

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 14 / 15 April 2018 '3rd Sunday Of Easter'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat.: 14 Apr.: 8pm (A)** Teresa McHugh, Drim.  
**Sun.: 15 Apr.: 11am (A)** Dympna, Paddy & Michael Whelan.  
**Mon. 16 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Tues. 17 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Wed. 18 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Thurs.: 19 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Fri.: 20 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Sat.: 21 Apr.: 8pm (A)** Jimmy & Delia Duggan.  
**Sun.: 22 Apr.: 11am (A)** Thomas Gardiner.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun.: 15 Apr.: 9.30am (A)** Dan & Julia Keane.  
**Fri. 20 Apr.: 7pm.**  
**Sun.: 22 Apr.: 9.30am (A)** Susan Kelly.

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 5.                      **Sunday:** Group 6.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Claire Glynn.    **Sunday:** Gardiner Family.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Cepta Rourke.    **Sunday:** Eugene Casey.  
**Derrybrien:** April: Delta Glynn.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 15 Apr.:** Team A.    **Sunday 22 Apr.:** Team B.

**Lotto No's: 2, 7, 15, 19: Jackpot €2,500. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 14/4 Eames's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Sara Mack, Colm Lyons, Owen Rohan, Joe Larkin.

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

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

**Trócaire Boxes:**

Please return them as soon as possible.

**First Communion Preparation Mass This Sunday @ 11am:**

In Ballinakill Church for children and their families.

**Sacrament Of First Confession Will Be Celebrated In Ballinakill:**

Church on Tuesday 17 April @ 7pm. Refreshments afterwards in Ballinakill Hall.

**Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage Lourdes This Year 28 Aug. 2 Sept.:**

5 nights, hotel, full board, insurance, air fare, coach, €725. Book with Society Travel @ 090 9645350.

**Persons Wishing To Be Included On The Supplement Register:**

Of Electors must apply before **8 May**. Details from Galway Co. Council 091 509394 or Local Compiler 086 0506185.

**St. Raphael's College Coffee Morning & Cake Sale In Aid Of:**

Our Positive Mental Health Awareness Day Thurs. 19 Apr. 10am-2pm in the school Assembly Hall. Please Support. All are Welcome.

**Pope Francis Will Attend The Festival Of Families On 25 Aug:**

He will also celebrate the Final Mass of WMOF2018 on 26 August. Preparations have been underway for WMOF2018 since Pope Francis announced Dublin, Ireland as the venue for the 9th World Meeting of Families at the close of WMOF2015 in Philadelphia. The World Meeting of Families, held every 3 years in a different country worldwide, is one of the biggest events of the Catholic Church. It brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray/reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. With the wonderful news that Pope Francis himself will attend the WMOF2018 promises to be the single largest occasion in Ireland this year.

**Programme Of Masses For Our Lady of Clonfert Church:**

Available on Clonfert Website or you can contact the office on 0909675113 or [email stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net](mailto:stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net) or on our Facebook Page.

**Western Alzheimer's Tea Day Why Not Host One In Your Home/Work:**

Or local club. All hosts are entered into a raffle. Sign up for your tea day pack on our website [www.westernalzheimers.ie](http://www.westernalzheimers.ie) or Tel: 091 565193. Check if there is a tea day taking place in your area listed on our Facebook page!

**Portumna & District Lions Club Celebrating 20 Years Of Our Club:**

We are compiling a newsletter. If you have any information/photos or would like to contribute please do so by contacting [tommcglacken@gmail.com](mailto:tommcglacken@gmail.com).

**Portumna Players Drama Group Stages Jimmy Keary's Play For Better:**

For Worse, a comedy in 3 Acts Shragh Community Centre, Saturday 21 April at 8pm. Tickets €10. Info / tickets Tel: Mary 087 6152668.

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service – Would You Like To Share:**

Your positive married experience with engaged couples preparing for their married life together? Professional training is provided - Certificate in Marriage Education. Please contact [ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net](mailto:ballinasloeaccord@eircom.net) or Tel: 090 9643573.

**SEGAHS Hurling Lecture Thurs. 19 Apr. 8pm Irish Workhouse Centre On:**

Mick Kenny (who captained Galway's first All-Ireland winning side, 1923) by his daughter Rose Tully and reporter Jim Carney. One to really look forward to.

**Save The 8th 54-day Novena Rosary Ends 24 May Feast Of Our Lady Help:**

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

**Emmanuel House of Providence Clonfert Family Day 22 Apr. 11am-5pm:**

Supervised activities & games provided for children. An introduction to Cana Ireland and information on World Meeting of Families. The day will include mass, testimonies and talk by Eddie Stones. Please bring a packed lunch. To book a place please Tel: Mary: 087 9101451/Emmanuel House 057 9151552.

**Yoga And Meditation With Ruth Tuesdays An Gáirdin Portumna Gentle:**

Beginners 6.15–7.15pm. Continuation 7.30–9.00pm. Holistic system of Yoga to bring about balance/harmony. Tel: 089 4725113. [rutheganley@gmail.com](mailto:rutheganley@gmail.com)

**Annual Special Olympics Collection Day Friday 20 April Collectors:**

Needed in the Ballinasloe area. If interested Tel: Kitty Tierney 087 2203710.

**Archaeology Course The Irish Workhouse Centre GRETB & S E Galway:**

6 wk 'Introduction to Archaeology' in May [info@irishworkhousecentre.ie](mailto:info@irishworkhousecentre.ie).

**VHI Women's Mini Marathon On Behalf Of Anam Cara:**

Please contact us for your fundraising pack and we have a room booked in Doheny/Nesbitts Sun. 3 June. All funds raised go to support bereaved parents.

**Choose Life – Two Lives One Love An Expectant Mother Needs And:**

\*\*\* Deserves the care and support of everyone around her, particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. Especially in those tragic cases both the mother and her unborn child can - and must - be loved and cherished.

**On 18 April Tens Of Thousands Of Irish People Will Begin 33 Days Of:**

Preparation to consecrate themselves to Jesus through Mary. If you want to join in you can get Fr Michael Gaitley's Book *free* from Veritas or use St.Louis De Montfort's book – Both available on the Internet, or use this website [www.fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html](http://www.fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html) In May, Our Lady's Month, We will have three penitential **Fast Fridays** of bread and water: May 4,11,18.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 24:35-48:**

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life? 2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent, teacher, friend or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you? 3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures', and the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new and deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience and give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you.