

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 31 January 1 February 2026 '4th Sunday In Ordinary Time'

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

Masses – Ballinakill:

Sat.: 31 Jan.: 8pm 1st Anniversary; Mary Frances Donelan & Deceased Family Members.
Mon.: 2 Feb.: 9.30am. **Candles Will Be Blessed At This Mass.**
Tues.: 3 Feb.: 9.30am.
Wed.: 4 Feb.: 8pm 1st Anniversary; Bridget Geraghty. **Blessing of Throats.**
Thurs.: 5 Feb.: 9.30am.
Fri.: 6 Feb. 8pm (A) Annie, William, Liam & Rose Loughrey. Nellie Killeen.
Sat.: 7 February 8pm (A) Barry & Michael Shiel.

Masses – Derrybrien:

Sun.: 1 February 9.30am Month's Mind; Brigid McDermott.
Fri. 6 February 7pm **Blessing of Throats.**
Sun.: 8 February No Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:

Sat. 31 Jan.; Eugene Casey. Sat. 7 February; Margaret Tuohy.
Altar Servers:
Sat. 31 January: Group 3. Sat 7 February: Group 4.

Lotto No's: 3, 14, 21, 31. €5,900. No Jackpot Winner Win/Share

€150: Brendan & Irene Kemple, Tom McGarry, Teresa Garvey, Kathleen Garvey. **Next Draw:** 1/2 in The Clubhouse. Tickets on-line; <https://hubklubfunder.com/TommyLarkinsGAAClub/lotto> usual outlets. Draw/results; Facebook Sun. 7pm. Thank you for your on-going support.

Davitt's 50/50 Draw: Congratulations Helen Van Den Hoff:

Woodford, winner of €628 in last week's draw. **Next Draw:** Monday 9 Feb. Tickets available in local shops/pubs or online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/Davitts_Camogie_Club/TicketSales

Altar Society - February:

Ballinakill: Valerie Gardiner, Michelle Sheil, Rita Sheil.

Derrybrien: Margaret Slattery & Family

Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall Yoga Wed. 10am:

4-week block €40/drop in €12. Open to all ages/men/women Tel: 087 9047553 / talmhuwitholwyn@gmail.com **Also; Social Dancing**
Classes Niall Doohry; 5-week course. Mondays 8-9.20pm. €60/ €15 per night All are welcome.

Visits To The Sick And Housebound Of The Parish:

Will be made at the usual times next Friday.

St. Brigid's Crosses Available In The Church Porches:

To bring home with you.

Blessing Of Candles For Home Or Church Use At Monday:

Mornings Mass at 9.30am.

Blessing Of Throats At Wed. Evenings Mass In Ballinakill 8pm:

And at Friday evenings Mass in Derrybrien 7pm.

Clothes Collection Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall:

20 Feb. Clothes/belts/bags/shoes/curtains. **NO** Duvets /pillows. Bags can be left outside main door of hall any day. Thank you

Annual Lourdes Collection Will Be

Taken Up Next Weekend:

Which goes towards helping sick/staff to travel on Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes which this year takes place 29 June – 4 July.

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Online Banking BIC/IBAN Numbers 2 Parish Bank Accounts:

Allied Irish Bank; Day-to-day running of the parish. BIC; AIBKIE2D. IBAN; IE90 AIBK 9374 2800 9500 11. Bank of Ireland; Priests' Revenue. BIC; BOFIIE2D. IBAN; IE85 BOFI 9039 4716 7925 91. Please include name/Envelope Number so we can identify you.

The 5 First Saturdays Devotions; St. Michael's Church:

Ballinasloe beginning Saturday 7 Feb. 9.15am. All most welcome.

World Day For Consecrated Life. We Give Thanks For The Gift:

Of those who live out their Christian calling in religious orders/ religious communities. Their life/witness/work/prayer among us is deeply appreciated. Bishop Michael will host a special Gathering for All Religious in the Dioceses of Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh/ Kilfenora on Sunday 1 February Galway Cathedral at 12.30pm.

Anam Cara Galway Parent Support Evening For Bereaved:

Parents Wed. 4 Feb. 7.30pm, Maldron Hotel, Sandy Rd, Galway. Free/open to all. 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

St Brendan's Education Centre, Abbey St., Loughrea, 091 841387:

Hairdressing Taster Programme on presently from 3-6pm Tuesdays. Contacts: john.melville@gretb.ie or maureen.shea@gretb.ie

Small Steps/Big Impact Physical Activity For Cancer Risk:

Reduction. Irish Cancer Prevention Network are hosting a free World Cancer Day webinar Wed. 4 Feb. 12-1.15pm. To register for this free webinar www.hse.ie/cancerprevention Once registered, you can watch live or receive a link to watch back at a time that is convenient for you.

St. Francis Prayer Group Invite You To 'Life in Jesus Christ'

Seminars bringing you into a living relationship with Jesus by prayer/ music/teaching/fellowship Tues. 20 Feb. 7pm/7 weeks Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Details: Theresa on 086 3241269'

Solemn Novena; Galway Cathedral Solemn Novena Takes Place:

Mon. 2 - Tues. 10 Feb. Further Info. www.galwaycathedral.ie/novena

We Remember In Our Prayers For Those Who Are Beginning To:

Prepare for the celebration of the important Sacraments of 1st Confession/1st Holy Communion/Confirmation this year. We also remember their families/sponsors/teachers/entire parish community who will journey with them.

'Life In The Spirit' Seminars Every Tues. Until 3 March 7pm At:

Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe, H53 NX59. Guest speaker every week. All are welcome to come/see. Details: Theresa; 086 3241269

1 February St. Brigid, Abbess, Secondary Patron of Ireland:

The Mass has been central to the Irish Catholic identity/experience. Every small village has a chapel; Mass rocks dot the country from Penal times. Devotion to/the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was central to our cultural/religious self-understanding. Vocations to priesthood abounded to ensure the celebration of this Sacred Mystery /the other sacraments. Baptism has never formed the Irish Catholic imagination in the same way. Unlike many other European countries, no ancient baptismal sites have been found in our land. The contemporary emphasis on baptism as the foundation of Christian life/mission does not sit easily with Irish Catholicism. The 2nd Vatican Council intended to put an end to the pyramidal vision of the Church/to assert that all members of the Church are equal by reason of their baptism, prior to any subsequent differentiation. The term 'the people' has often been used to denote 'the laity'/'the faithful' besides the pope/bishops /priests/religious. Vatican II intended the term 'People of God' to refer to all the baptised, 'from the bishops to the last of the faithful lay people'.