

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 21 / 22 April 2018 'Vocations Sunday'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat.: 21 Apr.: 8pm (A) Jimmy & Delia Duggan.**  
**Sun.: 22 Apr.: 11am (A) Thomas Gardiner.**  
**Mon. 23 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Tues. 24 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Wed. 25 Apr.: No Mass.**  
**Thurs.: 26 Apr.: 9.30am.**  
**Fri.: 27 Apr.: 8pm (A) Tommy & Bridget Whelan.**  
**Sat.: 28 Apr.: 12 noon (A) Sr. Eileen Rabbitte.**  
**8pm (A) Tommy & Jenny Kelly, Pat Joe Dervan.**  
**Sun.: 29 Apr.: 11am (A) John James, Bridget & Mattie Whyte.**

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun.: 22 Apr.: 9.30am (A) Susan Kelly.**  
**Fri. 27 Apr.: 7pm.**  
**Sun.: 29 Apr.: 12 noon First Holy Communion.**

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 6.                   **Sunday:** Group 1.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Mary Kelly.   **Sunday:** Desmond Donnelly.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Phil Flynn.   **Sunday:** Pauline McHugo.  
**Derrybrien: April:** Delta Glynn.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 22 Apr.:** Team B.   **Sunday 29 Apr.:** Team C.

**Lotto No's: 9, 25, 31, 32: Jackpot €2,600. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 21/4 McCormack's, Curra. **Win/Share €150:** Denise Walsh.

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

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

**Trócaire Boxes:**

Please return them as soon as possible.

**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.

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

He will also celebrate the Final Mass of WMOF2018 on 26 August. Remember to Register! Booking for the Pastoral Congress in the RDS is now open on our website and includes the possibility of booking free, guaranteed tickets for the Festival of Families and the Final Mass, subject to availability. Details of how to get tickets for the Festival of Families in Croke Park on Sat. 25 and the Final Mass in the Phoenix Park on Sun. 26 Aug. are now being finalised and will be available in the coming months. Both are free, but ticketed events. Children up to 17 are free to all events but remember all pilgrims/adults/children will need tickets for every event they attend.

**Reflection For Vocations Sunday - Every Single Person Has A:**

Vocation/calling/a dream held for us by God as to who God would have us be and what God would have us do with our lives. When we speak of "praying for vocations" it is somewhat inaccurate. Vocations are freely given by God. What we are really praying for is God's help to find and follow our own particular call.

**Computer / Employment Skills Course Training Suitable For:**

Beginners/advanced users and is open to everybody. QQ1 (FETAC) certified. Levels 3 & 5 – Fulltime Courses. Eligible participants may be entitled to a training allowance from GRET B, childcare/travel/ meal allowance available. Tel: 090 9759092 Patricia / Lynne, South East Galway IRD Ltd., Portumna College of Further Education.

**Farm Plastic Collection Network Athenry Tel: 091 844551 Farm Plastic:**

Collection takes place in your local mart in the coming weeks.

**Food: Production/Consumption/Climate An Gáirdín Portumna Sat. 28 Apr:**

9.30-1.30pm with speakers John Cleary MSc Agriculture/Climate/Food Security; Jim Cronin, Organic Grower/Teacher & Mary Kinsella Chef, Woodfield Café, who will also prepare lunch using local produce. All welcome. Cost €10. Event grant aided. Book: [angairdin1@gmail.com](mailto:angairdin1@gmail.com) Tel: 0872845443. [www.angairdin.ie](http://www.angairdin.ie)

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

Clonfert Website or Tel: 0909675113 or email [stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net](mailto:stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net) or on our Facebook Page.

**Wedding Speech Nerves: Tel: John At YourSpeech The Wedding Speech:**

Professional on 086-1529429 or visit [www.yourspeech.ie](http://www.yourspeech.ie)

**Taughmaconnell Community Care Group Annual Fundraising Dance:**

Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe Friday 4 May. Music by Brendan Shine. Cost €15.

**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.

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

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

**Yoga And Meditation With Ruth Tuesdays An Gáirdín 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)

**Archaeology Course The Irish Workhouse Centre GRET B & 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.

**Burren Outdoor Retreat Fri. 18–Sun. 20 May Would You Like To Come On:**

A guided journey through the Burren in Co Clare with its limestone pavements /rare flora/ancient sacred sites? Tel: Mary 087 970 1130, Nóirín 087 9459 151

**11th Annual Clare Burren Co Clare Marathon Challenge – Sat. 26 May:**

Full/Half/10K Mini marathons. Walk/Jog/Run, on/off road, across the beautiful Burren terrain. Options/Info: [www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/](http://www.clareburrenmarathonchallenge.com/) Tel: 087 7779714. Charity Groups/individuals/runners/walkers - everyone welcome.

**Choose Life Article 40.3.3 Declaration Of Equality/Respect For Human Life:**

\*\*\* It represents, at the very foundations and substructure of our laws, a conviction that all human life is worth cherishing equally. To repeal this Article would leave unborn children at the mercy of whatever permissive abortion laws might be introduced in Ireland in the future. We invite people of faith to pray earnestly that Ireland will "choose life" and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved/valued/welcome/respected in this country.

**In May, Our Lady's Month, We Will Have 3 Penitential Fast Fridays Of:**

Bread & water: 4/11/18 May. [fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html](http://fisheaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html)

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 10:22-18:**

1. Our relationship with those 'in charge' of us changes when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference that made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults who were part of your life. 2. The good shepherd 'lays down his life for the sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g. as a friend/parent/spouse/son/daughter? When you have known another to do this for you? 3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others under duress and caring by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option? 4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationships reveal to you about God's love for you?