

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 12 / 13 May 2018 'Ascension Of The Lord'**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat.: 12 May: 8pm (A)** Willie & Phyllis Hayes, Gilbert & Ann Hayes.

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

**Mon. 14 May: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 15 May: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 16 May: 9.30am.**

**Thurs.: 17 May: 9.30am.**

**Fri.: 18 May: 8pm (A)** Larry & Lena Rourke.

**Sat.: 19 May: 8pm (A)** Teresa McHugh, Ballinlough.

**Sun.: 20 May: 11am (A)** Francis Fahy.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

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

**Fri. 18 May: 7pm.**

**Sun.: 20 May 9.30am.**

**Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 3.

**Sunday:** Group 4.

**Readers:**

**Saturday:** Teresa Casey.

**Sunday:** Adam Spain.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Bernie Dervan.

**Sunday:** Eugene Casey.

**Derrybrien: May:** Bernie Egan.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 13 May:** Team A. **Sunday 20 May:** Team B.

**Lotto No's: 13, 20, 21, 22: Jackpot €2,900. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 12/5 O'Connor's, Moyglass. **Win/Share €150:** Pat Kelly, Eugene & Mary Monahan.

**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.

**Clonfert Pilgrimage To Knock Next Sun. 20 May Ceremonies:**

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

**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.

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

August. Parishes may wish to visit 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 it Icon during it's time among us. It will visit 3 towns: 11–15 May Loughrea, 15-18 May Portumna, 18–22 May Ballinasloe.

**Congratulations To The Young People In Our Parish Who Have:**

Celebrated their First Holy Communion. Méabh Connors, Sarah Slattery, Alesha Keon, Kayla Gardiner, Cillian Daniels, Cathal Hurley, Robyn Shiel, Jack Freney, Colin Kemple, Ava Daniels, Tomas Cunningham & Orla Connors. 'Thank You' to our teachers who prepared them so well, to our choir and all who helped in any way to make the occasions so special.

**Redemptorist Day WMOF Fri. 24 Aug. Participate In The Morning:**

Programme, RDS. Celebration of Eucharist as "The Redemptorist Family" in Church of Our Lady of the Assumption, Ballyfermot Celebrant/Preacher Cardinal Joseph Tobin CSsR. Followed by refreshments/social time. Adm. to WMOF in RDS Fri., Ticket to Festival of Families Sat. & Ticket to Papal Mass Sun. Places limited. Booking closes on **Friday 18 May.** Please Tel: Esker 091 844007.

**Burren Outdoor Retreat Fri. 18–Sun. 20 May 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.

**Need Help With Your Smart Phone Or Tablet? 1:1 Support Available At:**

Loughrea Family & Community Resource Centre, every Tuesday morning 10am - 1pm by appointment, please Tel: 091 871149.

**Family & Friends Of St. Dymphna's A.D.S Portumna "Cash For Clobber" :**

Collection of unwanted clothes/towels/curtains/bed linen (sheets, pillow cases, duvet covers only) hats/belts/handbags/shoes. This will only take place on Wednesday 30 May 5 - 7.30pm outside the Centre. All money raised will ONLY benefit the centre. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information please Tel: Sean Page 0872027776, Edith Carter 0868618559 or Ana Maria Burke at 0872136077. Thank you!

**Children's Poetry Reading Renowned Children's Poet/Author:**

Gabriel Fitzmaurice will make a guest appearance in Loughrea Library Sat. 19 May 11:30am who will share his poems on topics ranging from silly to serious /sad to happy/naughty to nice! Great entertainment for children & adults and is presented by the Carrabane Arts committee whose annual festival takes place later this month with full details at [www.thecafefestival.ie](http://www.thecafefestival.ie).

**Fundraising Tea Dance Shragh Community Centre Woodford Sun. 20 May:**

All proceeds to Galway Hospice. Music by Larry McEvoy. Dancing 9pm–12. Tea and refreshments and raffle on the night.... Please support.

**Farm Plastic Collection At Gort Mart Tues. 15 May 10am-4pm Collector:**

Farm relief Services. Tues. 29 May 9am-5pm. Collector - VK Agri Recycling. Also collecting in Athenry in the coming weeks. Tel: 091 844551.

**Loughrea Lions Club Currently Taking Applications For Seniors Alert:**

Personal Alarm. Further Info. Tel: 086 1758066.

**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 15/20/22/26/27/28 May Advance Booking:**

Essential. Tel: 071 9861518 [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) 3 Day Season from Fri. 1 June.

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

Clonfert Website/Tel: 090 9675113 [stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net](mailto:stbrenseyrecourt@eircom.net) /Facebook.

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

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

**May, Our Lady's Month, We Will Have 1 Penitential Fast Friday Of:**

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

**VHI Women's Mini Marathon On Behalf Of Anam Cara – Contact Us For:**

Your fundraising pack. Room booked in Doheny/Nesbitts Sun. 3 June.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Mark 16:15-20:**

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this, he commissioned them to bring the good news to the whole world. Witnesses to the good news do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement for us in this. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you? 2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this? 3. The Ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he would be with them in other ways: 'The Lord worked with them'. Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend, or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?