

**Ballyhea Parish Newsletter**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Of Easter**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
**25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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**Mass Times**

**Masses will be live streamed**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10am

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 8.30a.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon

Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated in Latin

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May Mass

will be celebrated at 10 am

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed

Sacrament after 10am Mass on Thursday.

**Confessions will be heard by appointment**

**Pope's Intentions for April**

*Universal intention-Fundamental rights*

*We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis*

**Lenten Alms**

*For Lent the Parish has adopted a Missionary Outreach in Burkina Faso in West Africa.*

*Lenten Alms in support of this project may be left in, in the usual ways during Lent.*

*The entire proceeds of this initiative will be sent to Archbishop Crotty, Apostolic Nuncio in Burkina Faso, to be applied on the ground to a deserving charity of his choice. Please forward offering before the end of April.*

**Month of April**

*The month of April is dedicated to*

**The Holy Spirit**

**Feastdays for the coming week**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>:** St. Marcellinus

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>:** St. Zitta of Lucca

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>:** St. Peter Chanel, priest &

martyr; St. Louis de Montfort, priest

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>:** St. Catherine of Sienna, virgin & doctor, Patron of Europe

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>:** St. Pius V, pope

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May:** St. Joseph the Worker

**Electronic Payments**

*Easter offerings, Dues, and Weekly offerings can now be made by using a Credit Card or PayPal.*

*For this facility, please go to the Parish Web Page, [www.ballyheaparish.com](http://www.ballyheaparish.com) press the "Donate" button, fill in the form and forward your offering.*

**New Parish Web Page**

*The Parish has launched a Web page*

[www.ballyheaparish.com](http://www.ballyheaparish.com)

*it will act as a resource hub for information regarding the Parish and its history.*

**Chairs for the New Hall**

*Many thanks to the generous sponsors for the chairs for the New Hall. There are now 171 sponsored chairs. Sponsorship for the chairs is in the amount of €40 per chair.*

**Deaths:** Dónal (Donie) Waters, R.I.P. Cooleens, Charleville, who died recently  
**Anniversaries:** Mass is offered for the following,  
**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April, 8.30am** Dan & Eamon O'Connor, Rathglassane  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 10am** Richard Murphy, NewtownBallyhea

**Thank You**

*Very many thanks to Cork County Council for a grant of €1000.00 for the purchase of reusable delph and cutlery for the New Hall*

**Petition**

*A petition to the Government to ease restrictions on public worship especially for Funerals and Sunday Mass will shortly be circulated in the Parish. Please sign the same and return it to the Parochial House*

**Thank You**

*Very many thanks to all who send in their Easter Offerings. Late offerings may still be made, in the usual way, or by using the Ballyhea Parish web page. [www.ballyheaparish.com](http://www.ballyheaparish.com) press the "Donate" button, fill in the form and forward your offering.*

**Brazilian Covid variant.**

Please see message below

1. All passengers who have arrived from Brazil in January are requested to come forward for a COVID-19 PCR test.

This test can be obtained by going to a GP and seeking a referral. GPs have been alerted and will facilitate this without any charge.

2. These travellers are also strongly advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of arrival.

3. The HSE's contracted isolation facility at the Citywest Hotel complex is available to those who are unable to self-isolate in their own homes for any reason and is an option for people from Brazil in this situation.

Sophie Ryan | Oifigeach Cúnta Foirne  
Oibríochtaí Ceantair Bardasacha & Forbairt Tuaithe

**The Good Shepherd**

In Jesus' time, being a shepherd was not a pleasant job. Sheep became easily lost and the shepherd's job was to guide them back to safety. There were many dangers and the sheep were totally dependent on the shepherd. Shepherds would round up their sheep in the evening and guide them into their pen. But it had no gate, so the shepherd would have to lie across the space in case the sheep were attacked in the night. The shepherds literally lay down their lives for their flock. John compares the sacrifice of the shepherd to the 'hired hand' who is not really committed to the flock. He does what he has to but flees at the first sign of trouble.

This Good Shepherd Sunday the Gospel describes Jesus as the 'genuine' Shepherd who wants a personal relationship with each one of us and who would lay down his life for us. The Gospel emphasises the importance of relationship as the shepherd knows his flock and cares for them. They 'Follow Him' and it is not a Facebook or Twitter type of following, rather it is a *genuine* relationship. Everyone matters to the Good Shepherd, regardless of their situations. We are told '*I know my own and my own know me*'. We are called today to follow Jesus in a more personal more intimate way. Even when we stray off the path and get lost, it is then especially that the Good Shepherd comes looking for us.