

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN
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Saturday / Sunday 1 / 2 December 2018 '1st Sunday of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 1 Dec.: 8pm (A) Mick, Mart & Willie Fallon.
Sun. 2 Dec.: 11am (A) Mary Ann & Tommy McGuire.
Mon. 3 Dec.: 9.30am.
Tues. 4 Dec.: 9.30am.
Wed. 5 Dec.: 8pm (A) Hugh Martyn.
Thurs. 6 Dec.: 9.30am.
Fri. 7 Dec.: 9.30am.
Sat. 8 Dec.: 12 noon Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
8pm (A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville.
Sun. 9 Dec.: 11am (A) Jack Rafferty.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 2 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Deceased Members of Connors Family.
Fri. 7 Dec.: 7pm Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
(A) Pat Glynn.
Sun. 9 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Nonie & Jack Kelly.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 4. Sunday: Group 5.

Readers:

Saturday: Emer Neville. Sunday: Cathal O'Hehir.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Kathleen Slattery. Sunday: Pauline McHugo.
Derrybrien: December: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 2 Dec.: Team B. Sunday 9 Dec.: Team C.

Lotto No's: 11, 14, 17, 31. Jackpot €2,400. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 1/12 in McCormack's, Curra: **Win/Share €150:** Enda Felle. **Tommy Larkin's 50th Anniversary Book** for sale locally; Keary's, Daybreak, Heritage Centre, Woodford, Tuohy's, Coose, Darcy's & Gorman's Gurteeny, O'Donnell's, Kylebrack and Super Value Portumna. Copies also available at Clubhouse.

New Readers & Eucharistic Ministers Are Badly Needed In The:

The Parish – When booking an Anniversary Mass, please indicate if a family member is available to read for the occasion.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament In Ballinakill Church 8-9pm:

Wednesdays including Mass. All are welcome.

Progressive 25 Card Game Has Resumed In Ballinakill Hall:

Every Thursday at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Tynagh-Abbey/Duniry Club Concussion Presentation In Abbey:

Hall **Tues. 4 Dec. 8pm**. This is a very worthwhile initiative and we would encourage you to attend if possible. The event is free as our club will be make a contribution towards the cost of the event. **Check out our Explainer Video** to gain a better understanding of the workshop.

Community Alert Meeting In Ballinakill Hall Monday 3 Dec.:

@ 8pm. All are welcome. Please support.

First Friday Visits To The Sick & Housebound Will Be Made At:

Usual times next Friday and Saturday morning.

Sincere Sympathy To The Family And Friends Of:

Bernadette Regan nee Shiel, Kilrickle, formerly Ballinakill. May she rest in peace.

Ballinakill National School Concert Will Be Held Friday 7 Dec.

@ 7pm in Ballinakill Hall. All are welcome. **Moyglass & Drim National Schools** will hold their concerts the following Friday 14 December @ 7pm in Ballinakill Hall. All are welcome.

Next Saturday 8 December Feast Of The Immaculate Conception:

A Holyday of Obligation.

St. Brigid's College Loughrea Charity Christmas Bingo Night:

In aid of Down Syndrome Ireland, Galway Hospice & Habitat for Humanity. Doors open at 7pm Thursday 6 December in the school sports hall. Raffle prizes include hampers, vouchers and much, much more. All support greatly welcomed!

St. Brendan's CNU – Loughrea ICA Craft Fair Sunday 2 Dec.:

Seven Springs Day Centre St. Brendan's CNU 11am - 2pm.

The Wren Run Committee Are Delighted To Announce The Return Of:

The Pieta House Wren Run this St. Stephen's Day in Woodford @ 11am. Register online; The Pieta House Wren Run/Facebook/Twitter/Instagram which will enter you into a draw to win Dinner at Neven Maguires/€100 Supervalu Vouchers/hotel getaways/Consultation with Dermot Bannon/ plus loads more. All proceeds raised will be split 50:50 between Pieta House & local beneficiaries Tommy Larkins GAA/Davitt's Camogie Club (25% each). For any registration queries or if you would like to sponsor the event, please Tel: Roderick 087-9925624 or Cathal O'Byrne 083-8840173

Clonfert Diocese's Advent Adult Faith Development Gathering Sun:

9 Dec. 3–5pm Scoil an Chroi Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe. Guest Speaker: Fr. Benny McHale. Topic: The Holy Land as the Fifth Gospel. All welcome.

South East Galway Archaeological & Historical Society Lecture Tues.:

4 Dec. 8pm in Irish Workhouse Centre. Dr Ciarán Reilly titled 'A demon in human shape': Murder in Famine Ireland. In addition, the society will be celebrating 20 years next year. Articles are now sought for a bumper edition of the society journal in 2019.

Centenary Book Of Drim National School Past / Present Pupils:

A limited number of books are for sale in the school at a cost of €25 each. You can call to the school or Tel: 086 6659033. Delivery can be arranged. **Great Christmas/Birthday present or just for a friend.**

The Annual Woodford / Looscaun Tractor Run Held Recently Was A:

Great success with over 100 vehicles taking part. €5,500 was raised by the event. The proceeds were split between the Cardiothoracic Unit at UCHG Hospital & the Woodford/Shragh Defibrillator group. Anthony Hooban & Paul Tuohy on behalf of the organising committee would like to sincerely thank all who participated, supported and assisted this year's event in any way.

Woodford/Looscaun Christmas Lights 'Big Switch On' 8 Dec. 6pm:

Street market 4pm. Santa 5:45pm. Mulled wine reception/free draw.

East Galway Family History Soc. Heritage Event Friday 7 Dec. 7.30pm:

Declan Kelly, MA, **Cancelled.**

Portumna Credit Union Closed For Renovations Tues. 4–Thurs. 6 Dec.

Grand opening Friday 7 December with business as usual. Apologies for the inconvenience caused

Anam Cara Galway Meeting Wed. 5 Dec. 7.20pm Supports Bereaved:

Parents, Clayton Hotel, Old Monivea Rd. Free/open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died/circumstances of their death/whether their death was recent or not. Info: anamcara.ie or Tel: 085 2888 888.

Esker Healing Mission Monday 3 - Friday 7 December Daily:

10am/5pm/7pm/9pm. An ideal way to prepare for Christmas. All welcome.

Family Carers Ireland Would Like To Thank Most Sincerely The:

People of the parish for their generosity at our recent Church Gate Collection. Total raised €338.67 which will be used to provide emergency respite and supports/services for family carers in the local area.

Priory Institute Online Retreat For Advent Format of Lectio Divina:

collaborators. www.prioryinstitute.com/events/advent-retreat-online-2018

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 21:25-2834-36:

1. This passage can be taken as a metaphor for personal experiences when it seems that your world is collapsing around you: plans thwarted, deep disappointment, something out of your control altering the course of your life, etc.? When have such experiences been a prelude to something new? Allow the dramatic language of the passage to remind you of this experience making sure that you recognise the double movement of collapse/liberation. 2. Jesus himself is the model in this gospel story as he taught his disciples the spirituality of 'waiting in joyful hope'. What difference has watchfulness (in the sense of being watchful in prayer) made to you in facing difficult situations? 3. Advent is a time that calls us to be alert to the signs of the hidden presence of God in our world. What reminds you of this presence of God? Have there been occasions when something woke you up in an unexpected way to the presence of God in the world, e.g. through love/beauty/nature/etc.?