



**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**  
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 Saturday 31 March / Sunday 1 April 2018 'Easter Sunday'



**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Holy Saturday 31 Mar.: 8pm** Easter Vigil.  
 (A) Michael Gardiner, Ballinamona.  
**Easter Sunday: 1 Apr.: 11am** 'Mass of The Resurrection'.  
 (A) Deceased Members of Boland Family, Liam McCarthy.  
**Mon. 2 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Tues. 3 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Wed. 4 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Thurs.: 5 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Fri.: 6 Apr.: 8pm** (A) Patricia Daniels.  
**Sat.: 7 Apr.: 8pm** (A) Maureen, Johnny & Gerard, Gardiner.  
**Sun.: 8 Apr.: 11am** (A) Bill & Mary Ellen Costello & Deceased Family Members.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Easter Sunday 1 Apr.: 9.30am.** 'Mass of The Resurrection'.  
**Fri. 6 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Sun.: 8 Apr.: 9.30am** (A) Sonny Gallagher.

**Mass Servers:**

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

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Claire Glynn.                      **Sunday:** John Larkin.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Kathleen Slattery.    **Sunday:** Ann Neville.  
**Derrybrien: April:** Detta Glynn.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 1 Apr.:** Team C.    **Sunday 8 Apr.:** Team D.

**Lotto No's: 6, 9, 15, 17: Jackpot €2,300. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 31/3 The Hill, Kylebrack. **Win/Share €150:** Raymond Daniels, Tony Rohan. Card Results; Final game for this season. Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Thomas Sheil/Pat Hickey & Anthony Hooban/Timmy Hooban all on 8 games. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated throughout the year.

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

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

**Collections During Easter - Priests' Easter Collection Taken Up:**

At all Masses **this** weekend. **Trócaire Boxes:** Will be collected on the weekend after Easter.

**Ballinakill Hall Project New Roof 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. The Hall is **now available** to anyone who wants to organise an Event. Tel: Maura 087 7942567 or Fr. Patrick Conroy 087 2492898.

**Sincere Sympathy To Michelle Sheil And Family On The Death:**

Of her mother Betty Murray. May she rest in peace.

**Progressive 25 Card Game In Ballinakill Hall:**

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

**Altar Society – April:**

**Ballinakill: Newtown/Liss/Lissiniskea: Leaders:** Maura Larkin & Catherine Nevin. **Derrybrien: Leaders:** Bridie Kelly & Hilary Cunningham.

**Important Dates To Remember:**

**First Confession Ballinakill:** Tuesday 17 April @ 7pm.  
**First Holy Communion Derrybrien:** Sunday 29 April @ 12 noon.  
**First Holy Communion Ballinakill:** Saturday 12 May @ 12 noon.  
**Diocesan Pilgrimage Knock:** Sunday 20 May.  
**World Meeting of Families Dublin:** 21 - 26 August. (Papal visit 25 - 26 August).  
**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage Lourdes This Year:** 28 August - 2 September.

**Dawn Mass Celebrated At Ladywell Abbey 6am Easter Sunday:**

Everybody welcome to attend and to enjoy a cup of tea after Mass.

**New Eucharistic Ministers And Readers:**

Needed Urgently.

**Save The 8<sup>th</sup> 54-day Novena Rosary 1 Apr. Ends 24 May Feast Of Our:**

Our Lady Help Of Christians. Info. Tel: Joan @ 087 914 1588. \*\*\*\*\*

**St. Raphael's College Recycling Unwanted Clothing, Shoes (pairs):**

Handbags/textiles/sheets/pillow cases. Items can be brought in refuse bags to the school Assembly Hall Mon. 9 & Tues. 10 April 8.30am-4.30pm. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Communications QQI Level 5 St. Brendan's Education Centre, Loughrea:**

Tues. 10 Apr. Info: please Tel: John Melville 087 9332033. [john.melville@greb.ie](mailto:john.melville@greb.ie)

**Portumna U13 Girls Rugby Massive Congratulations Who Brought Home:**

The Connacht Rugby Bowl Trophy to Portumna Rugby Club Sun. 25 Mar. They put in a fantastic game against Westport RFC in the final. Some of them just took up rugby this season and now they are proud holders of Connacht Rugby Medals! Well done to Cara O'Brien, Niamh Headd, Zoe O'Brien (Tynagh) Loren Mooney, Laoise Shiel (Killimor) Danielle Daniels (Abbey) Aoife Dunham (kylebrack) Coach Emer Power congratulations to all.

**Stand Up For Life Series Of Regional Rallies Around Ireland Will Highlight:**

The importance of Ireland's 8th Amendment. Given that a referendum to remove Ireland's 8th Amendment is due to take place before the Summer. Rally in the John McCormack Hall, Athlone Institute of Technology Wed. 4 April 6-8.30pm. Leisureland, Salthill, Thurs. 5 April 6-8.30pm. Speakers from \*\*\*\*\* Ireland/abroad. Your presence is vital. [www.loveboth.ie](http://www.loveboth.ie) Tel: 087 266 8702. \*\*\*\*

**Seamus O'Kelly Players Big Maggie by John B. Keane Sat.7 Sun. 8 Apr:**

Temperance Hall, Loughrea 8pm. Tickets €10 in advance from T.L. O'Brien's Main St. Loughrea, €12 on the door. Further info. Tel: 083 8633796.

**Raheen N.S, Quansboro. School Re-union 14 Sept. Gullane's Ballinasloe:**

Tel: 087 97 29 080, email: [raheenreunion@gmail.com](mailto:raheenreunion@gmail.com)

**Are We Allowing Ourselves To Be Desensitised? Making Abortion Freely:**

Available desensitises people to the value of every human life. The scientific evidence about the beginning of human life has never been clearer. It is, therefore, a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in our history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA and the stunningly vivid evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life. \*\*\*\*\*

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 20:1-9:**

1. In some ways this gospel is a difficult one for prayer. It only presents a part of the story and the full unfolding of the good news the story contains lies in the next part of the text. However even with this section there is plenty of material for reflection and for prayer. 2. The disciples are in a state of shock and suffering from a traumatic loss. Jesus, the one in whom they had placed so much hope, has been murdered and buried. Then, before they have time to recover, comes another shock – the body of Jesus is missing. Have you had experiences in which one tragedy or crisis follows quickly after another? What was that like for you? How did you cope? What or who, sustained you then? 3. Mary, Peter, and possibly others, came and discovered that the tomb was empty. The part of the story we have in this text gives no explanations of what has happened. They are left in a state of bewilderment 'for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.' Have you been in that kind of a situation faced with events you cannot explain, possibly events which have dashed your hopes in another person, or in God? What has that been like for you?



**"Happy Easter" To All Our Parishioners**  
*A Warm Welcome To All Our Visitors For The Holiday.*  
*"May The Peace Of The Risen Christ Be With You This Day*  
*And Throughout The Year".*