

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 14 / 15 March 2020 '3rd Sunday Of Lent'

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Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 14 Mar.: 8pm.

Mon. 16 Mar.: 9.30am.

Tues. 17 Mar.: 9.30am.

Wed. 18 Mar.: 9.30am.

Thurs. 19 Mar.: 9.30am.

Fri. 20 Mar.: 8pm

Sat. 21 Mar.: 8pm

Masses - Derrybrien:

No Mass.

Mass Servers:

None.

Readers:

None.

Eucharistic Ministers:

None.

Sunday Collection Teams:

None.

Lotto No's: 2, 8, 29, 30. Jackpot: €9,100. No Jackpot Winner:

Next Draw: 14/3 in Elsie's, Woodford. **Win/Share €150:** Cancer Care West.

CORONAVIRUS – Covid-19:

As you are aware, all Public Masses in the Diocese are cancelled until further notice, **including** St. Patrick's Day.

You are encouraged to pray at home and indeed to visit the Church at anytime which will be left open, to pray and light a candle.

I will offer Mass privately in **Ballinakill Church** at the usual times **Monday – Friday 9.30am, Friday 8pm and Saturday 8pm.** You can tune in to your Radio on **107 fm** frequency.

Please pray for each other at this difficult and extraordinary time in our world and country.

If anyone wants to contact Fr. Pat, about any matters, please feel free to ring me. If anyone requires a visit to sick, let me know please. I am still available with the usual precautionary hand washing and using cotton wool for anointing, etc.

Webcam For Loughrea Cathedral Where You Can See Mass:

Live Online. www.clonfertdiocese.ie.

Galway Bay FM Are Broadcasting Mass On Sunday Morning:

At 11.30am.

Trócaire Boxes Available In The Churches To Be Used During:

Lent in our homes, as a way of supporting those less fortunate in our world.

NO PRIGRESSUVE 25 CARD GAME IN BALLINAKILL HALL:

Until further notice due to the **Cornavirus.**

******* Any Other Items Published On This Newsletter:**

May or may not go ahead but we haven't been informed otherwise.

Coffee Morning Sun. 15 Mar. McCarthy's Bar 12 Noon In Aid Of:

Ballyturn N.S. Parents Association/Gort Cancer. Please support.

Take Short Term Pledge For Lent: www.pioneerassociation.ie

Small fee applies if you want Pioneer emblem/registration card.

Bereavement Charities Anam Cara In Collaboration With Féileacáin:

And Pieta House are hosting a Bereavement Support Evening in Galway on Tuesday 24 March at the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway.

Introduction To Beekeeping 6 Wk Course Shragh Community Centre:

Woodford, Thurs. 26 March 8-9pm. Cost: €40. An enjoyable/exciting insight into basic beekeeping. Info./register: Tel: Mary 087 6152668.

Sunday Tune Swap In Orchard Centre Gort Tel: [Brid 087 9445876:](tel:0879445876)

11am-1pm (doors open 10.45am) 22 Mar. 5/19 Apr. New faces welcome to learn a new tune with us. Break followed by a lively session of music/song!

Gort Community School Celebrating 25 Years Mass In St. Colman's:

Church, Gort Fri. 27 Mar. 7.30pm. Followed by commemorative 'Fusings' book/'Le Chéile', a music CD will be launched in O'Sullivan's Hotel, Gort from 9pm. On Sat. 28 Mar. there will be an Open Day in the school 2-4pm, includes a Hurling Match between past/current pupils/teachers. Reception in The Lady Gregory Hotel 7.30pm. All welcome to attend all events. Tickets for the reception in The Lady Gregory Hotel are for sale on Eventbrite.ie

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage To Hungary 15 - 21 Sept. Join Bishop:

Michael Duignan on the Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage. Visit Győr/Budapest. In Győr, you can venerate Miraculous Painting of Our Lady of Consolation - the Weeping Madonna or the Irish Madonna. Info / book, Tel: Isabelle 091 841560. **Places are limited immediate booking advised.**

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.

Local Pilgrimage To Fatima Easter 8-13 April 5 Nights Full Board Day:

Trips to Santerim bleeding host took place/trip to Lisbon St. Anthony's Church /Baptismal Font. Ex Dublin. All Easter Ceremonies/Prayers/ Hungarian Stations of the Cross in Fatima. Tel: James Treacy 086 0572216.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel - Reflect:

There is nothing more powerful than watching from afar, someone going to confession/seeing the priest pray/offer forgiveness. There is a noticeable change in the penitent. You can almost see their burdens lifted. Their slate has been wiped clean and a fresh start beckons. God's mercy is always on offer. We are not meant to hold on to our sins or whatever is keeping us from a full relationship with God. It is healthy to be in right relations with God. This also extends to those to whom we need to offer an apology or seek forgiveness. Jesus reminds us to offer forgiveness 'from the heart'. Forgiveness begins when we realize in our heart that God's mercy is unending. Our Lenten path is one that will bring us to Calvary; even in his dying breath the thief asked for forgiveness. It is never too late. **Respond:** Being a Christian involves being able to forgive. Today, reflect on how forgiving you are as a person. Do you need to adjust anything in your life to make yourself more forgiving? Catholics are invited to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Consider arranging to go to confession during Lent. If you are a Christian, consider going to your local faith leader and asking for a prayer for forgiveness. Mercy has no boundaries.