

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 28 / 29 April 2018 '5th Sunday Of Easter'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat.: 28 Apr.: 8pm (A) Tommy & Jenny Kelly, Pat Joe Dervan.

Sun.: 29 Apr.: 11am (A) John James, Bridget & Mattie Whyte.

Mon. 30 Apr.: No Mass.

Tues. 1 May: No Mass.

Wed. 2 May: No Mass.

Thurs.: 3 May: No Mass.

Fri.: 4 May: 8pm (A) Damien Tuohy.

Sat.: 5 May: 8pm (A) Ebbie Sheil, Moira Shannon.

Sun.: 6 May: 11am (A) Pat Joe & Martin Cleary.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun.: 29 Apr.: 12 noon First Holy Communion.

Fri. 4 May: 7pm Month's Mind: Bridie Kelly.

Sun.: 6 May 9.30am (A) Mick Mahony & Deceased Family Members.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 1.

Sunday: Group 2.

Readers:

Saturday: John Paul II Youth Awards. **Sunday:** John Larkin.

Eucharistic Ministers:

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

Derrybrien: May: Bernie Egan.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 29 Apr.: Team C. **Sunday 6 May:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 10, 13, 16, 21: Jackpot €2,700. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 28/4 Egan's, Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Geraldine Slattery, Orla Sheil, Breda O'Dowd.

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.

Altar Society – May:

Ballinakill: Culeen/Cregg: **Leaders:** Nonie Neville & Peggy Whyte.

Derrybrien: Leaders: Detten Glynn & Madge Gallagher.

First Friday Visits To The Sick And Housebound:

Are being **postponed.**

WMOF Petition Box – A Petition Box Will Be In Ballinakill Church:

Next weekend 4–7 May. You are invited to place your prayer petitions in that box and these petitions will be brought to the WMOF in Dublin in August to be included in the Prayers and Masses of the occasion. Please **DO NOT** put money in your petition envelopes.

Pro-Life Meeting Youth Club Hall Woodford Monday 8.30pm:

Your support would be very much appreciated.

Clonfert Priests Are On Retreat In Esker This Week:

From Monday to Wednesday Evening.

Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock This Year Is On:

Sunday 20 May.

John Paul II Awards Next Saturday Evening The Mass In:

Ballinakill Church will be a Youth Mass organised by young people from our parish and neighbouring parishes who are working in their communities to join John Paul II Awards from the Diocese taken this year. Your support and encouragement for them would be appreciated.

First Holy Communion In Derrybrien This Sunday @ 12 noon:

In Ballinakill on Saturday 12 May @ 11am.

Darkness Into Light Loughrea/Ballinasloe Sat. 12 May 4.15am:

Register on darknessintolight.ie to aid Pieta House before 2 May.

Loughrea Carers Support Group Annual Fundraising Tea Dance Sun. 6 May:

5 - 8pm in the Arch Bar, Loughrea. Tickets: €5. Refreshments & Spot Prizes galore. Music by The Two Johnnies. Tel: Christine 087 1254921. Your support would be very much appreciated.

Tommy Larkin's Féile Fundraiser Table Quiz McCormack's Bar Curra:

Friday 4 May @ 8.30pm. Tables of 4 @ €40 with Adult 1st & 2nd Prize/Youth 1st Prize. There will be an auction on the night which includes a picture of victorious Galway Team 2017/signed Galway Team Hurley/Tommy Larkins Jersey etc. We look forward to your support.

Lough Derg Season Opens For 1 Day Retreats Sat. 5 May, Continues:

6/7/8/12/13/15/ 20/22/26/27/28 May. Advance booking essential. Tel: (071) 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org Why not take some time and space for yourself on Lough Derg this May? 3 Day Pilgrimage Season begins Fri. 1 June.

The Right To Life Is Shared Internationally "As Long Ago As 1924:

The Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child stated that 'the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth'. "This statement was repeated in the 1959 UN Declaration on the Rights of the Child and in the 1990 UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. "The view that an unborn child has the right to life is a view which is shared by millions across the world."

'Far And Away' Conference Sat. 5 May Supported By Waterways Ireland:

The Irish Workhouse Centre are holding a conference on the themes of famine/emigration, and the importance of the waterways in that story. 9:30am-3:30pm.

Persons Wishing To Be Included On The Supplement Register Of Electors:

Must apply before **8 May**. Details; Galway Co. Co. 091 509394 or Local Compiler 086 0506185.

Computer / Employment Skills Course Training Suitable For Beginners:

Advanced users - open to everybody. QQ1 (FETAC) certified. Levels 3/5 Full-time Courses. Eligible participants may be entitled to a training allowance from GRETB, 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.

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

Clonfert Website or Tel: 0909675113 or email stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net or on our Facebook Page.

Taughmaconnell Community Care Group Annual Fundraising Dance:

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

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

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

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

Bread & water: 4/11/18 May. fish eaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html

St. Raphael's College Would Like To Thank Everyone Who Attended Their:

Coffee Morning & Cake Sale on Thursday 19 April in aid of their Positive Mental Health Awareness Day.

St. Columba's N.S. Ballyturn Parents Association Would Like To Thank:

Most sincerely all those who supported the recent Clothing Collection.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 15:1-8:

1. In a relationship, connectedness is important. Relationships cannot be taken for granted and need time and care to be life-giving. What does your experience tell you of the truth of this in your relationships with God? With your friends? With your family? With communities or groups to which you belong? 2. In The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis wrote: 'I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ.' He goes on to suggest that when individuals, or groups, focus on Jesus there is an increase of energy and vitality. Have you seen this happen? 3. The parable also reminds us that we are not the source of our own life. It is a gift from God, from our parents, and from all who have nourished us. Give thanks for those who have been a source of life for you. 4. God is glorified by our being fruitful. When has human fruitfulness reminded you of God at work in our world?