

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 18 / 19 March 2023 '4th Sunday Of Lent'

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 18 Mar. 8pm (A) Tommy, Jenny & Tony Kelly, Pat Joe Dervan.

Mon. 20 Mar.: 9.30am.

Tues. 21 Mar.: 9.30am.

Wed. 22 Mar.: 8pm.

Thurs. 23 Mar.: 9.30am.

Fri. 24 Mar.: 8pm Mary Daly – nee Dervan.

Sat. 25 Mar. 8pm (A) Gerry & Katie Shiel & Deceased Family Members.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 19 Mar.: 9.30am (A) Bridie & Matt Kelly.

Fri. 24 Mar.: 7pm.

Sun. 26 Mar.: 9.30am.

Eucharistic Minister:

Ballinakill: Saturday 25 March; Kathleen Slattery.

Altar Servers:

Saturday 18 Mar.: Group 1. Saturday 25 Mar.: Group 2.

Lotto No's: 6, 8, 15, 21. Jackpot: €10,900. No Jackpot Winner:

Win/Share €150: Joe Slattery, David Keane, Martina Hurley, Rosanne Flynn, Lizzy Flynn, Fearghal Egan. **Next Draw:** 19/3 in The Clubhouse. Tickets online; <https://t.co/Hy4dlTEwmj> <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/> usual outlets. Draw/results; Facebook Sun. 7pm. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Club. Tickets may be purchased online up to 6pm on the evening of the draw.

Tommy Larkin's Monster Auction: Sponsored by Conroy's Agri Supplies will take place in Walshe's bar & restaurant 25 March Viewing begins 3pm. Auction 5pm sharp. All are welcome

Preparation Ceremony For Confirmation Children / Parents:

In Ballinakill Church on Tuesday 28 March at 7pm.

LEADER Meeting Galway Rural Development Will Be:

Continuing their LEADER community consultations in Loughrea Mon. 20 Mar. in Lough Rea Hotel, at 7:30pm. GRD would like to hear ideas of citizens from the wider Loughrea area on priorities for the new programme. Consultations are free to attend/all welcome.

Emigrant Collection Envelope Taken Up At Masses Over The:

Weekend which goes towards supporting Irish people abroad who are in need of assistance of any kind.

Davitt's Camogie 50/50 Winner: €813, Dylan Donoghue:

Leitrim. Tickets: Local shops & pubs, Klubfunder. Thanks for your support. Tickets: Local shops/pubs or www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/DavittsCamogie Club TicketSales

30th Abbey Duniry Scouts Cash For Clobber Collection – Any:

Unwanted clothes/shoes/bags/duvet covers/curtain etc., can be dropped at the Waldorf Hall Fri. 24 Mar. 9am-9pm. If the time doesn't suit please Tel: Josephine 086 3069472. We would also like to say "Thank you" to everyone who came out/supported table quizzes/events held recently by the group; hugely appreciated.

Western Alzheimer's Currently Recruiting Healthcare:

Assistants in the community throughout the West. These positions are available on our Community Employment Project. If you would like to find out more, please Tel: 090 662 7816 or email us at roscommon@westernalzheimers.ie.

Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall 4 Week Pilates Course:

Starting Wednesday 22 March. €30. Bring your own mat. Booking essential. Tel: Maura 0877942567.

Knights of St Columbanus In Conjunction With Diocesan Committee:

For the Preparation/Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation have organised an Evening for Parents of Children Preparing for First Holy Communion 8 - 9.30pm Thurs. 23 March, Ballroom, Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe. Presenter; Dr. Dan O'Connell, Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Booking email: office@clonfertdiocese.ie **Workshop for Teachers of First Communion Children/their Principals** 3.15-5.15pm Mon. 27 Mar. Forester Suite, Gullane's Hotel, Ballinasloe. Presenter; Sr Anne Neylon DC, Diocesan Advisor for Religious Education, Archdiocese of Dublin and writer of the Grow in Love Religious Education Programme. Booking email: office@clonfertdiocese.ie

Lenten Scripture Initiative Drawing On St. Paul's Letters To The:

Corinthians in Clonfert Family Centre Ballinasloe 8- 9.15/30pm. www.creideamh.ie/lent2023 Early booking advised/places limited.

Tommy Larkin's Job Vacancy Administration Assistant Required For:

Their Sports Club Woodford. Position based at Clubhouse. Duties Inc. assisting with preparing various reports/assisting in the preparation of financial recording/planning for initiatives such as fundraising/lotto subscriptions etc. Info; <https://jobsireland.ie/en-US/job-Details?id=2260381>

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament In Ballinakill Church:

Wednesdays 8-9pm. All are welcome.

Seamus O'Kelly Players 'The Real McCoy' Thurs. 23 March:

Sat. 25/Sun. 26 Mar. Temperance Hall, Loughrea, 8pm. Tickets €10; T.L. O'Brien's Main St. Loughrea, €12/door. Tel: 083-8633796.

Online Banking BIC/IBAN Numbers 2 Parish Bank Accounts:

Account 1; Allied Irish Bank for day-to-day running of the parish. BIC; AIBKIE2D. IBAN; IE90 AIBK 9374 2800 9500 11. **Account 2;** Bank of Ireland. Priests Revenue. BIC; BOFIE2D. IBAN; IE85 BOFI 9039 4716 7925 91. Please include name/Envelope No. so we can identify you.

Our Lady of Clonfert Church Mass Wed. 7pm For Lent:

Mass Sun. 6.30pm with Stations of the Cross for duration of Lent.

The Lens Of The Gospel; - A Long Story Like The One We Have Today:

Provided many different points of entry for prayer. Read the story/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/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 see the hand of God at work in what happened. There can be some of each 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. The Pharisees seem to have had a collective blindness that blocked them from seeing what God was doing in Jesus. Perhaps in today's world you can see examples of collective blindness when people want to avoid an awkward truth, e.g. about the damage being done to our planet by human activity. 4. There are many characters in the story: Jesus, the blind beggar/ disciples / neighbours / blind man's parents / Pharisees. Put yourself in the position of each one and see what you learn from identifying with them.

Happy Mother's Day Sunday 19 March:

To all Mother's In Our Parish

And To All Mother's In Our Country