

## **PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

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**Saturday 1 / 2 February 2020 'Presentation of the Lord'**

### **Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 1 Feb.:** 8pm (A) John & Joe Sheil.

8pm (A) Marion Whyte.

**Mon. 3 Feb.:** 8pm St. Bláise – Blessing of Throats.

**Tues. 4 Feb.:** 9.30am.

**Wed. 5 Feb.:** 9.30am

**Thurs. 6 Feb.:** 9.30am.

**Fri. 7 Feb.:** No Mass.

**Sat. 8 Feb.:** 8pm (A) Doc. Patrick Connors.

### **Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 2 Feb.:** 9.30am.

**Fri. 7 Feb.:** No Mass.

**Sun. 9 Feb.:** 9.30am.

### **Mass Servers:**

**Saturday:** Group 4.

### **Readers:**

**Saturday:** Teresa Casey.

### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Saturday:** Kathleen Slattery & Eugene Casey.

**February:** Bernie Egan.

### **Sunday Collection Teams:**

**Sunday 2 Feb.:** Team C. **Sunday 9 Feb.:** Team D.

**Lotto No's: 7, 14, 17, 22. Jackpot: €8,500. No Jackpot Winner:**

**Next Draw:** 1/2 in The Wren, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Vincent Garvey, Melissa Forde, Mary Mullins, Carol Hogg, Alan Dervan.

**Fit4Life:** Sat. 10am sharp for all ages/abilities. **Ireland Lights**

**Up/GAA/ Healthy Ireland/Operation Transformation** at The Clubhouse Tues. 7.45-8.45pm. A great opportunity to get out walking in a safe environment/enjoy the company of friends. All are welcome.

**Club Membership:** If you wish to renew your membership or become a member of Tommy Larkins you can do so now online or at Registration Night @ The Clubhouse on Friday 7 Feb. 7-9pm. Details on Club Website/Facebook page.

### **Holy Hour Of Adoration In Ballinakill Church:**

Each Wednesday evening 8 – 9pm.

### **Ballinakill Hall Events: Meditation Class – Need Time To Relax:**

Thursdays 8pm for 1 hour (in the Kitchen). Scientifically proven to reduce Stress/Anxiety. Increase mental clarity. Pay as you go €10.

A cup of tea afterwards. All are welcome. **Progressive 25 Card**

**Game:** Thursdays at 8.30pm. All are welcome.

### **Blessing Of Throats:**

Derrybrien: After 9.30am Mass on Sunday. Ballinakill: After 8pm Mass on Monday.

### **Visits To The Sick And Housebound Postponed:**

Until next week.

### **Turf For Sale – Small Loads:**

Builder's Trailer 8'x4'. Tel: 087 0921194.

### **Annual Lourdes Collection Taken Up At Masses This Weekend:**

This collection helps towards helping sick/staff to travel on Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which this year takes place 14 – 19 August.

### **Ballinakill Hall Committee AGM Monday 17 Feb. @ 8pm:**

In Ballinakill Hall. ALL are welcome.

### **New Ministers of The Eucharist Currently Being Recruited In:**

Our Deanery Area. Training will be in March. Please consider becoming one if your faith is strong and you a belief in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

### **Mercy College Woodford Junior Camogie Team Connacht C Champions:**

Will play Firhouse Community College in the All Ireland Colleges Quarter Final in Firhouse, Dublin, Monday 3 Feb. 1.30pm, all support welcome. We wish our talented girls every success.

### **Can You Spare 2/3 Hours Per Week? Western Alzheimers Are Looking:**

For volunteers. Meetings: Ard Ri Hotel, Tuam 4 Feb. Menlo Park Hotel, 5 Feb. Sheer Water Hotel, Ballinasloe 6 Feb. ALL at 11am. Info: Tel: 091 565193.

### **Annual Service Of Remembrance For Parents Who Have Experienced:**

Bereavement through the loss of their baby or child will be held in Portiuncula Hospital Chapel on Monday 3 February at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served afterwards

### **Youth 2000 Annual St Valentines Fundraiser Ball In Naas 8 Feb:**

<http://youth2000.ie/youth-2000-st-valentines-fundraising-ball-2020/>

### **Beginning Experience Weekend For People Who Have Lost A Spouse:**

Through death/divorce/separation 3-5 April at Redemptorist Centre Esker, Athenry. Tel; Maureen 087 6646896 or Mary 087 9384446.

### **Music & Prose In The Loughrea Library Sunday 2 Feb. 7pm Sharp:**

In aid of Carers Association (Loughrea Branch). Featuring, The Grey Lake Quartet, Jonny Pollock & Tony Callanan Admission Free . All donations appreciated, Wine & finger food served. Please support this worthy Charity

### **Faithcast Weekly Podcast From catholicnews.ie Source For The Irish:**

Catholic Bishops' Conference. Presented by Brenda Drumm. A mixture of interviews/news from the Catholic Church in Ireland. Visit [www.audioboom.com/posts/7491646-faithcast-episode-71](http://www.audioboom.com/posts/7491646-faithcast-episode-71) Broadcast each week on Tues./ Fri. on the digital radio station *Radio Maria* and is broadcast daily at 10am on EWTN Catholic Talk Radio for Britain and Ireland.

### **Aerobics Continues In Abbey Hall Thursday Nights @ 7.30pm:**

Tel: Noel @ (087) 9379563 for further details.

### **Clonfert Diocese's Schools Public Speaking Competition St. Raphael's:**

Loughrea 7.30-10pm Tues. 4 Feb. [www.creideamh.ie/youth](http://www.creideamh.ie/youth) All welcome.

### **Time To Ponder The Lord's Prayer? Short Course Begins In Family:**

Centre, B/sloe, 8-9.15 pm Sunday 2 Feb. See [www.creideamh.ie/prayer](http://www.creideamh.ie/prayer) .

### **St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea Tel: 091 841387:**

email [freda.murphy@gretb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@gretb.ie) Word Processing Level 5 (basic Microsoft word processing knowledge required) starting 8 February 9.30am-1pm.

### **Active Retirement Clubs Throughout Ireland Guided Tour Of Berlin:**

3 days 8 May. Ex Dublin. 4 Star Hotel. Tel: Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800.

### **Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospel:**

1. It was a day that started without an expectation of anything unusual. Simeon & Anna set about making a visit to the Temple that had become part of their daily routine. Joseph & Mary were going to make the presentation of their child in the Temple, an optional but common practice of God-fearing parents. What started out as an ordinary day turned out to be a day with a meeting they would remember for a long time. Perhaps you too have had significant meetings on what you expected to be just an ordinary day? 2. Simeon acknowledged that not all would accept the light that would shine through Jesus and this rejection would be a cause of pain to Mary. It can be a source of pain to parents, teachers, church ministers, and all who work for others when some reject values, projects, or advice which would be for their good. Perhaps a sword has pierced your soul as well. What has helped you to maintain hope in such times? 3. Even within ourselves we can be aware of division, at times being open to the light of God and at other times resisting it. Have you known the pain of that struggle? What has helped you to keep seeking the light of God? 4. The final sentence speaks of Jesus as one who grew and became strong and was filled with wisdom. What has helped you to grow in wisdom? Have you seen others grow in wisdom through the experience of life? Recall times when you had a sense of growing up in some way. What brought that about? Think also of how you have seen growth in another person.