

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 27 / 28 January 2018 '4th Sunday In Ordinary Time'**

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 27 Jan.: 8pm (A) Jack & Madeleine Monahan.

Sun. 28 Jan.: 11am (A) People of Parish.

Mon. 29 Jan.: 9.30am.

Tues. 30 Jan.: No Mass.

Wed. 31 Jan.: No Mass.

Thurs. 1 Feb.: 8pm (A) Marion Whyte.

Fri. 2 Feb.: 8pm (A) Paddy Daniels.

Sat. 3 Feb.: 8pm (A) Barry Sheil.

Sun. 4 Feb.: 11am (A) Joe Sheil.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 28 Jan.: 9.30am.

Fri. 2 Feb.: 7pm (A) Sean Mahony.

Sun. 4 Feb.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

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

Readers:

Saturday: Sheil Family. **Sunday:** N. S. Children.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Cavanagh. **Sunday:** Pauline McHugo.

Derrybrien: February: Bernie Egan.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 28 Jan.: Team B. **Sunday 4 Feb.:** Team C.

Lotto No's: 18, 23, 30, 31. Jackpot €4,100. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 20\1 in Walsh's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Crumlin Hospital.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

We Welcome Bishop Kirby To Celebrate Our Masses:

This weekend and thank him for his parish visit to our schools this week and to some of the sick and housebound.

Progressive 25 Card Game Has Resumed In Ballinakill Hall:

Every Thursday at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Ballinakill Hall Project - The New Roof On The Hall Has Been:

Completed. We once again thank all who have sponsored the project financially and give a gentle reminder to those who have not yet replied to our request. Your support is needed and appreciated.

Sincere Sympathy To The Family & Friends Of:

Connie Moroney, Ballinakill. To the family and friends of Betty Eager, nee Hayes, Portumna, formerly Ballinakill and to Brigid Geraghty on the death of her sister Sr. Hannah Tuohy, USA. May they rest in peace.

First Friday Visits To The Sick & Housebound Will Be Made:

At the usual times next Friday & Saturday.

Altar Society – February:

Ballinakill: Curra / Carrowcrin: **Leaders:** Breda McCormack & Margaret Kelly. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Margaret Slattery & Josie Broderick.

Friday 2 February Is Feast Of Presentation Of The Lord:

Candlemas Day. Candles for home and church use will be blessed at Friday evening Masses.

Annual Lourdes Collection Will Be Taken Up At Masses:

Next weekend. This collection helps towards helping sick and staff to travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which this year takes place 28 August to 2 September.

First Holy Communion Preparation Mass Will Take Place In:

Ballinakill Church next Sunday at 11am for children and their families.

For Your Information Details On Catholic Schools Week 2018:

And a link to its resources can now be accessed as a fixed icon on the homepage of www.catholicbishops.ie, as well as on its revolving carousel.

Drim NS Centenary 1918 – 2018; A Meeting Will Be Held Mon. 29 Jan.:

At 8pm in Drim NS to form a Centenary Organising Committee. All are welcome. Please forward photos and articles for the Centenary Book to drimns.ias@eircom.net or call to the school. Thank you for your support.

Cystic Fibrosis – A Sincere Thank You To All Who supported Our Recent:

Church Gate Collection. The amount collected was €212.57.

Portiuncula Hospital Chapel Remembrance Service Monday 5 February:

At 7.30pm for bereaved parents.

Heartsaver CPR & AED Course For Family Carers In Your Area:

If you wish to be considered for this Course please Tel: HSE Carers Department 091 546133 for an Application Form before Friday 23 February. This Course is certified by the Irish Heart Foundation / American Heart Association. The Course is FREE to Family Carers.

Davitt's Camogie Club Celebrate Successful Year 2017 By Holding A Tea:

Party and medal presentation Sat. 24 February in Tynagh Community Centre. Music: Evoke. Tickets €10 & are available from any committee member.

The Pope John Paul II Awards Is A Project For Young People In:

Secondary school aged 16-18 yrs, Transition Year to Leaving Cert. It involves becoming involved in your parish community in some way. In Church, e.g. Readings at Mass/Choir/ assist with cleaning church/some charitable work in the community. This project runs in conjunction with the school you attend. Anyone in the parish interested in taking part in this project, please contact your school and Fr. P. Conroy.

Fit4Life Continues At Woodford Pitch Every Saturday At 10am All Ages:

And abilities catered for. Tel: Mary Kelly 087 7913046. Everyone Welcome. marykelly33@gmail.com.

Raising Hearts & Giving Hope Festival of Faith Conference Sat. 10 Feb.:

Ardilaun Hotel. Opening Address at 10am by Papal Nuncio Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo. Speakers inc.: Breda O'Brien, Fr. William Dailey CSC, Dr. John Monaghan, Maria Keogh. Conference concludes with concelebrated Mass at Galway Cathedral 6pm led by Papal Nuncio. Tickets €25 inc. light lunch/ morning/afternoon tea/coffee. Tickets: The Abbey Church shop, Galway 091 562518, by post Thomas Kearney 087 6209090. facebook.com/raisingandgiving

What In The World? Back On RTE 1 Television Tuesday 30 Jan. 11pm:

Pepe's World Uruguay.

Foyer Of Light/Charity/Love Silent Retreat Preached By Fr. Killian Byrne:

Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." 26 Feb. to 4 Mar. St. Mary's Hostel, Knock. Cost including full board: €425 Enquiries/info/booking form Tel: Helen 086 1678027 email: hellywilliams@gmail.com

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Mar 1:21-28:

1. In this first chapter Mark familiarises his readers with the type of things Jesus did to proclaim the kingdom, the reign of God. Our passage today touches on two of these, the first being that 'he taught as one having authority'. It makes a difference when you listen to someone who is clearly speaking from experience and personal knowledge. Remember people who impressed you in this way. 2. Jesus combined teaching with healing, and he drove the evil spirit out of the man. The power of God that worked this wonder through Jesus is also at work in and through us today. When have you been freed from some bad habit? 3. The evil spirit convulsed the man before it left him. The path to liberation can be a painful struggle. If you have found it so, who was the Jesus person that helped you through the struggle to freedom? 4. It is not only individuals but groups that can be struggling with an evil spirit – jealousy, rivalry, malicious gossiping, abuse of power, etc. Sometimes a Jesus person comes into the group and drives out that evil spirit. Have you experienced this? Perhaps you yourself have been this person on some occasion?