

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 21 / 22 March 2020 '4th Sunday Of Lent'

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Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 21 Mar.: 8pm

Mon. 23 Mar.: 9.30am.

Tues. 24 Mar.: 9.30am.

Wed. 25 Mar.: 9.30am.

Thurs. 26 Mar.: 9.30am.

Fri. 27 Mar.: 9.30am

Sat. 28 Mar.: 8pm

Masses - Derrybrien:

No Mass.

Mass Servers:

None.

Readers:

None.

Eucharistic Ministers:

None.

Sunday Collection Teams:

None.

Lotto No's: 16, 17, 25, 26. No Jackpot Winner:

DRAW SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Win/Share

€150: Gerry Darcy.

CORONAVIRUS – Covid-19:

I will offer Mass privately in **Ballinakill Church** at the usual times **Monday – Friday 9.30am, 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.

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.

COVID-19 Support Line For Older People – ALONE Has:

Launched a national support line & additional supports for older people who have concerns/are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries/give advice/reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday-Friday 8am-8pm, by Tel: 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Radio Maria Ireland Broadcasting 24 Hours Each Day:

Daily Mass 10am from studio chapel, including Sundays. We are on TV Saorview, Channel 210. Download our free app for mobile devices through Website/Facebook page on the Listen Live link. Listen service 01 437 3277, cost of a call to a Dublin. You can join us on air to offer a message of support to the people of your diocese and to the Church in Ireland at this time, we would be very glad to facilitate you. We are keeping this difficult situation very close to our hearts in our prayer each day and especially as our 40 Days /Nights of Perpetual Adoration in our studio chapel for the Season of Lent.

NO PRIGRESSUVE 25 CARD GAME IN BALLINAKILL HALL:

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

Our Churches Are Open – Call To Say A Prayer :

Remember that during these days Churches throughout the Diocese of Clonfert will be open except during Mass times. Why not call to say a private prayer/light a candle /pick up Parish Newsletter/other spiritual material that may be available. Please obey the social distancing rule – keep at least two meters apart and don't congregate in close groups! If lighting a candle do so safely. Please pray for protection/for all those who are sick/for our medical staff who are working so hard/for our priests/pray for our civil leaders/for our scientists who are working to try and understand what is happening.

Diocese of Clonfert Prayers at Home when Gathering for Mass is not Possible:

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, prayers are available for use at home. Copies may be available in your local church/can be downloaded from the Clonfert Diocese Website www.clonfertdiocese.ie While they can be prayed at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish. **If, as a faith community, we cannot be together physically let us join together spiritually!**

Parishes Reaching Out: Bishop Duignan has urged all parish communities in the Diocese of Clonfert to organise themselves to reach out, as appropriate, to those in our community who are/who will be in need because of the current situation. It might mean mobilising groups of people to make appropriate contact with those who are living alone or isolated, offering to do some shopping/get medicines/run other errands or simply telephoning people to assure them that someone is there and cares.

Televised Mass or Mass via Webcam: Weekday Mass via Webcam at www.loughreacathedral.ie every day at 11am & 8pm. Mass broadcast every day on RTE news now at 10.30am.

Sunday Mass: Available every Saturday evening 8pm & Sunday 10am & 12 noon from Loughrea Cathedral via webcam. Galway Bay FM will broadcast Mass on Sunday at 11.30am. www.galwaybayfm.ie

Shannonside Radio will broadcast Mass at 10am. www.shannonside.ie

Keeping Connected: Why not visit Clonfert Diocese Facebook Page or follow Clonfert Diocese on Twitter.

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

A long story like the one we have today provides many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story and stay with what resonates with you. Some possible points of entry are: 1. The blind man was healed. Can you recall occasions when some blindness of yours was taken away and you could see in a new way? What was that experience like for you. 2. The Pharisees claimed to be the ones who could see, who knew where God was to be found, when in fact they were blind. It was the man born blind who showed himself open to seeing the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each attitude in us. What has helped you to be open to seeing the hand of God at work in your life? Who have been the Jesus people who have led you to this point? 3. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar, the disciples, the neighbours, the blind man's parents, and the Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

Happy Mother's Day Sunday 22 March:

To all Mother's in our Parish and to all Mother's in our country.
May God protect them and Bless them at this difficult time.