

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 5 / 6 May 2018 '6th Sunday Of Easter'

Masses - Ballinakill:

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

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

Mon. 7 May: 9.30am.

Tues. 8 May: 9.30am.

Wed. 9 May: 9.30am.

Thurs.: 10 May: 9.30am.

Fri.: 11 May: 9.30am.

Sat.: 12 May: 11am First Holy Communion.

8pm (A) Willie & Phyllis Hayes, Gilbert & Ann Hayes.

Sun.: 13 May: 11am (A) Deceased Members of Kennedy Family.

Masses - Derrybrien:

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

Fri. 11 May: 7pm.

Sun.: 13 May 9.30am (A) James Kelly & Deceased Family Members.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 2.

Sunday: Group 3.

Readers:

Saturday: Keith Dervan. Sunday: Mairead Rafferty.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Mary Daniel. Sunday: Marion Sheil.

Derrybrien: May: Bernie Egan.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 6 May: Team D. Sunday 13 May: Team A.

Lotto No's: 3, 7, 22, 27: Jackpot €2,800. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 5/5 Gorman's, Gurteeny. Win/Share €150: Cancer Care West.

Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament Takes Place:

Wednesdays 8 – 9pm in Ballinakill Church.

Trócaire Boxes:

Please return them as soon as possible.

First Holy Communion In Ballinakill Next Saturday 12 May:

We pray God's Blessing on the children, their families and their teachers.

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.

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

Until 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.**

Clonfert Pilgrimage To Knock Sunday 20 May Ceremonies:

Beginning @ 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick followed by Mass @ 3pm and Rosary Procession. All are welcome.

Entertainment McCormack's Curra Bank Holiday Sun. 6 May:

Music by "Too That Groove" 8-10pm. Everyone Welcome.

Stand Up For Life Final Rally Before The Vote Sat. 12 May 2pm:

In Dublin. If Interested please Tel: 087 2040826/087 2561521/087 9422356 for bus details. The event will be preceded by a large canvass event across Dublin from 11-1pm.

Priests' Retirement Collection Taken Up This Weekend:

Which goes towards supporting the retired priests of the diocese.

A Pastoral Letter From Bishop Kirby On The Upcoming:

Referendum on 'The Right To Life' has been issued and is available in the Church Porches. Please take one home with you and read it in your own time.

Loughrea Lions Club Currently Taking Applications For

Seniors Alert Personal Alarm. Further Info. Tel: 086 1758066.

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.

ICON VISIT: As Part Of The Ongoing Preparations For WMOF In August:

Our Diocese will be blessed with the visit of the Icon of the Holy Family which was especially commissioned as part of the ongoing prayer for families. It will be in Clonfert Diocese Fri. 11 May, departs Tues. 22 May. Parishes may wish to visit the Icon as a group. The purpose of the visit is to encourage reflection/prayer as part of the journey of preparations to WMOF. All families are invited to visit the Icon during it's time among us. It will visit 3 towns on following dates: 11–15 May Loughrea, 15-18 May Portumna, 18–22 May Ballinasloe.

Dusk Chorus Forest Park Portumna Sat. 12 May Facilitated By Galway:

Branch of Bird Watch Ireland in association with Port Omna Beo Nature Group. Assembly: main car park 7.45pm. Walk commences 8pm, weather permitting. Suitable footwear/clothing. Tel: 086 3847613/087 2845443.

Information Evening Wed. 9 May @ 6pm St Columba's NS Ballyturn:

For our new Before/After School Club commencing in Sept. Parents from Ballyturn/Derrybrien/Kilbeacanty/Gort and surrounding areas are invited to attend for a chat about our service. Enrolment forms available on the night. Info. please Tel: Patricia 086 150 3918. We look forward to seeing you there.

Women's Circle Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre Every:

Monday 11am-1pm. Arts/Crafts/Social Connection. Tea/Coffee. Free to all.

Lough Derg 1 Day Retreats 6/7/8/12/13/15/ 20/22/ 26/27 /28 May Advance:

Booking essential. Tel: 071 9861518 email info@loughderg.org Why not take some time/space for yourself on Lough Derg 3 Day Season begins Fri. 1 June.

St Raphael's College Talent Show Thursday 10 May in Assembly Hall:

Doors 7.30pm. Adults €10/students €5.

Fr. Bill Dailey Catholic Priest/Notre Dame Law Professor Emmanuel House:

Clonfert Thursday 10 May. He will 8pm Mass in Clonfert and re-deliver his insightful and important message about the need for a NO VOTE, to save the 8th Amendment, which protects the lives of the unborn children of Ireland.

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.**

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

Clonfert Website or Tel: 090 9675113 or [email stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net](mailto:email.stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net) or on our Facebook Page.

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: 11/18 May. fish eaters.com/totalconsecrationmontfort.html

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 15:9-17:

1. A commandment of love could seem a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another – a spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife; a wave from a friend; words of comfort and affirmation, not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said that it is in loving that our joy is complete. 2. Often love/friendship make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times and energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also in responding to the needs of friends or spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them and for you? 3. 'I chose you.' Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus to bear fruit through our love.