

PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN

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Saturday / Sunday 28 February / 1 March 2026 '2nd Sunday Of Lent'

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

Masses – Ballinakill:

Sat.: 28 Feb. 8pm (A) Bridie & Eamon Dervan, Jimmy McCormack.

Mon.: 2 March: 9.30am

Tues.: 3 March: 9.30am.

Wed.: 4 March: 8pm (A) Thomas, Bridie & Hubert Fahy.

Thurs.: 5 March: 9.30am.

Fri.: 6 March 8pm (A) Margaret Martyn.

Sat.: 7 March 8pm (A) Christy & Joseph Bruton.

Masses – Derrybrien:

Sun.: 1 March 9.30am.

Fri.: 6 March 7pm.

Sun.: 8 March 9.30am.

Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:

Sat. 28 Feb. Marion Sheil. Sat. 7 March. Bernie Dervan.

Altar Servers:

Sat. 28 February: Group 3. Sat. 7 March: Group 4.

Lotto No's: 1, 4, 8, 12. €6,300. No Jackpot Winner Win/Share

€150: Liam & Edel Hanley, John O'Connor, Lily Hayes. Next Draw:

1/3 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: Noel Burke, Woodford, Winner Of €633:

In last week's draw. Next Draw: Monday 9 Mar. Tickets available in local shops/pubs or online at www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/DavittsC amogie_Club/TicketSales Thank you for your on-going support.

Trócaire Boxes Available In Church Porches Please Take One:

Home for each family and use it during Lent to help with supporting those most in need in our world.

Lenten Collection Goes Towards Central Support Services:

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. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Altar Society - March:

Ballinakill: Marie Moroney, Mary O'Connor, Ann Coughlan

Derrybrien: Hillary Cunningham & Family

Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh/Kilfenora Pilgrimage To Lourdes:

Any Young Person over 18 years of age who would like to travel as a helper on the pilgrimage 29 June–4 July, please contact me as soon as possible. The parish would help to sponsor one young person.

Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh/Kilfenora Pilgrimage To Lourdes:

Led by Bishop Michael Duignan. Departing Shannon 29 June for 5 nights. Further enquiries Tel: Society Travel, Ballinasloe 090 9645 350 or Joe Walsh Tours 01 2410 800.

Visits To The Sick And Housebound Of The Parish:

Will be made at the usual times next Friday 6 March.

Welcome Into God's Family:

Finn Benny James Sheils – Harte.

Congratulations To Tommy Larkins Junior B's On A Fantastic:

Win last weekend in the All-Ireland Semi-Final against Silvermines! The lads now march on to the All-Ireland Final, where they will face Ballybrown on Sun. 8 Mar. at 2.30pm. With Ballybrown being a local Co. Limerick side, we're calling on all our supporters to get right behind the team/management. Let's paint the community red & black/ /show our colours with pride! Your support on the day will make a huge difference. Best of luck to the players/management, we're all behind you. Thanks to our Junior B main sponsor; Quinn's Daybreak for their continuous support.

Make The Link; GRD/Department Of Social Protection Are Joining:

Forces to put together a series of FREE information events called 'Make the Link'. These events will take place across East Galway in March as part of National Work/Skills Week. They will bring together employers/education & training providers/Family Resource Centres/ local support services to share information/support individuals to move towards education/training/employment. There will also be information on the financial support/benefits available to you. The 1st event will be held in Loughrea on Friday 6 March 10am-1pm, in the Lough Rea Hotel & Spa. For more Info; please Tel: Freeda in GRD 087 3674568.

Pioneer Total Abstinence Association Of The Sacred Heart:

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie/ to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.

Ministry of Catechist/The Permanent Diaconate: – Would You Be:

Interested in serving in the Ministry of Catechist/the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses; Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh/Kilfenora. As part of a dynamic/creative team/in union with priests/deacons/parish pastoral councils/others. Catechists assist with the delivery of various faith development programmes/opportunities parish level/beyond. Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in charity to the poor/vulnerable /marginalised. They also provide a ministry of the Word in preaching in Church/officiating at certain liturgies/Ministry of the Altar, in assisting the celebrant at Mass/preparing people for/officiating at Baptisms/ Weddings. Both Ministry of Catechist/Permanent Diaconate involve a sizeable period of discernment/formation. Please Tel: Fr. Hugh Clifford, Tel. 091637154 / catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie before **4 Mar.**

Card Game O'Connors Moyglass Each Wednesday 8.30pm:

All are welcome.

Ballinakill/Derrybrien Community Hall Yoga Wednesday 10am:

4-week block €40/drop in €12. Open to all ages/men/women Tel: 087 9047553 talmhuwitholwyn@gmail.com

East Galway/Midlands Cancer Support Looking For New Board:

Members to help support our local charity. Tel: Brian Eccles 0909897 111. AGM takes place on the 4 March, 7pm in the centre's gym.

Anam Cara Galway Monthly Parent Support Evening Wed. 4 Mar.:

7.30pm for bereaved parents, Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Online support group meeting. Tel: 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

Home Based Computers Programme Benefiting Many Individuals:

To re-enter the workforce following an accident/period of illness. Course is free of charge. A laptop is also provided free of charge for duration of the course. It allows people the ability to study from home 3 days a week/support from tutorials 2 days a week in one of our centres.

The Hebrew Word 'Messiah' Means 'Anointed One' It Is Translated:

As 'Christos' in Greek. Christ means 'anointed one' /Christians are the 'anointed ones' who share in the messianic mission of Christ. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we who are reborn in the waters of baptism are anointed to proclaim the kingdom of God. The anointing 'Christifies' those who receive it as it bestows the gift of the Holy Spirit. Anointing with oil is a very ancient/important ritual in the Judeo-Christian tradition. The Jews anointed three categories of people: priests/prophets/kings. Christians, by contrast, anoint everyone in baptism. Baptism gives all a shared, if differentiated, responsibility for the life/mission of the Church/ calls baptised/ordained to work together. All baptised members of the Church participate together in the prophetic or teaching office, in the priestly or sanctifying office/the kingly or governing office of Christ. This participation in the threefold mission of Christ is not delegated from the ordained ministry but 'finds its source in the anointing of baptism, its further development in confirmation/its realization/dynamic sustenance in the Holy Eucharist'