

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 17/18 March 2018 '5th Sunday Of Lent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 17 Mar.: 8pm (A) Willie Burke, Molly Lyons.

Sun. 18 Mar.: 11am (A) Mary Rogers, David Phelan.

Mon. 19 Mar.: No Mass.

Tues. 20 Mar.: No Mass.

Wed. 21 Mar.: No Mass.

Thurs. 22 Mar.: No Mass.

Fri. 23 Mar.: No Mass.

Sat. 24 Mar.: 8pm (A) Gerry, Katie, John Paul, Teresa & Marion Sheil.

Sun. 25 Mar.: 11am (A) Alice Rafferty.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 18 Mar.: 9.30am (A) Shane Stokes.

Fri. 23 Mar.: No Mass.

Sun. 25 Mar.: 9.30am.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 4. **Sunday:** Group 5.

Readers:

Saturday: Denis O'Connor. **Sunday:** Mairead Rafferty.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Cavanagh. **Sunday:** Ann Neville.

Derrybrien: March: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 18 Mar.: Team A. **Sunday 25 Mar.:** Team B.

Lotto No's: 1, 11, 21, 29: Jackpot €2,100. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 17/3 in O'Connor's, Moyglass. **Win/Share €150:** Galway Hospice. Cards: Congratulations to; 1st Enda Felle/Denis Lyons 9 Games. Joint 2nd Liam Hanley/ Michael Gorman & Thomas Sheil/Brendan Brudan 6 games. Next Week's Jackpot €140/13 games. **Croí:** As part of Tommy Larkin's GAA Club Health/Wellbeing Programme the Croí team will return to the Clubhouse Thurs. 22 Mar. 7-9pm to cover topics relating to stress management nutrition. This final session is designed to improve health/wellbeing in the Community. If you missed last week then make sure to come along - for those who attended the last session there will be additional information available so take advantage of this opportunity to keep your community healthy. Everyone welcome to this free event funded by Galway County LCDC / Croí.

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. 20 Mar. @ 8pm. 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.

Progressive 25 Card Game In Ballinakill Hall:

Every Thursday at 8.30pm. All are welcome. Please support.

30th Galway Abbey/Duniry Scout Group New Den in Woodford:

Accepting applications for new members. If you are aged between 6-18yrs and you would like to "join the adventure", then we would love to hear from you. Please Tel: Valerie on 086 8202577 or email enrolment@abbeyduniryscout.com for an application form.

Davitt's Camogie Club Clothes Collection Fri. 30/Sat. 31 March:

At Duniry pitch. Bags will be accepted between 7pm-9pm Friday 30 Mar. & 10am-12pm Saturday 31 Mar. All **clean** clothing. Household textiles i.e. curtains/towels/soft toys/shoes/handbags/belts accepted. **No** mobile phones & laptops. So get Spring cleaning!!

Web Design/Digital Imaging/Photos/Touch Typing Courses:

All starting soon at Loughrea Family Resource Centre, please Tel: 091 871149 to register your interest.

Fundraiser Temple St. Children's University Hospital, Dublin Help Cara:

Leonard say Thank You to Temple St. Table Quiz Fri. 23 Mar. 8pm in Elsie's, Woodford. Music Sat. 24 Mar. 8pm in Elsie's with Monster Raffle. Tickets €5. Donations welcome. Paula 087-4103946/ Niamh 086-8459064 for info.

Professional Service Established For People Who Have Been Affected In:

Any way by the events of St. Mary's Mother & Baby Home in Tuam. Free / confidential. Staffed by professional people Helpline No. 091 399 991. stmarystuamsupport@barnardos.ie

How We Got Here Understanding Climate Change – John Cleary:

Loughrea Library Thur. 22 Mar. 7pm. John holds an MSc in Climate Change, Agriculture & Food Security and offers a very enlightening presentation on the topic. For further info. Tel: John 0876890321. See www.angairdin.ie **Earth Hour** 24 Mar. 8.30-9.30pm. Each year Earth Hour is a time when we are invited to switch off all lights for one hour. Earth Hour is now celebrated in over 180 countries and millions of people take part each year. This is a gesture of our care for creation and is the world's largest demonstration of support for action on Climate Change. Put the date in your diary! See www.earthhour.org

Study Hub Loughrea Easter Intensive Courses In Irish/Maths French:

Biology/Chemistry - Junior & Leaving Cert. Easter Open Study for all students. Wk 1: 26-30 Mar. 3-8pm. Wk 2: 2-6 April 11am-4pm. Pay as you go €8. Tel: Breda 086 3792360.

GRETB Loughrea To Run An Introductory Community Training Course:

In Family History & Genealogy. If interested please Tel: John Melville at 091 841387 email john.melville@gretb.ie to register your name/further information.

Charity Race Night Family Carers Ireland Fundraising Race Night:

Followed by Karaoke in The Auld Triangle, Loughrea Fri. 23 Mar. 8pm. MC for the night will be Galway Bay FM's Ollie Turner. All funds raised will be used to support those caring for a loved one at home. Further info. Tel: 091 880418.

St. Brendan's Ed. Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea: 091 841387 Email:

freda.murphy@gretb.ie Availability on Communications QQI Level 5 module held on Thurs. 6.30 - 9.30pm. Contact us on the above phone no or email.

Free Creative Writing Course Loughrea Family & Community Resource:

Centre starts Thursday 19 April 10.30am - 12.30pm for 6 weeks. Due to the popularity of this course we recommend early booking as numbers will be limited to 10 participants, Tel: 091 871149.

Foyer Of Charity Silent Retreat: Theme: If You But Knew The Gift Of God:

By Fr. Kilian Byrne 2–8 Apr. Esker Retreat Centre. €380 full board. Tel: Helen 086 1678027. hellywilliams@gmail.com www.foyerofcharity.ie Retreats address those who search for God/wish to grow in their life of faith and prayer.

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.).

Our Common Humanity' Fundamental Right Every One Of Us Has A:

Right to our life. It is not given to us by the *Constitution of Ireland* or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we are wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human being should have that right taken from them would be a shocking step. It effectively says that unborn children do not exist or, if they do, they do not count. That is a manifest injustice.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 12:20-30:

1. The parable of the grain of wheat reminds us of a truth that any parent can testify to, namely that it is in dying to ourselves that we can give life to others. We will never be of benefit to others if we remain wrapped up in ourselves. In what ways has your dying to yourself brought life to another? How has the generous giving of another brought life to you? 2. Sometimes our emotions rebel at the thought of what lies ahead and we feel like praying Father, save me from this hour. Then a realisation may come for you as a parent, a teacher, a spouse, a friend: No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Recall times when you have accepted pain or hassle and been a source of life to others for doing so.