



**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday / Sunday 22 / 23 December 2018 '4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent'**



**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 22 Dec.:** 8pm (A) Patsy Murphy.

**Sun. 23 Dec.:** 11am (A) Willie Gardiner & Deceased Family Members, Carraroe

**Mon. 24 Dec.:** 9pm Vigil of Christmas: Mairead Rafferty Connors.

**Tues. 25 Dec.:** 11am Christmas Day: (A) Jim Regan.

**Wed. 26 Dec.:** 11am St. Stephen's Day (A) Angela Connaire.

**Thurs. 27 Dec.:** 12 noon (A) Eugene Hayes, Tom Moroney.

**Fri. 28 Dec.:** 8pm (A) Kitty & Michael Lyons.

**Sat. 29 Dec.:** 8pm (A) Mick Rourke & Jack Lyons.

**Sun. 30 Dec.:** 11am (A) Jim, Kathleen & Martin Spain.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 23 Dec.:** 9.30am (A) Bridget & John Slattery.

**Mon. 24 Dec.:** 7pm Vigil of Christmas: People of Parish.

**Tues. 25 Dec.:** 9.30am Christmas Day.

**Fri. 28 Dec.:** No Mass.

**Sun. 30 Dec.:** 9.30am.

**Mass Servers:**

**Monday: Christmas Eve:** Group 2.

**Tuesday Christmas Day:** Group 3

**Saturday:** Group 3. **Sunday:** Group 4.

**Readers:**

**Monday: Christmas Eve:** Breda McCormack.

**Tuesday: Christmas Day:** Desmond Donnelly.

**Saturday:** Cathal O'Hehir. **Sunday:** Adam Spain.

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Monday: Christmas Eve:** Phil Flynn.

**Tuesday: Christmas Day:** Eugene Casey.

**Saturday:** Mary Cavanagh. **Sunday:** Pauline McHugo.

**Derrybrien: December:** Margaret Slattery.

**Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 23 Dec.:** Team A. **Sunday 30 Dec.:** Team B.

**Lotto No's: 7, 13, 16, 28. Jackpot €2,700. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 22/12 in O'Connor's, Moyglass. **Win/Share €150:** Cancer Care West. **Tommy Larkin's 50th Anniversary Booklet** available in Daybreak/Keary's/Heritage Centre Woodford/Tuohy's Coose/Gorman's/Darcy's Gurteeny/O'Meara's Super Value Portumna/Seymour's, Loughrea/Abbey Post Office/O'Donnell's, Kylebrack/Gerry Cunningham, Derrybrien/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.

**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.

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament In Ballinakill Church:**

No Adoration this week.

**McCormack's Curra Christmas Entertainment:**

St. Stephen's Eve Paul Watchorn of the Dublin Legends 8-10pm followed by Native 10.30-12.30. New Year's Eve 2 That Groove. Wishing all our customers a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

**Chiropody: Mobile Podiatry & Chiropody Service House Calls:**

And nursing home visits. Tel: Aine 087-2979172 for appointment.

**Christmas Night: Game Of '45 Shragh Hall @ 8.30pm €10:**

Normal Partner format, 18 games. Tea & Treats for all.

**Portumna Arts Group Annual Customary Dinner The Ferry Inn:**

6 Jan. 6.30pm. 2 Course €20 / 3 Course €24 (veg. option). Booking essential: drop your €20/€24 (in an envelope/with name) to Noelle, Hayes/Hayes Pharmacy, Jackie, Beehive by 31 Dec. 085-1925466.

**If Any Transition, 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> 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:**

All proceeds raised will be split 50:50 between Pieta House & local beneficiaries Tommy Larkins GAA/Davitt's Camogie Club (25% each). Tel: Roderick 087-9925624 or Cathal O'Byrne 083-8840173

**Fit4Life 2019 Free Training Programme With Sessions For All Ages &:**

Abilities in Woodford Pitch on 5 Jan. at 10am. Continues each Sat. for 6 wks. Tel: martin Rourke 086 3866786 or email [martin.g.rourke@gmail.com](mailto: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, supported by Healthy Ireland/Get Ireland Walking. Organised walks under lights takes place at the Clubhouse Walking Track on Thurs. 17 Jan. - 21 Feb.

**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](mailto:info@killimorretirementhome.ie)

**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](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie): QQI courses; Healthcare/Childcare/Hairdressing/Fashion Media & Make up level 5, Horticulture Level 4/5, Info. Technology Level 4/5, Tourism Level 5 (March). Train the Trainer/Childcare Level 6. Family History non accredited course. Contact us 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.

**Intensive Christmas Courses & Study Junior & Leaving Cert in Study**

Hub Loughrea, 2-5 Jan. Higher Level Irish/Mathematics/French. Each course is double the time offered in other centres and are run by highly experienced teachers that are exam focused. Registered/non registered students warmly welcomed to these exclusive intensive courses and as well as 4 hours of study each day. Book Courses Tel: Breda 086 3792360 [www.studyhubloughrea.ie](http://www.studyhubloughrea.ie) or Start the new term off right with 4 hours of 'no distraction' after school study on the 07/01/19. Places Limited! Taking deposit now. Weekly Grinds; English/Irish/Mathematics/Business/Music /French/Biology/Agricultural Science/Physics/Geography.

**Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels Luke 1:39-44:**

1. The greeting of Elizabeth to Mary, 'Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb,' is a joyful welcome of the child to come. Bringing new life into the world through pregnancy and birth is one of the most awesome human experiences. How have you experienced this for yourself or in someone close to you? 2. The image of the pregnant Mary going a distance to visit her cousin is a symbol of willingness to look beyond one's own needs to the needs of others. When have you witnessed that kind of generosity in others, or have been able to act in this way yourself? 3. Mary is praised for her faith, because she believed the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled. In what ways have you experienced blessings from your faith and trust in God's promises?

**"Happy Christmas"**

*Every Blessing, Peace and Happiness To  
All Families In Our Parish This Christmas.*

*A Warm Welcome To All  
Who Are Visiting Our Parish  
For The Festive Season.*

