

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 8 / 9 December 2018 '2nd Sunday of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 8 Dec.: 8pm (A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville.

Sun. 9 Dec.: 11am (A) Jack Rafferty.

Mon. 10 Dec.: 9.30am.

Tues. 11 Dec.: 9.30am.

Wed. 12 Dec.: 8pm (A) John Joe, Margaret & Johanna Comar.

Thurs. 13 Dec.: No Mass.

Fri. 14 Dec.: 9.30am.

Sat. 15 Dec.: 8pm (A) Paddy Kennedy, Imelda Murphy & Deceased Family Members.

Sun. 16 Dec.: 11am Month's Mind: Michael Regan, Cappacorn

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 9 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Nonie & Jack Kelly.

Fri. 14 Dec.: No Mass.

Sun. 16 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Michael Glynn.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 5.

Sunday: Group 1.

Readers:

Saturday: Teresa Casey. **Sunday:** John Larkin.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Margaret Tuohy. **Sunday:** Ann Neville.

Derrybrien: December: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday 9 Dec.: Team C. **Sunday 16 Dec.:** Team D.

Lotto No's: 7, 11, 21, 31. Jackpot €2,500. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 8/12 in Egan's, Derrybrien: **Win/Share €150:** John

Whelan, Fiona O'Dowd. **Tommy Larkin's 50th Anniversary**

Booklet available at the following shops: Daybreak, Kearys & Heritage Centre Woodford, Tuohy's Coose, Gormans & Darcy's Gurteeny, O'Meara's Super Value, Portumna, Seymour's, Loughrea, Abbey Post Office, O'Donnell's, Kylebrack and Gerry Cunningham, Derrybrien. Copies also available at the 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.

Sincere Sympathy To The Family And Friends Of:

Harry Bowen, Knockmoyle and Mattie Broderick, Brogue. May they rest in peace.

Moyglass & Drim National Schools Concerts Fri. 14 Dec. @ 7pm:

In Ballinakill Hall. All are welcome.

30th Galway Abbey-Duniry Scout Group Wish To Express:

Our sincere gratitude to all those who gave so generously at our recent Church Gate Collection. Thank you for your support it is hugely appreciated.

Wedding Congratulations To Emma Regan & Keith Gardiner:

Who were married last weekend. Every Blessing on their future lives together.

The Magic Of Christmas - A Concert Featuring:

Soprano Rachel Goode with friends: Tenor Tom Smith; Baritone Conor O'Meara; Bass Baritone: Kevin Neville – accompanied by Marie Power, Ballinasloe Town Band & Ard Scoil Mhuire Choir in St. Michael's Church, Ballinasloe on Wednesday 19 December @ 7.30pm sharp. Adm: Free – donations to East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support Centre. Please support.

Priests' Christmas Collection Will Be Taken Up At All Masses:

Next weekend.

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 Maguire's/€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 Chroí Naofa, Society St., Ballinasloe. Guest Speaker:

Fr. Benny McHale. Topic: The Holy Land as the Fifth Gospel. All welcome.

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.

Presentation College Athenry Will Close Its Doors in 2019:

And end 70 years of secondary education at the heart of Athenry. All

Cairde Pres are welcome to a Final Farewell at the school on Thursday 27

December 6–8pm. Reconnect with days past. Facebook: Cairde Pres.

St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St. Loughrea 091 841837:

john.melville@gretb.ie: Places available in our QQI courses in Healthcare/

Childcare/Hairdressing/Fashion Media & Make up level 5, Horticulture

Level 4 & 5, Information Technology Level 4 & 5, Tourism Level 5 (new

intake in March for this course), Train the Trainer & Childcare Level 6.

Family History non accredited course. Please contact us on the above as

soon as possible.

Pulsewave Ireland Heart & Artery Screening In Galway:

We can access the risk of heart attack or stroke with a simple non invasive

test. Venues as follows: Wednesday 12 December, Loughrea Hotel & Spa,

Thursday 13 December, The Ardilaun Hotel, Salthill. Appointments

available from 11am to 8pm daily Tel: 087-7151623, spaces are limited.

The Screening is medically approved and each person will receive a

detailed printout which you may discuss with their own GP.

Woodford/Looscaun Christmas Lights Annual Fundraiser:

Saturday 5 January, Walsh's Bar - Tickets €2 on sale soon from local

outlets / committee members - Please support.

Loughrea Lions Club Annual Christmas Concert:

Tuesday 18 December at 8pm in LoughRea Hotel & Spa. All entertainment

provided by members of The Bravo Theatre Company. Tickets €10 from

Keary Auctioneers, LoughRea Hotel, any Lions Club member.

Did You Do Your Leaving Cert In 1982? If So An Informal Reunion:

Will be held in Gullane's Hotel at 7.30pm Saturday 29 Dec. Please come

along and bring old photos! Tel: Edel 0863702501 or Caroline 0860683460.

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 3:1-6:

1. The manner in which Luke identifies in detail the time when John the Baptist started his preaching shows that Luke regarded this as a historic moment. Perhaps you can recall in detail the time and the circumstances of particularly significant moments in your life? 2. John called people to give expression to their desire for a change of heart by a symbolic baptism in the Jordan. When have you found it helpful to symbolise your desire to change for the better by some symbolic gesture, e.g., burning a packet of cigarettes, sending a card, making a phone call, etc. 3. Behind the quotation from Isaiah lies the practice of preparing festival routes for religious celebrations. Isaiah visualises such a celebration to celebrate the return of the Israelites to Jerusalem. Can you recall a particularly memorable Advent? What happened? Think of what you can do this Advent.