

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 15 / 16 December 2018 '3rd Sunday of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 15 Dec.: 8pm (A) Paddy Kennedy, Imelda Murphy & Deceased Family Members.
Sun. 16 Dec.: 11am Month's Mind: Michael Regan, Cappacon
Mon. 17 Dec.: 9.30am.
Tues. 18 Dec.: 9.30am.
Wed. 19 Dec.: 8pm (A) Paddy, Rita & Eileen Coughlan.
Thurs. 20 Dec.: 9.30am.
Fri. 21 Dec.: 9.30am.
Sat. 22 Dec.: 8pm (A) Patsy Murphy.
Sun. 23 Dec.: 11am (A) Willie Gardiner & Deceased Family Members, Carraroe

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 16 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Michael Glynn.
Fri. 21 Dec.: 7pm (A) Patrick & Laurence Kiernan.
Sun. 23 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Bridget & John Slattery.

Mass Servers:

Saturday: Group 1. **Sunday:** Group 2.

Readers:

Saturday: Lisa Fallon. **Sunday:** Desmond Donnelly.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday: Cepta Rourke. **Sunday:** Marion Sheil.
Derrybrien: December: Margaret Slattery.

Sunday Collection Teams:

Sunday.16 Dec.: Team D. **Sunday 23 Dec.:** Team A.

Lotto No's: 1, 13, 18, 29. Jackpot €2,600. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 15/12 in Gorman's, Gurteeny: **Win/Share €150:** Frank Muldoon, Peter Kelly. **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.

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation For Christmas:

Wednesday: 7pm Woodford. 8.30pm Ballinakill. Thursday: 7.30pm Portumna. Friday: 7.30pm Derrybrien. All are welcome to experience the mercy and love of God in preparation for the worthy celebration of Christmas.

Congratulations To The Schools On The Work/Effort/Practice:

Put into recent Annual Concerts. Well done to pupils and teachers.

Envelope Boxes 2019 Christmas Cards Calendars 2019:

And Annual Newsletter are available for distribution in the parish.

Mass Time Changes – As of 1 January 2019 There Will Be No:

Mass in Ballinakill Church on Sundays. The other 2 Masses – Saturday evening @ 8pm in Ballinakill & Sunday morning @ 9.30am in Derrybrien will remain the same.

Christmas Visits To The Sick & Housebound Will Be Made:

Next Friday and Saturday.

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

Wednesdays including Mass. All are welcome.

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

This weekend.

Chiropody: Mobile Podiatry & Chiropody Service:

House calls and nursing home visits available. Tel: Aine at 087-2979172 to arrange an appointment.

If Any Transition, 5th/6th Yr Students Interested In John Paul II Award:

Scheme, please contact your local priest or Ms Marie Burke 083 879 1745.

The Pieta House Wren Run 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

Fit4Life 2019 Free Training Programme With Sessions For All:

Ages and all abilities returns to Woodford Pitch on 5 January at 10 am and will continue each Saturday for 6 weeks. Further info: Tel: martin Rourke at 086 3866786 or email martin.g.rourke@gmail.com In conjunction with this initiative the Club will partake in this year's "Ireland Lights Up" in partnership with RTE's Operation Transformation and supported by Healthy Ireland and Get Ireland Walking. Organised walks under lights will take place at the Clubhouse Walking Track on Thursday evenings commencing 17 January and will run until 21 February. Further details to follow.

The Holy Family Nursing Home, Magheramore, Killimor Permanent

Full Time/Part Time Care Assistant Positions now available in a very friendly and professional work environment. Tel: 090 9676044/090 9676046 info@killimorretirementhome.ie

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 Magic Of Christmas A Concert Featuring Soprano Rachel Goode:

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 Wed. 19 Dec. 7.30pm sharp. Adm: Free – donations to East Galway & Midlands Cancer Support Centre.

Presentation College Athenry Closes Its Doors in 2019 A End 70 yrs:

Of secondary education at the heart of Athenry. All Cairde Pres welcome to a Final Farewell at the school Thurs. 27 Dec. 6-8pm. Facebook: Cairde Pres.

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

john.melville@gretb.ie: Places available in QQI courses; Healthcare/ Child-care/Hairdressing/Fashion Media & Make up level 5, Horticulture Level 4 & 5, Information Technology Level 4 & 5, Tourism Level 5 (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.

Woodford/Looscaun Christmas Lights Annual Fundraiser Sat. 5 Jan:

Walsh's Bar, Tickets €2 from local outlets/committee members.

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.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 3:10-18:

1. 'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience, what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?
2. John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude, recall such friends.
3. The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?