

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

**PORTUMNA FAITH COMMUNITY AREA**

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**Saturday / Sunday 13 / 14 April 2024 '3rd Sunday Of Easter'**

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

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 13 Apr.: 8pm (A)** Pat Joe Dervan, Jenny & Tommy Kelly.  
Tony & Dermot 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary;

**Mon. 15 Apr.: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 16 Apr.: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 17 Apr.: 9.30am.**

**Thurs. 18 Apr.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 19 Apr.: 9.30am.**

**Sat. 20 Apr.: 12 noon;** (A) Deceased Members of Boland Family.  
**8pm (A)** Joe Fahy, Brigid, Francie & Ivor Henderson.

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 14 Apr.: 9.30am (A)** Sonny Gallagher & Deceased Family Members.

**Fri. 19 Apr.: 7pm (A)** Johnny McMahon.

**Sun. 21 Apr.: 9.30am (A)** Susan Kelly, Miko Kelly Michael Jnr.

**Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 13 April:** Ann Neville. **Sat. 20 April:** Marion Sheil.

**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday 13 April:** Group 3. **Saturday 20 April:** Group 4.

**Lotto No's: 11, 25, 29, 31. €3,600. No Jackpot Winner: Win/Share**

**€150:** Ability West Ash Services. **Next Draw:** 14/4 in The Clubhouse  
Tickets on-line; <https://t.co/Hy4dITEwmj> <https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/> usual outlets. Draw/results; Facebook Sun. 7pm. Thank you for your on-going support. Tommy Larkin's GAA Club fundraiser raffle, some fantastic prizes. Funds raised will go towards improving facilities/investing in players development. Purchase your tickets from any player/committee member/ [https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Tommy\\_Larkins\\_GAA\\_Club/TicketSales](https://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Tommy_Larkins_GAA_Club/TicketSales)

**First Holy Communion Preparation Mass Next Saturday:**

At 8pm in Ballinakill Church.

**Trócaire Boxes;**

Please return your Trócaire Box as soon as possible.

**Davitt's 50/50 Draw Congratulations Eamonn Riordan:**

Ballinakill, winner €620 in last weeks draw. Next draw: Mon. 15 Apr. Tickets; in local shops/pubs/online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) Thanks for your support.

**Final Call For Community Text Alert Registration 25 Apr.:**

8-9pm in Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall. Registration fee is €5 per household.

**The Synodal Explored Conference 19/20 Apr, Where Cardinal:**

Mario Grech, Sec. General of the Synod of Bishops will be the keynote speaker. Conference open to public/free of charge. [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) Tel: 094 9388100 [communications@knockshrine.ie](mailto:communications@knockshrine.ie)

**Loughrea Family/Community Resource Centre Vacancy Under:**

Community Employment Scheme for Caretaker/Cleaning Assistant (Ref. No: #CES-2329357). Closing Date 16 Apr. Participants must be in receipt of Social Welfare Payment for a minimum of 12 months. Contact your local Intreo/Social Welfare Office for eligibility/quote reference number. Tel: Maria Lyng CE Supervisor 086 7013951

**The Youth 2000 Connaught Retreat Calasanctius College:**

Oranmore, 10–12 May. Workshops/talks/testimonies/music/prayer /time to relax/meet with others. Donation only, 16-35yrs. Book/more info; [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie).

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

Meeting 17 Apr. 7-9pm what it means to be a Parish Pastoral Council/Parish Finance committee, Fr. Gerard McCarthy, St. Joseph's Centre, Killimor.

**ALONE Volunteers In Galway/Surrounding Area For Older People:**

Who need befriending for 1 hr per week/or telephone support for 2 hrs per week. Our program is designed to help older people combat lonely ness/isolation. We need your help more than ever. If this is something that interests you. Tel: 086 0135043. [paul.stafford@alone.ie](mailto:paul.stafford@alone.ie) <https://alone.tfaforms.net/f/ALONE-Volunteer-Expression-of-Interest-2021>

**Vigil Of Prayer For Vocations To the Diocesan Priesthood In The:**

Diocese of Clonfert to coincide with Vocations Sun. will take place directly after 8pm Mass until midnight on Sat. 20 Apr. in the Cathedral of St. Brendan, Loughrea. Please make a special effort to come/join us.

**Vocations Workshop:** Bishop Michael will lead a workshop for those who might be interested in Diocesan Priesthood in the Diocese of Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh/Kilfenora Sun. 28 Apr.2-6pm. Further Info: Fr. Ian O'Neill email [galwaypriesthood@gmail.com](mailto:galwaypriesthood@gmail.com) Tel: 087 2048497.

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

A Marian Conference 9.30am in St. John's Centre. Speakers; Fr. Michael Donnelly/Sr. Ana Margarita Lanzas SCTJM/Fr. Joseph Maria Deane CFR. Meet over 20 apostolates from around Ireland from 11.30am in St John' Centre. A well renowned speaker from Miami called Mother Adela Galindo will deliver the keynote Rosary talk 1pm in the Basilica. Then there will be 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 which will include Anointing of the Sick. Confessions available throughout the day. There will be rosary/scapular making workshops in the marquee. Info./see a list of buses going from around Ireland [www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://www.AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Shragh 6KM Run/Jog/Walk Sun. 14 Apr. 11am. Starting From The:**

Centre. Reg: 10–11.45am. Entry: Adults €10/Children €5. Family Discounts. Refreshments afterwards. All proceeds for the maintenance/upkeep of our Centre. Info phone/text Mary 087 6152668. All welcome.

**VAKS Programme: Knock Youth Ministry Applications For VAKS:**

An opportunity for young people in TY/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in July/Aug. This year we launch our new state of the art Youth Village! [www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knockshrine](http://www.knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knockshrine) Tel: 094 9375321 [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter All Married Couples Deserve WWME:**

Weekend 26–28 Apr. Focolare Centre Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Reg. [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie) Good Marriages can always be made better!

**Lens Of The Gospel: 'When We Are Not Expecting It To Happen:**

1. Even a good event can startle us. So, it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them/helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them. Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning/good news in life? 2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see the facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having. As a parent/teacher/friend/guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope/purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? Who has done this for you? 3. Jesus opened their minds to 'understand the scriptures'/the effect was transformative. Perhaps there have been times when a new/deeper understanding of scripture has had a transformative impact on you. Recall the experience/give thanks for those who opened the scriptures for you. 4. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone. When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience: recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure/disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt, etc?