

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

**PORTUMNA FAITH COMMUNITY AREA**

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**Saturday / Sunday 17 / 18 February 2024 '1st Sunday Of Lent'**

**Webcam Ballinakill Church; https://churchmedia.tv/ballinakill**

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 17 Feb.: 8pm (A) Connie Moroney, Baby Lauren.**

**Mon. 19 Feb.: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 20 Feb.: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 21 Feb.: 8pm (A) Bob Fox.**

**Thurs. 22 Feb.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 23 Feb.: 8pm (A) Thomas & Bridie Fahy, Hubert Fahy, Culleen.**

**Sat. 24 Feb.: 8pm (A) Christy & Joseph Bruton.**

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 18 Feb.: 9.30am (A) Terence Headd.**

**Fri. 23 Feb.: 7pm.**

**Sun. 25 Feb.: 9.30am (A) Sarah 1st Anniversary & Pete Slattery.**

**Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 17 Feb.: Cepta Rourke. Sat. 24 Feb.: Phil Flynn.**

**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday 17 Feb.: Group 4. Saturday 24 Feb. Group 1.**

**Lotto No's: 3, 9, 20, 22. €2,800. No Jackpot Winner: Win/Share**

**€150:** Martin Kelly (Lahile), Christy Curley. **Next Draw:** 18/2 in The Clubhouse. Tickets on-line; <https://t.co/Hy4dITEwmj> [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/usual\\_outlets](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/usual_outlets). Draw/results; Facebook Sun. 7pm. Thank you for your on-going support.

**Davitt's 50/50 Draw: Congratulations; Eileen Whyte, Woodford:**

Winner of €600 in last week's draw. Next draw; Mon. 19 Feb. Tick-ets; local shops/pubs/online; [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/Ticket\\_Sales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/Ticket_Sales). Thanks for your continued support.

**New Pastoral Council Meeting Will Take Place In The:**

Parochial House on Monday 26 February at 8pm.

**Drim National School Cash For Clobber Recycling Collection:**

Wed.21 Feb. Please leave bags at the school the evening before.

**Lenten Collection Thank You Most Sincerely For Your:**

Contributions to this collection which goes towards central support services for our parishes e.g. Youth Ministry/Safeguarding Children /Vulnerable Adult Services/support to Primary/Secondary Schools /In Service for Clergy/Pastoral Development & Renewal/Compliance with Charity Regulation/Family Ministry/Charitable Outreach etc. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG Is Currently:**

Recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training/will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Tel: Aisling 01 5053112 email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**Online Banking BIC/IBAN Numbers 2 Parish Bank Accounts:**

AIB; Day-to-day running costs. BIC; AIBKIE2D IBAN; IE90 AIBK 9374 2800 9500 11. BOI. Priests Income. BIC; BOFII2D IBAN; IE85 BOFI9039 47167925 91. Please put name/Envelope No. on the lodgement so we can identify you.

**Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall 6 Week Pilates Course:**

Starts Wed. 21 Feb. €60. Places available in the 8.15pm class for both men/women with Gail Farrell Chartered Physiotherapist. Bring your own mat Please contact Mary to book a place 086 3203765.

**Parish Finance Committees In Service; During The Week They Met:**

With the Diocesan Auditor, Members of the Diocesan Office/Bishop Michael for their annual in service. We thank all those who are involved in this important area of parish life.

**Evangelium Ireland Hosts Next Apologetics Conference For Young:**

Catholics; St Patrick's College, Maynooth Sat. 16 March. Talks/workshops Inc. The Gift of the Priesthood, Intro to the Theology of Joseph Ratzinger/Christian Marriage/Female Authors of the Catholic Revival/Christian Metaphysics/St Patrick. Mass will also be celebrated. Cost: €38 inc. lunch/refreshments/evening social. View full programme/ register visit [www.evangelium.ie](http://www.evangelium.ie) 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite. Don't miss this great opportunity to learn/pray with other young Catholics!

**Interactive Lenten Scripture Initiative Drawing On The Riches Of:**

2<sup>nd</sup> half of St. Mark's Gospel takes place in Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59, for 6 Sundays 7.30–8.30/8.45pm. Tel: John 087 9068032. Everyone welcome.

**Irish Dancing Classes Every Thurs. Abbey Hall At 5pm Beginners/**

Improvers very welcome. Pay as you go. Fully insured/ Garda vetted Text Carol 087-6266870.

**Escorted Tour: Westport/Knock/Co Mayo 3 Mar. €799 PPS Price:**

Inc. 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner/Bed & Break -fast/Lunch/Snack on 2 days. Afternoon Tea at Ashford Castle. All entertainment/excursions/transport included. Visit Knock/Galway City/ Kylemore Abbey/Croagh Patrick/Cong. Single supplement on Enquiry. Tel: Patricia 094 9006426/087 1890 236 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

**Portumna Faith Community Area Pastoral Council/Finance:**

**Committee Meetings as follows:**

- 11 Mar. 7-9pm. What it means to be Parish? Bishop Michael Duignan.
- 17 April 7 - 9pm What it means to be a Parish Pastoral Council/ Parish Finance Committee Fr. Gerard McCarthy.
- 25 September 7-9pm. How are things going?

**Portumna Further Ed. Centre St. Brigid's Rd. Part-time Courses:**

Feb.–May. [sheila.donnellan@greb.ie](mailto:sheila.donnellan@greb.ie) Tel: 091 847850. Online Reg. [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie) /call in. [michael.cunniffe@greb.ie](mailto:michael.cunniffe@greb.ie) 086 0617 9 4 5.

**Lens Of The Gospel; Jesus; He Is About To Start His Public Ministry:**

1. Mark tells us this was preceded by a deep inner struggle when his resolve to take on his God-given mission was tested. Recall important decisions in your own life. Were they accompanied by struggle/doubt? Who were the angels who supported you at that time? Give thanks for them. 2. Such periods of anxiety may seem like wilderness experiences at the time. Later, with hindsight, we may see them as being good for us. Perhaps, like Jesus, you recall a time when the Spirit of God led you into the wilderness to be tested/after the experience you had a clearer sense of your own identity or your purpose in life. 3. Repent/believe the good news was the heart of the message of Jesus. It was not a call to penance but to a change of heart/change of attitude/leading to a change in behaviour. The kingdom of God is a kingdom of right relationships: with God, with one another/creation/ourselves. It is a change that leads to a fuller life. When have you found that a change in your attitude towards God/others/yourself/the world around you, has led you to a more fulfilled/fruitful life? 4. There is an immediacy about the call of Jesus: 'the time is fulfilled/the kingdom of God has come near'. Recall when you had a realisation that NOW was the moment of opportunity – for a change in your life/spiritual renewal/ or a time to give a wholehearted yes to life. At this moment to what do you believe you are invited to say 'yes'?