

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 5 / 6 December 2020 '2nd Sunday of Advent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 5 Dec.: 8pm (A) Mick, Mart & Willie Fallon.

8pm (A) Mattie Broderick.

Mon. 7 Dec.: 8pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception:

(A) Jimmy, Mary & Ann Neville

Tues. 8 Dec.: 9.30am Feast of Immaculate Conception.

Wed. 9 Dec.: 8pm (A) Ignis & Monica Tuohy.

Thurs. 10 Dec.: 9.30am.

Fri. 11 Dec.: 8pm Month's Mind: Mary Sheil.

Sat. 12 Dec.: 12 noon Month's Mind: Lucy Mahony.

8pm (A) Paddy Kennedy, Imelda Murphy & Deceased Family Members.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 6 Dec. 9.30am

Mon. 7 Dec. 7pm Vigil of Immaculate Conception.

Fri. 11 Dec.: 7pm (A) Kathleen Brown.

Sun. 13 Dec.: 9.30am (A) Mick & Kay Cunningham.

(A) Nonie & Jack Kelly.

Christmas Masses As Follows:

Christmas Eve: Thursday 24 December.

Ballinakill, 5pm. Derrybrien, 7pm. Ballinakill, 9pm.

Christmas Day: Friday 25 December.

Derrybrien, 9.30am. Ballinakill, 11am.

St. Stephen's Day Saturday 26 December:

Ballinakill, 12 noon. Vigil Mass 8pm.

Sunday 27 December:

Derrybrien, 9.30am.

Monday 28 December (Bank Holiday)

Ballinakill 12 noon.

Please pre-book which Mass you and your family would like to attend on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Numbers need to be monitored for each Mass. Please contact Fr. Pat.

Lotto No's: 10, 16, 17, 29. Jackpot: €11,900. No Jackpot

Winner: Next Draw: 6/12 in The Clubhouse. Win/Share €150:

Seán Burke, Eoin Fahy. Tickets; Available on KlubfunderLotto Site/Klubfunder app. Draw/results on Facebook Sun. @ 7pm.

www. klubfunder.com/Clubs_Larkins_GAA_Club_/lotto

Sincere Sympathy To The Family & Friends Of:

Bridget (Dilly) Rourke. May she rest in peace.

Church Renovation Work:

Any donations towards this work would be most appreciated.

Unwanted Clothes Collection Ballinakill Hall Fri. 11 Dec.:

Clothes/shoes/bed linen/belts/bags/handbags/curtains/laptops/mobile phones. Drop your bags outside Hall. Please support.

Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall Christmas Draw In The:

Community Hall **this Sun. 6 Dec.** Please return your tickets to the Parochial House/Committee Member. Please also return any **unsold** tickets for our records. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Remember. If you're not in you can't win!! Please have your tickets returned by **8pm sharp on Sun. 6 Dec.**

Timber & Kindling For Sale Bags Of Soft Wood/Hard Wood:

Curra area. Tel: Keith 0873490787.

Priests' Christmas Collection Is Due:

Next weekend.

Online Holy Hour – Refugees/Asylum Seekers Mon. 14 Dec.:

8 - 9pm. www.creideamh.ie/refugee-prayer . All are welcome.

We Really Appreciate Your Support To Not Just Our Local Business:

But to all of the local businesses that stock with us. Shopping local for Christ-mas? Kylemore Farmhouse farm shop & café, Abbey, open every Fri./Sat./Sun. 10am-4pm. Need a Christmas gift idea? Pre-built/build your own hamper with award winning cheeses/locally sourced goods. Tel: 0838455272, email kylemorefarmhousecheese@gmail.com Book/pay securely online.

In Hopeful Expectation: Advent Prayers At Home In Time of Pandemic:

Each Advent, we are invited to set aside some extra time/space for prayer/reflection/good works. The restrictions in place means that we may not be in a position to gather as usual for our religious services. This challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith/praying in our homes. Guide to assist available from: www.clonfertdiocese.ie / Facebook /Twitter.

Esker Annual Healing Mission Online Mon. 7 Dec. To Fri. 11 Dec. 8pm:

www.redemptoristsesker.ie via webcam Tel: 091 844549. www.eskerreds.ie www.churchservices.tv/esker

ALONE COVID-19 Support Line For Older People – Manage A National:

Support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff available to answer queries/give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by Tel: **0818 222 024.**

Cope Galway Domestic Abuse 24-hr Confidential Helpline 091 565985:

Older people who need to stay home to protect themselves/homeless families /individuals/inc. those in emergency accommodation. Women/children experiencing domestic abuse. We need your help to continue supporting vulnerable people in our community who are most affected by Covid-19.

St. Brendan's Ed. Centre, Loughrea: Places On Following Courses:

QQI Level 5 Communications commences Wed. 20 Jan. 6.30 to 9.30pm.
QQI Level 5 Safety & Health commences Wed. 13 January, 9.30am to 1pm.
QQI Level 5 Nutrition commences Thurs. 14 Jan. 1.30-4pm. Infection Prevention Control Thurs. 25 Feb. 9.30am-1pm (**note; change from previous advertisement**). QQI Level 5 Spreadsheets Fri. 15 Jan. 9.30am-1pm. QQI Level 4 Culinary Skills & Level 5 Hospitality Operations in Feb. days /date/times are not decided yet. Please email: john.melville@gretb.ie Tel: 087 9332033. freda.murphy@gretb.ie Centre no 091 841387.

Woodford Parish Dev. 8 Participants For Community Biodiversity:

Training Programme from Woodford/surrounding areas to attend 10 hrs training starting in Jan., takes in all aspects of Heritage in Woodford/how this Heritage interacts with Bio-diversity. At the end our training group will work together to create a Biodiversity Plan for Woodford, followed by targeted skills training based on your plan e.g. if you had in your plan that you wished to create a community orchard you would get targeted training in that. Together with the organisers, BurrenBeo, we will present them in a final showcase/celebration entitled "Communities for Biodiversity" in June 2021.

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens of The Gospel - John The Baptist:

1. Is presented as a messenger to prepare the way for Jesus. Who have been messengers to you, preparing the way for the Lord by alerting you to ways in which you could improve your life? To whom have you been such a messenger? 2. In recent days there are many and conflicting voices advising us on how best to deal with the threat of the Covid-19 pandemic. What messengers have helped you to find a way of combining due care with living a full life? 3. John calls the people to repentance (= a change of heart), as a way to a new life. Can you recall times when you had a change of heart/ the change led to new life for you? 4. John baptised people with water as a gesture to mark their change of heart. Sometimes we perform an action to symbolise our change of heart; write a letter/throw away our last cigarettes, etc. Can you remember a symbolic gesture with which you marked a change of heart?