

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 18 / 19 August 2018 '20th Sunday In Ordinary Time'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 18 Aug.: 8pm (A) Margaret & Packie Scully.
Sun. 19 Aug.: 11am Requiem Mass: Mairead Rafferty Connors.
Mon. 20 Aug.: 9.30am.
Tues. 21 Aug.: 9.30am.
Wed. 22 Aug.: 8pm (A) Mary O'Donnell & Deceased Members of the Bruton Family

Thurs. 23 Aug.: NO MASS.

Fri. 24 Aug.: 8pm Month's Mind Gerry Murray.

Sat. 25 Aug.: 8pm (A) Pat Joe & Eva Tuohy.

Sun. 26 Aug.: NO MASS (Papal Visit)

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 19 Aug.: 9.30am (A) James & Josephine O'Rourke.

Fri. 24 Aug.: 7pm.

Sun. 26 Aug.: NO MASS (Papal Visit)

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 5.

Readers:

Saturday: Keith Dervan.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Bernie Dervan. **Derrybrien:** August: Bernie Egan.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 19 Aug.: Team C. **Sunday 26 Aug.:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 5, 15, 19, 21. Jackpot €4,200. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 18/8 Egan's, Derrybrien. **Win/Share €150:** Anne Ryan, Roseanne Flynn.

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.

Raheen N.S. Quansboro-School Reunion Friday 14 September:

Gullane's Hotel Ballinasloe. Tel: 087 8729080.

raheenreunion@gmail.com

Galway Camogie Church Gate Collection This weekend:

Please support if you can.

WMOF Special Liturgy In Loughrea Cathedral 7pm Tuesday 21:

August. It has been devised following guidelines issued by WMOF central office. It will not include the celebration of Mass and is expected to last about 45 minutes.

Practical Information Pope Francis Knock Shrine Sun. 26 Aug.:

Those who have tickets to attend the visit as part of the WMOF 2018 celebrations are advised to read the information available on the Knock Shrine website regarding travel/parking/practical information. The official Traffic Plan is available / can be viewed at www.garda.ie Pilgrims are advised to study the plan in advance of travelling to the Shrine. Angelus text, a hymn sheet and general guidance/information on the liturgical events will be available for download/printing in the days prior to the event. This information, including the full Spiritual Programme is available at www.knockshrine.ie/wmof2018 Pray for the success of Papal Visit to our country.

Mercy College Woodford Opens As Follows:

Monday 27 August: 1st Years (9am - 1.15pm). No Buses.

Tuesday 28 August: 3rd Years & 6th Years.

Wednesday 29 August: 2nd Years & 5th Years.

Monday 3 September: LCA.

Annual Woodford Charity Vintage Run Sunday 2nd September.

Vehicles are asked to gather in the old schoolyard Woodford at 11.30am for a mid-day start. Proceeds this year are divided between the Cardiothoracic Unit at UCHG and the local Shragh / Woodford Defibrillator groups. Tel: Anthony Hooban 086 6388 722 or Paul Tuohy 087 2885635.

Woodford Furnace Festival - A Unique Free Iron Making Festival:

Takes place on Saturday 25 & Sunday 26 August at the Bay, Woodford, all welcome. Tel: 085 1239550 / 090 9749309. www.furnaceproject.org

Nominations For Family Carers Ireland Are Being Sought For The:

CarePlus Pharmacy Carer of the Year & Young Carer of the Year. If there is a Family Carer who you feel should be recognised/rewarded for the extraordinary levels of care they provide to a loved one, fill in form on www.familycarers.ie by 14 Sept. Tel: Family Carers Ireland, Barrack St. Loughrea (091) 880418.

Rosary On The Coast For Life And Faith Ireland – Following The:

Passing of the referendum removing the protection for unborn babies in Ireland we ask you to come and pray the Rosary on the Coasts of Ireland on 7 Oct. for the protection of unborn babies/strengthening of the Catholic Faith here. Sign up to a location. www.coastalrosaryireland.ie

Beginning Experience Programme For Men/Women Who Have Lost A:

Spouse through death / divorce / separation, 19 - 21 October. Esker Retreat Centre, Tel: Gerry 086 3855090 / Maureen 087 6646896.

Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat: Theme: If You But Knew The Gift Of God:

Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne Venue: September 17-23. Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Cost: €380 full board hellywilliams@gmail.com Tel: Helen: 086 1678027, www.foyerofcharity.ie Come away...all by yourselves and rest for a while (Mk 6: 31).

Galway's Hidden Heritage Lecture Series 2018 Aughrim Visitor Centre:

Free lectures discussing a variety of interesting topics relating to East Galway 7 Sept. at 2pm. Discover Loughrea's Heritage Trail Walk / other interesting sights. Tel: 09096-73939 battleofaughrim@galwaycoco.ie

Redemptorist Day WMOF Fri. 24 Aug. Participate In 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.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels John 6:51-58:

1. Jesus tells us that to have life we need more than physical nourishment. How have you been aware of deeper hungers? What has met that deeper longing in you? 2. Jesus tells us that it is not just something he gives us which will give us life, but himself in his life, death and resurrection. How has your faith in the person of Jesus fed you? 3. Jesus speaks about 'drawing life' from him. In day to day living what are the practices which support your faith and help you to draw life from Jesus? 4. The Eucharist is one of the ways in which we draw life from Jesus. Recall with gratitude how the Eucharist has been a source of nourishment and life for you. 5. Perhaps you can also think of human examples of people drawing life from one

The Deep End On The Breadline - In Recent Months The Society Of:

St. Vincent de Paul released some shocking figures regarding hunger in Ireland. One in three people who contact the charity are calling because they can't afford to buy food. It is estimated that one in eleven people in Ireland experience food poverty, which refers to the inability to afford food to make up a healthy diet. 'Food is an area of expenditure that families have discretion over on a day-to-day basis,' said SVP head of social justice, Dr Tricia Keilthy. 'It is much easier to control the cost of food than the cost of rent, utilities or education. So food is typically what families cut back on when times are tough.' Hunger is a sad fact of life for many in our country. More than ever we appreciate the value of having enough to eat. Over the past few Sundays we have heard Jesus speak a lot about bread and food. His followers experience physical hunger too; the feeding of the five thousand (the story precedes today's extract from John's Gospel) shows that Jesus takes care of the physical needs of his followers too. Their experience of hunger and being fed prepares them for his teaching on the bread of life. When Jesus talks about himself as the 'bread come down from heaven', it is clear that it is himself he is offering – his very flesh. If we are followers of Jesus, we are also called to give ourselves in service of others. We have Jesus as our model and teacher, present with us and in us. What can we do to help those who hunger in our country and our world?