts of others without losing a sense of one's own giftedness. Recall times when you were able to do this. 2. The baptism of Jesus was an extraordinary religious experience for him. Something happened that was a major step forward for Jesus in coming to know that he was the beloved Son of God. We all have events in our lives that are milestones along the road of discovering who we are. What have been these milestones for you? 3. 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' Bring to mind memories of experiences in which you knew you were the beloved (of God or of another person) and that the one who loved you was well pleased. Bring these experiences to mind with gratitude, knowing that the only proper response to love received is thankfulness. Perhaps you have also given that experience to another. 4. It is easy to lament the growing secularisation in the world today, but the Spirit of God who spoke loudly to the world in the Christ-event is active today. How can we be open to the new things the Spirit is saying to the Church today?