

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 4/5 March 2018 '3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Of Lent'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 3 Mar.: 8pm** (A) Tommy & Jenny Kelly, Pat Joe Dervan.  
**Sun. 4 Feb.: 11am** (A) May Kindles & Deceased Family Members.  
**Mon. 5 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Tues. 6 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Wed. 7 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Thurs. 8 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Fri. 9 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Sat. 10 Mar.: 12 noon** Month's Mind: Connie Moroney.  
8pm (A) Bob Fox.  
**Sun. 11 Mar.: 11am** (A) Tom & Pat Mahony & Deceased Family Members.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 4 Mar.: 9.30am** (A) Shane Stokes.  
**Fri. 9 Mar.: No Mass.**  
**Sun. 11 Mar.: 9.30am** (A) Delia & Paddy Flynn & Deceased Family Members.

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 2.                      **Sunday:** Group 3.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Adam Spain.                      **Sunday:** Desmond Donnelly.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Cepta Rourke.                      **Sunday:** Marion Sheil.  
**Derrybrien: March:** Margaret Slattery.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 4 Mar.:** Team C.                      **Sunday 11 Mar.:** Team D.

**Lotto No's: 7, 9, 10, 22. Jackpot €4,600. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 3/3 in Egan's, Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Paul Conroy Jnr. **Cards:** Congratulations to; 1<sup>st</sup> Kevin Rourke & Anthony Hooban 12 Games. 2<sup>nd</sup> Enda Felle & Denny Lyons 9 Games. Next week's jackpot €120 for 13 games.

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

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

**In Preparation For The World Meeting Of Families Gathering In:**

Moyglass National School this Tues. 6 Mar. @ 8pm. Video showing/cup of tea will be part of this gathering. 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.

**Davitt's Camogie Club Would Like To Thank Everyone Who:**

Helped make our medal presentation night such a success. Thanks to all who bought tickets, prepared food & helped out in any way.

**Transition Year students St. Brigid's College Loughrea:**

Hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of Cystic Fibrosis, Galway in the College Friday, 9 March 10am–1pm. Please come along and support this great cause.

**The Galway Branch of Down Syndrome Annual Church Gate:**

Collection Sat. 10 & Sun. 11 March. Our volunteer collectors are local families involved in DSI Galway branch. All monies raised from the collection will support essential services to our members, such as speech and language therapy, through our Voices for Down Syndrome Galway project [www.downsyndromegalway.ie](http://www.downsyndromegalway.ie)

**Free Course Vacancies National Learning Network Athlone:**

Provide a range of specialised training programmes: vocational/rehabilitation/support services for people with illness/disability jobseekers/etc. Existing benefits retained. Tel: 0906479293/0876051513.

**Spiritual Operation Transformation - For The Soul Programme:**

The Operation Transformation programme on television is very successful in how it inspires people of all ages to live healthy lives. Fr Seán Maguire, Kilmore Diocese, has developed an Operation Transformation for the Soul, which caters for the holistic well being of the person. Info. website [www.spiritualtransformation.ie](http://www.spiritualtransformation.ie).

**Mother's Prayers Annual Weekend In Knock 9 - 11 March:**

For mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children/grandchildren bringing them to Jesus who loves them so much and can change things that we cannot change. For info: please Tel: 087 6184110 [ireland@gmail.com](mailto:ireland@gmail.com)

**Open Evening St. Columba's N.S. Ballyturn Wednesday 7 March 6-7pm:**

Enrolling now for September 2018. All are welcome.

**Sunday 18 March 2:30pm We Will Gather At Our Mass Rocks To Pray:**

The Rosary for the preservation of Life and Faith in Ireland. (If there is no accessible Mass Rock we suggest gathering at a local holy or monastic site.).

**Pro Life Campaign Free Bus To Dublin Sat. 10 Mar. If Interested Please:**

Tel: 087-2561521. 087-2040826. 087-9422356.

**Understanding Climate Change: Mon. 5 Mar. 8pm An Gáirdín: Portumna:**

With John Cleary, who will illustrate the long history of climate change and how resource use and energy demands interact with the regulation of the earth's atmosphere. Cost €3. **Plastic Waste:** Saturday 10 March. 10am-1pm at An Gáirdín, Portumna with Dr. Anne Marie Mahon plastics researcher with GMIT. She will identify the various forms of plastic/plastic fragments/fibres/micro beads and lead a discussion on searching for positive actions in the face of what has become a serious problem. Cost €5 Booking at [angairdin1@gmail.com](mailto:angairdin1@gmail.com) Tel: 0872845443 [www.angairdin.ie](http://www.angairdin.ie)

**Croi In Collaboration With Health & Wellbeing Sub-Committee Of Galway:**

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

**Free Health/Wellbeing Course For Mothers Of School Children Loughrea:**

Family Resource Centre 4 Tuesdays 10.30am -12.30pm. Tel: 091 871149.

**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 Facebook page for details. Run/jog/walk! [www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge](http://www.facebook.com/Abbey10kChallenge).

**Social Dancing Classes Portumna Town Hall Thursdays 8.30-10.30pm:**

Jive/Waltz/Quickstep/ some line Dancing ie Slosh. All are welcome to join. €10 per night pay as you go. Tel: Anne-Marie 087 7827596, Ciara 087 6663325.

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

Have experienced sexual/physical/emotional/spiritual abuse by Catholic Church personnel in Ireland. Support also available for family members of abuse survivors. It also provides spiritual support through 1-to-1 spiritual direction sessions with qualified spiritual companion. Up to 9 sessions offered free. Info. [www.towardspeace.ie](http://www.towardspeace.ie), Tel: 01 505 3028 or email [towardspeace@iecon.ie](mailto:towardspeace@iecon.ie)

**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. [afriadirect@gmail.com](mailto:afriadirect@gmail.com) Tel: 021 4806425.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 2:13-25:**

1. In the Old Testament the privileged place of God's presence was the Temple in Jerusalem. In the New Covenant, this was replaced by the person of Jesus. This is the symbolism of the action of Jesus in the Temple. Recall how Jesus has helped your relationship with God and give thanks for this. 2. But we are the body of Christ. When have you been particularly aware of the sacredness of people (yourself/others)? 3. There are many ways in which people, the temples of God, are being profaned today. Where are you aware of the sacredness of the human person being violated? Who are the people seeking to cleanse the temple, by promoting respect for the dignity of every human person? Perhaps in ways you have done this. 4. We may also think of institutions as in some way temples of God's presence. In this time when aspects of our institutions are crumbling we can perhaps identify with the Jews who were horrified at the suggestion that the Temple would be destroyed. What is it like for you living in a time when some of the things you have taken for granted are collapsing? Where do you find hope in such circumstances?