

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**

**PORTUMNA FAITH COMMUNITY AREA**

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**Saturday / Sunday 13 / 14 January 2024 '2nd Sunday In Ordinary Time'**

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

**Masses - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 13 Jan.: 8pm (A) Brigid Rourke.**

**Mon. 15 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Tues. 16 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Wed. 17 Jan.: 8pm (A) Mary Ann, James, Catherine & Thomas Lyons.**

**Thurs. 18 Jan.: 9.30am.**

**Fri. 19 Jan.: 8pm (A) Ita & Jimmy Sheil, Conor Duane, Noah Broderick**

**Sat. 20 Jan.: 8pm (A) Ned & Gina Donohue, Teresa Curtin.**

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sun. 14 Jan.: 9.30am (A) Michael Jnr., & Raymond Rodgers.**

**Fri. 19 Jan.: 7pm.**

**Sun. 21 Jan.: 9.30am (A) Coleman Houlihan & Michael Gavin.**

**Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 13 January: Marion Sheil. Sat. 20 Jan.: Bernie Dervan.**

**Altar Servers:**

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

**Lotto No's: 1, 8, 22, 23. €2,300. No Jackpot Winner: Win/Share: €150:** John & Pauline McHugo, Noel Power. **Next Draw:** 14/1 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.

**Davitt's 50/50 Draw: Congratulations; Anne Rice, Coose:**

Winner of €626 in last week's draw. Next draw; Mon. 22 Jan. Tickets available in local shops/pubs or online at [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts\\_Camogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales) Thanks for your continued support

**Church Webcam; On 2 Or 3 Occasions Recently There Were:**

Issues with the Church Webcam due it seems to problems with the internet coverage especially during the stormy weather. The problem has been fixed now it is hoped. Just to re-iterate the Church Webcam is in use for public ceremonies only in church. It is not in use at times when nothing public is happening in the church. This is in accordance with G.D.P.R. Guidelines and to respect the privacy of individuals visiting the church. When using the webcam, click on the link at top of this newsletter or google Ballinakill Church Webcam. Click on Ballinakill Derrybrien and the camera should come on. If not, try a second time.

**Pilates In Ballinakill/Derrybrien Hall 7 & 8.15pm Classes With:**

Gayle Farrell, chartered physiotherapist. A way of exercising to improve strength/posture/flexibility/relaxation. Bring your own mat. To book Tel; Mary 086 3203765.

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

**Committee Meetings as follows:**

- 11 March 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?

**Sunday 26 May @ 12 Noon Formal Commissioning Ceremony:**

By Bishop Michael Duignan at St. Brendan's Cathedral Loughrea.

**Ladies Group Back In Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall:**

On Tuesday 16 January @ 11am. All are welcome.

**Progressive '45' Friday nights 8pm in Shragh Hall.**

**Celebrating Church Unity Week Interfaith Prayer Service Loughrea:**

Cathedral Sun. 21 Jan. 8pm. Preacher; Rev. John Godfrey Rector of Aughrim Union of Parishes, Archdeacon; Killaloe/Tuam. All Welcome.

**Parish Statistics: - During 2023:**

- We welcomed 18 children into God's Family.
- We Joined 2 couples in the Sacrament of Marriage.
- We paid our final respects to 11 parishioners.

**Pro Life Campaign Church Gate Collection 13/14 Jan.: We Promote:**

Defend human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. It also campaigns for resources to support/assist pregnant women/those in need of healing after abortion.

**Important Dates To Remember In 2024:**

**Easter Sunday:** 31 March. **First Holy Communion:** Saturday 18 May @ 12 noon. **Diocesan Pilgrimage To Lourdes:** 7 – 12 August.

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

AIB; BIC: AIBKIE2D. IBAN: IE90 AIBK 9374 2800 9500 11. BOI BIC: BOFIE2D. IBAN: IE85 BOFI 9039 4716 7925 91. **NB. Please give name/Envelope Number so we can identify you.**

**Information/Support; Birth Mothers Whose Babies Were Placed:**

For adoption may be found at [www.birthinginfo.ie](http://www.birthinginfo.ie) or by calling the relevant section of TUSLA at +353 818 445 500.

**Silent Retreat: "If You But Knew The Gift Of God" Preached By:**

Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock, 5–11 Feb. €540 full board Contact: Helen: 086 1678027/ [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com) [www.foyerofcharity.ie](http://www.foyerofcharity.ie) A privileged time to come away from noise/distractions/listen to the Spirit of God, - Who is Love/Silence /prayer/teachings/liturgy of the Church.

**Calling Pioneers/Friends to 25th Pioneer National Ball – An Evening:**

Of celebration / fun on Sat. 6 April. Mass at 6pm in The Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker/dinner/ music/dancing in Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities; Fri. night, Sat. / Sun. afternoons. Details/tickets Tel: Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

**St. Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea H62 T262:**

091-841387: Level 5: Hair Science, Intellectual Disability Studies, Care of Older Person, Activities of a Living patient, Customer Service, Train the Trainer part 2, SNA Level 5, Safety & Health, Retail Selling, Marketing Practice, Food & Nutrition Communications, Word Processing, Info: & Communications Systems Level 4/5. Level 3 Culinary Skills. [john.melville@gretb.ie](mailto:john.melville@gretb.ie)

**Lens Of The Gospel; John Pointed The Disciples Towards Jesus:**

1. As the one they should follow. Remember the people in your life who have pointed you in a new and life-giving direction? Perhaps in some cases this may have involved directing you away from your association with them, e.g., leaving home/changing jobs, etc. 2. Where do you live? Jesus did not respond to the question by giving the disciples his address. He invited them to come/experience where/how he lived. Discipleship is a lived experience. What experiences have helped you to learn how Jesus lived/what he was looking for in life? How has this attracted you to follow him? 3. What is your experience of gathering in small groups to learn to live like Jesus by listening to the gospel together? Where two or three are gathered in his name, Jesus is there with them. What group experiences have helped your faith to grow? 4. Andrew did not keep the good news to himself but also invited his brother to join him in following Jesus. What is your experience of receiving/giving, an invitation to join in some worthwhile venture?