

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 4 / 5 May 2024 '6th Sunday Of Easter'

Webcam Ballinakill Church: <https://churchmedia.tv/ballinakill>

Masses - Ballinakill:

Sat. 4 May: 8pm (A) Edward & Johanna Kennedy & Deceased Family Members.

Mon. 6 May.: 9.30am.

Tues. 7 May.: 9.30am.

Wed. 8 May: 8pm (A) Joe Rourke & Katie Fitzpatrick.

Thurs. 9 May: 9.30am.

Fri. 10 May: 8pm (A) Tim, Annie & Elizabeth Hooban.

Sat. 11 May: 8pm (A) Helen Murphy.

Masses - Derrybrien:

Sun. 5 May: 9.30am (A) James Kelly.

Fri. 10 May: 7pm.

Sun. 12 May: 9.30am (A) Madge Gallagher.

Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:

Sat. 4 May: Kathleen Slattery. **Sat. 11 May:** Eugene Casey.

Altar Servers:

Saturday 4 May: Group 2. **Saturday 11 May:** Group 3.

Lotto No's: 10, 19, 29, 30. €3,900. No Jackpot Winner: Win/Share

€150: Donation to Woodford Community Games Group. **Next Draw:** 5/5 in The Clubhouse Tickets on-line; <https://t.co/Hy4dITewmjh> <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/usualoutlets>. Draw/results; Facebook Sun. 7pm. Thank you for your on-going support.

Tommy Larkins GAA Club Fundraiser Raffle; With Some:

Fantastic prizes up for grabs. Draw takes place in the clubhouse on **11 May**. You can purchase your tickets from any player/committee member/following link https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Tommy_Larkins_GAA_Club/TicketSales

Altar Society – May:

Ballinakill: Niamh Fahy, Edel Conway. **Derrybrien:** Ailish Headd & Teresa McDermott.

Sacrament Of First Holy Communion In Ballinakill Church:

On Saturday 18 May at 12 noon.

Clonfert/Galway Pilgrimages To Knock Sun.19 May Begins:

2.30pm with the celebration of the Sacrament of the sick followed by the celebration of Eucharist 3pm & Rosary Procession.

Clonfert Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes Under The:

Leadership of Fr. Patrick Conroy **7-12 Aug.** Departing Shannon airport. Further enquiries Society Travel 090 9645350 087 9479141.

Priests Retirement Fund; Thank You For Your Donation To:

This collection which looks after the retired Priests of the Diocese.

Davitt's 50/50 Draw Congratulations; Richie Coughlan:

Woodford, winner €560 last weeks draw. Next draw; Mon. 16 May. Tickets available; local shops/pubs/online www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales Thanks for your support.

The Missionary Sisters Of St. Peter Claver Will Visit Our Parish:

On the weekend of 18/19 May to appeal on behalf of the missions. They will speak at all Masses about Sisters' work/any support from parishioners will be gratefully appreciated. Donations over the phone 01 490 9360.

Yoga/Gentle Mobility 6 Week Programme In Derrybrien:

National School 8.30pm. Tel: Yvonne 087 6684950 for more info.

McCormack's Curra May Bank Holiday Music Sunday 5:

By Paul Watchorn 8 – 10pm. All Are Welcome.

Meals4Health; A Social Enterprise Of COPE Galway: Delivers:

Fresh delicious affordable meals to your door. Suited to the dietary requirements of the older person. Tel: 091 354000 or visit www.meals4health.ie Special/modified dietary requirements catered for. Nationwide delivery available.

Low Cost Reflexology Appointments Available Wed. Evenings:

Loughrea Family Resource Centre. Can help with migraine/stress /blood pressure/arthritis/low energy/PMS. Tel: Julie 087 280 2825.

Darkness Into Light; 4:15am Sat. 11 May Starting/Returning To:

Emerald Ballroom. Register/donate online at darknessintolight.ie or on the morning of the walk, 3-4am in the Emerald Ballroom.

Pro Life Rally Dublin 6 May Book Your Free Place On The Galway:

For Life bus travelling to the March. Tel: Aisling O'Rourke 085 7474185 Luc Debonnet 087 904 4174 to book your seat!

VHI Women's Mini Marathon June Bank Holiday Weekend Arthritis:

Ireland want to build a strong team of fundraisers to represent us/raise vital funds to support essential services. <https://www.arthritisireland.ie/vhi-womens-mini-marathon-2024> Fundraising team; fundraising@arthritisireland.ie 01 6618188 for info. #VhiWMM #vhiwomensmini marathon

Youth 2000 Connaught Retreat Calasancius College Oranmore:

10–12 May. Workshops/talks/testimonies/music/prayer/time to relax/ meet others. Donation only, 16-35yrs. Book/info; www.youth2000.ie connaught@youth2000.ie

ALONE Volunteers In Galway/Surrounding Area For Older People:

Who need befriending for 1 hr per week/Tel: support for 2 hrs per week, to help older people combat loneliness/isolation. Tel: 086 01 35043. paul.stafford@alone.ie <https://alone.tfaforms.net/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

All Ireland Rosary Rally 1 June In Knock; The Day Begins With:

Marian Conference 9.30am in St. John's Centre. A well renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk 1pm in the Basilica. Stations of the Cross outside at 2pm, followed by the Rosary Procession. Bishop Phonsie Cullinan will be the Main Celebrant of the 3pm Concelebrated Mass includes Anointing of the Sick. Confessions available throughout the day. Rosary/scapular making workshops in the marquee. Info./see list of buses going from around Ireland www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com

VAKS Programme: Knock Youth Ministry Applications For VAKS:

Volunteers for a weekend in July/Aug. www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine Tel: 094 9375321 youthministry@knockshrine.ie

Cycle Against Suicide; In A Drive To promote Peer-Support As A:

Vital link in mental health awareness/suicide prevention, offers its training in Mental Health Peer-Support Programme free of charge to any community volunteer. Online via Zoom 7-10pm 4 evenings over 2 weeks To register: www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy email: training@cycleagainstsucide.com

Lens Of The Gospel: A Commandment Of Love Is Something Of A:

1. Contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another; a spontaneous embrace from a husband/wife; A wave from a friend; Words of comfort/affirmation not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete. 2. Often friendship/love make demands on us. Parents give freely of their times/energy to the care of their children but sometimes it requires a lot of effort. Also, in responding to the needs of friends/spouses we can be challenged to 'lay down' our own 'lives' at least for a time. Can you recall when a time when putting yourself out for others bore fruit for them/you? 3. 'I chose you'. Have you had the experience of being 'chosen' by someone? What was it like for you to be chosen? What is it like for you to consider yourself as one chosen by Jesus? That is what we are – chosen by Jesus and commissioned to bear fruit through our love.