

**PARISH OF BALLINAKILL/DERRYBRIEN**  
**PORTUMNA FAITH COMMUNITY AREA**

*Tel: 090 9745021 Mob: 087 - 2492898 – email: [ballinakillderrybrien@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:ballinakillderrybrien@clonfertdiocese.ie)*

*Saturday / Sunday 25 / 26 April 2026 '4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter'*

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

**Masses – Ballinakill:**

**Sat.: 25 April 8pm (A) Martin Rourke.**

**Mon. 27 April 9.30am.**

**Tues.: 28 April 9.30am.**

**Wed.: 29 April 8pm (A) John Callanan.**

**Thurs.: 30 April 9.30am.**

**Friday: 1 May 8pm (A) Malachy Keaveney & Deceased Family Members.**

**Sat.: 2 May 8pm (A) Damien Tuohy.**

**8pm (A) Ebbie Sheil & Moira Shannon.**

**Masses - Derrybrien:**

**Sunday 26 April: 9.30am (A) John McMahon.**

**Friday 1 May: 7pm.**

**Sunday 3 May: 9.30am (A) Sonny Gallagher & Deceased Family Members.**

**Eucharistic Ministers - Ballinakill:**

**Sat. 25 April Kathleen Slattery. Sat. 2 May Edel Conway.**

**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday 25 April; Group 1. Saturday 2 May Group 2.**

**Sacrament Of First Holy Communion In Ballinakill Church:**

On Saturday 9 May at 12 noon.

**Trócaire Boxes – Please Return Your Trócaire Box/Envelope:**

As soon as possible.

**Altar Society - May:**

**Ballinakill:** Niamh Fahy, Edel Conway.

**Derrybrien:** Walsh Families.

**Visits To The Sick And Housebound At The Usual Times:**

Next Friday 1 May.

**Lotto No's: 9, 14, 23, 26. €2,300. No Jackpot Winner Win/ Share**

**€150:** Eamon O'Grady. **Next Draw:** 27/4 in The Clubhouse. Tickets on-line; <https://hubklubfunder.com/TommyLarkinsGAAClub/lotto> usual outlets. Draw/results; Facebook Mondays 7pm. Your support is very much appreciated.

**Davitt's 50/50 Draw Congratulations To Lauren Kelly Ballinakill:**

Winner of €454 in last week's draw. **Next Draw:** Mon. 4 May. Tickets Available; local shops/pubs/online [www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/DavittsCamogie\\_Club/TicketSales](http://www.klubfunder.com/Clubs/DavittsCamogie_Club/TicketSales) Thank you for your on-going support.

**Sacrament Of First Holy Communion In Ballinakill Church:**

On Saturday 9 May at 12 noon.

**Priests Retirement Fund; Thank You For Your Donation To:**

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

**Sincere Sympathy To Rose Donnelly On The Death Of Her:**

Brother Seán Garvey, Canada. May he rest in peace.

**Clonfert/Galway Diocesan Pilgrimage To Knock Sunday 17 May:**

Ceremonies begin 2.30pm. Sacrament of the sick/ followed by Eucharist 3pm, followed by Rosary Procession. All are invited/welcome.

**This Sunday 26 April Is Vocations Sunday – An Opportunity To:**

Pray for /encourage vocations to the Priesthood for the Dioceses.

"If you ever felt that being a priest is something that you might do, something that you are interested in/something that attracts you then, perhaps, this is what you have been looking for. Perhaps, in that stirring, God is leading you to embark on a life changing adventure. Perhaps now is the time to explore it further. Vocations Afternoon Sunday 10 May. More Info: Tel: Fr. Ian 087 2048497 email [priesthod@clonfertgalway.ie](mailto:priesthod@clonfertgalway.ie) Bishop Michael.

**40 Hrs Eucharistic Adoration 6pm Fri. 1 May-10am Sun. 3 May:**

In Clonfert Family Centre, Ballinasloe [www.creideamh.ie/40-hours](http://www.creideamh.ie/40-hours)

**St. Brendan's Ed. Centre, Loughrea: 091 841387/087 9332033:**

email: [john.melville@greb.ie](mailto:john.melville@greb.ie) [freda.murphy@greb.ie](mailto:freda.murphy@greb.ie) Open Day Friday 1 May 10am-2pm. Courses; Beauty/Culinary/Office Admin/ ELC/ Challenging Behaviour/SNA Level 6 School Age childcare afterschool setting/Hairdressing/Healthcare/Horticulture / I.T. / Train the Trainer.

**Anam Cara Galway Monthly Parent Support Evening; Bereaved:**

Parents Wed. 6 May 7.30pm. Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Rd, Galway. Free/open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died/circumstances of their death/how recent their death was. We also offer an online support group meeting. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**Community Employment Vacancy For Maintenance Person At:**

Ballinakill church grounds/cemeteries. Duties include grass cutting/strimming/hedge trimming/painting etc. Week on/off basis, working every 2<sup>nd</sup> week. All health & safety training etc. will be provided. Training budget available for any additional upskilling you may wish to complete. Enquiries are welcome to 090-9745671 / 086-3954259.

**Ministry Of Catechist/Order Of The Permanent Diaconate In Order:**

To best facilitate discernment/preparation of the formation programme, closing date for application for the Ministry of Catechist as well as for the Permanent Diaconate in the Dioceses of Clonfert/ Galway/Kilmacduagh/Kilfenora is extended. 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 at both parish level/beyond. Permanent Deacons are ordained to a life of service in charity to the poor/vulnerable/marginalised. They exercise a ministry of the Word in preaching/ teaching/Ministry at the Altar/assisting the celebrant at Mass/officiating at certain liturgies/ preparing people for officiating at Baptisms/Weddings. Both Ministry of Catechist/Permanent Diaconate involve a sizeable period of discernment/formation. Fuller description, in brochures available in your local Church. For a conversation/further info. please Tel. Fr Hugh Clifford 091 637154 [catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie](mailto:catechistsdeacons@clonfertgalway.ie) **before 31 May.**

**Shrine Of Our Lady Of Clonfert; Come Join In Prayer For May:**

Devotions. Confessions available Wed./Frid. from 6pm. Church open daily for private prayer, 7am-11pm. Tel: 090 967 5113 email [stbrenne@clonfertdiocese.ie](mailto:stbrenne@clonfertdiocese.ie) Full schedule [www.clonfertgalway.ie](http://www.clonfertgalway.ie)

**Calling Young Adults To Join Pilgrimage To Lourdes Between:**

18/25. Interested in joining the Clonfert/Galway/Kilmacduagh /Kilfenora Pilgrimage to Lourdes as a member of pilgrimage staff? Become part of a vibrant team assisting pilgrims who other-wise would not be able to travel. For those who have taken part in the past it has been an unforgettable/enriching experience. This year's pilgrimage will be 29 June-4 July. Info. staff rates/application forms Tel: Darina 085 22880 43 [dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie](mailto:dmccarthy@clonfertgalway.ie) your local parish priest.

**Tús Places Currently Available In A Variety Of Tús Roles In Local:**

Area. Tús is a community work placement for those 12 months/more unemployed/in receipt of Jobseeker's Allowance with participants receiving a top-up payment. Completion of the scheme provides employers with evidence of work experience/reference/CV. Valuable/ relevant training also provided. Tel: 091 875 732 [tusadmin@grd.ie](mailto:tusadmin@grd.ie)

**The Eucharist Is 'The Source/Summit Of The Life Of The Church:**

The parish community deepens its sense of its own identity as the Body of Christ when it celebrates the Sunday Eucharist, and as it draws from it the strength to live as disciples of the Risen Lord in a particular time/place. The Mass has been central to the Irish Catholic identity/experience. Devotion to/the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was central to our cultural/religious self-understanding. 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.