

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 24/25 February 2018 '2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Of Lent'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 24 Feb.: 8pm (A) Johnny Gardiner.**

**Sun. 25 Feb.: 11am (A) Eugene Connaire.**

(A) Thomas & Margaret Conway.

**Mon. 26 Feb.: No Mass.**

**Tues. 27 Feb.: No Mass.**

**Wed. 28 Feb.: No Mass.**

**Thurs. 1 Mar.: No Mass.**

**Fri. 2 Mar.: No Mass.**

**Sat. 3 Mar.: 12 noon** Month's Mind: Connie Moroney.

**8pm (A) Tommy & Jenny Kelly, Pat Joe Dervan.**

**Sun. 4 Feb.: 11am (A) May Kindles & Deceased Family Members.**

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 25 Feb.: 9.30am (A) Matt Kelly.**

**Fri. 2 Mar.: No Mass.**

**Sun. 4 Mar.: 9.30am (A) Shane Stokes.**

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 1.

**Sunday:** Group 2.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Teresa Casey.

**Sunday:** Mairead Rafferty.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Margaret Tuohy.

**Sunday:** Ann Neville.

**Derrybrien: March:** Margaret Slattery.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 25 Feb.:** Team B.

**Sunday 4 Mar.:** Team C.

**Lotto No's: 10, 13, 17, 24. Jackpot €4,500. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 24/2 in McCormack' Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Tracey Lyons, Cieran Fahy, Tom Fahy. **Cards:** Congratulations to; Timmy & Anthony Hooban 8 Games, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Sheil/Pat Hickey, Denny Lyons/Enda Felle & Brenda Bruda/Mattie Dermody all 7 games. Next week's Jackpot €110 for 13 games.

**Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:**

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

**Visits To The Sick And Housebound:**

Are **POSTPONED** for this week.

**Altar Society – March:**

**Ballinakill / Marblehill:** Leaders: Eileen Whyte & Ann Daniel.

**Derrybrien: Leaders:** Frances Broderick & Carmel Broderick.

**In Preparation For The World Meeting Of Families Parishes Are:**

Holding a few gatherings during Lent, to chat about family life in general and how we might celebrate the WMOF this coming August which it is hoped will include a visit from Pope Francis. Gathering in Moyglass National School this Tues. 27 Feb. @ 8pm. Video showing/cup of tea will be part of these gatherings. All welcome.

**Please Use Your Trócaire Box During Lent As Your Sacrifices:**

For Lent are then being used to support others who are in desperate need in our world.

**World Meeting Of Families Collection Envelope Will Be Taken:**

Up at all Masses this Weekend.

**Drim National School Centenary Committee Meeting Will:**

Takes place in the school Monday 26 Feb. @ 8pm. All welcome.

**Croí In Collaboration With Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee:**

Of Galway Co. LCDC are hosting a screening Morning at Tommy Larkin's GAA Club Saturday 10 March 10am-12pm, followed up by 2 further sessions around topics such as diet / physical activity / mindfulness / general health. Croí is inviting **all** members of the community / Community groups to avail of this initiative the aim of which is to raise awareness of the importance of lifestyle modification / behaviour changes. Tel: 086-8513031.

**The First Saturdays Devotion Hosted In Knock 3 March @ 11am With:**

Rosary & Meditation on the mysteries concluding with Holy Mass at 12 noon and Enrolment of the 'free brown scapulars'. Everyone is invited to attend to benefit from Our Lady's heavenly promises.

**Free 5 Wk Health/Wellbeing Course Mothers School Children Loughrea:**

Family Resource Centre Tuesday 27 February for 5 Tuesdays 10.30am - 12.30pm. Tel: 091 871149 to secure a place

**Clonfert Diocese's Lenten Adult Faith Development Gathering Scoil An:**

Chroi Naofa Ballinasloe Sunday 25 February 2.30 - 5.15pm. Guest: Fr. John Harris OP. Topic: Blessed are those who know their need of God. All welcome. Adm. Free. Raffle to raise funds for youth ministry initiatives.

**Abbey 8KM Challenge Sun. 11 March At 12 noon Under 12's Starts @:**

12.10pm. Entries to [www.runireland.com](http://www.runireland.com) / Abbey Community Centre Sat. 10 March 7-8pm & Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> to 11.30am. Race covers the same 8km course as last year. Check out our Facebook page for details – Join in and run, jog or walk! [www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge).

**St. Columba's NS Ballyturn Coffee Morning Sunday 25 Feb. McCarthy's:**

Kilbeacanty 12 noon in aid of Parents Association and Gort Cancer Support. All welcome. Please support.

**1<sup>st</sup> SEG Archaeological/Historical Society Lecture Of The Year By:**

Donal Boland Tues. 27 Feb. @ 7:30pm at the Workhouse. Donal looks at the personal journey of people during the Great Hunger through illustrations.

**Towards Peace A Spiritual Support Service Designed For Those Who:**

Have experienced sexual, physical, emotional or spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support is also available for family members of abuse survivors. The vision of Towards Peace is to provide a safe supportive space, where people who have been affected by abuse in a Church context can be accompanied as they seek their own experience of spiritual peace, one step at a time. Towards Peace provides spiritual support through one-to-one spiritual direction sessions, with a qualified spiritual companion. Up to nine sessions are offered and there is no cost. For more information, please visit [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie), phone 01 505 3028 or email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**Seamus O'Kelly Players Big Maggie by John B. Keane Thurs. 1, Sat.3:**

& Sun. 4 Mar. Temperance Hall, Loughrea 8pm. Tickets €10 in advance; T.L. O'Brien's Main St., Loughrea, €12 on the door. Info: please Tel: 083 8633796.

**Africa Direct A Small Voluntary Charity Based In Cork Projects Are In:**

Health/housing/education/training. You can pay your own way of €1,680 or fundraise €1,980. [africadirect@gmail.com](mailto:africadirect@gmail.com) Tel: 021 4806425.

**The Irish Cancer Society Free Transport Service For Patients Attending:**

Hospital for **chemotherapy** treatment. Volunteer Drivers pick the patient up at their home, drop them at hospital door, when finished treatment, will pick them up and drop them home. Volunteer expenses are paid. If you wish to avail of this service should visit [irishcancer.ie](http://irishcancer.ie) or Tel: 01 2310 522.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 1:12-15:**

1. Jesus he is about to start his public ministry. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle and doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them. 2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested and after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life? 3. Repent and believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart, a change of attitude, leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another, with creation, with ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God, others, yourself, or the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled or more fruitful life?