



# Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

XX Sunday After Pentecost

10 October 2021



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Mass is Live Streamed	Mass Times	The Month of October is Dedicated to The Holy Rosary of the BVM
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 19:30	St. John Henry Newman, Cardinal SUNDAY VIGIL MASS
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	08:30 11:00	28 <sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Pope St. John XXIII
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00	Ferial
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12:00-Latin	St. Edward the Confessor, King of England (1962)
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00	Pope St. Callistus I, Martyr
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 20:00	<b>St Teresa of Avila, Discalced Carmelite, Mystic</b> Doctor of the Church, Patroness of Lace-makers & Headache Sufferers
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 19:30	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Nun & Visionary SUNDAY VIGIL MASS

Confession is by Appointment

Donations @ [ballyheeparish.com](http://ballyheeparish.com)

Exposition & Benediction after Mass on Thursday

The Rosary is Recited before Daily Mass & After the 08:30 Mass on Sunday

General Dispensation from Servile Work on Sundays & Holy Days until 31/10/2021

## AUTUMN STATION MASS

The final mass in the series will be celebrated in the Church at 20:00 on October 15<sup>th</sup>

The town-lands of Cooline, Milltown, Kiltass, Clonkeen, Fiddane and Shanballa are included.

## THE POPE'S INTENTION: EVANGELISATION & MISSIONARY DISCIPLESHIP

Let us pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.

## THE PRIORY INSTITUTE

[prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

Register to Study Online: Humanities – Philosophy – Theology

## MATER DEI ACADEMY IN CORK CITY

[materdeiacademy.ie](http://materdeiacademy.ie) or 021-2021229

Open Evening on Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 19:30

DEATHS: Delia Kelly of Gurrane, who died recently, R.I.P

ANNIVERSARIES: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – Sonya O'Keeffe of Lisballyhea (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – Fionn Barry, Newtownballyhae (Months Mind)

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> at 19:30 – Catherine Daly of Coolcaum (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 – Ella Madigan of Ballinadrideen

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 – Patrick Brassil (1<sup>st</sup> Anno) & wife Eileen of Churchtown

Please, also, remember Tadhly Mortell of Ballyhigh, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

## NOVEMBER PRAYERS OF SUFFRAGE FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

21 November After 11:00 Mass Ballyhea Old Cemetery & Cooline Cemetery

28 November After 11:00 Mass St. Mary's Cemetery & Imphrick Cemetery

## POVERTY, HARBINGER OF FAITH

'The beginning of freedom', St. Augustine writes, 'is to be free from crimes... such as murder, adultery, fornication, theft, fraud, sacrilege and so forth. When once one is without these crimes (and every Christian should be without them), one begins to lift up ones head towards freedom. But this is only the beginning of freedom, not perfect freedom...' (Tract on St. John the Evangelist)

Last Sunday we contemplated the Christian vocation to holy matrimony or perpetual virginity, and we have come to the understanding that both Christian marriage and Christian virginity become incomprehensible the moment Christ ceases to be their essence, their norm and their reality. We saw how Christian marriage, that insoluble lifetime bond between a man and a woman, is feasible only with the divine aid that enables an individual to hold himself free of all ties in order to concentrate all his love and energy upon God. This week we come to the understanding that with God's help, property, that would otherwise bind, can be used for freedom – men should possess, 'as though not possessing'. (1 Corinthians. 7:29-31)

To become genuinely independent of things, really free from attachment to pleasure, from desire, fear, envy, niggardliness; to hold what one has as a gift from God, using it according to his will, that is frankly impossible, just as impossible as it is to be voluntary poor or 'blessed' in suffering and sorrow, or any other beatitude without God's very appreciable aid.

The rich, those who possess wealth, are often proud and consider themselves superior to others. They are usually power-brokers and use their authority for their own interests, even to the point of committing injustices. Considering themselves self-sufficient, they do not experience dependence upon God, and do not fear Him. The poor, on the contrary, who are used to being treated with injustice and scorn, have a strong sense of the need for God's help. They will be humble and trusting before Him, and wholly disposed to keep His law.

In order to grasp the full meaning of the term 'poor' as used in the Bible we need to take into account the concrete character of the biblical language. Our modern languages by contrast are more abstract and separate concepts which are in actual experience joined together. We make a clear distinction between poverty at the material, moral, spiritual, and religious levels. For the Bible, and in the concrete, all these concepts are linked. The point is clear: Only with the strength of God's all-emancipating magnanimity and love can we renounce everything, and voluntarily take poverty upon us.

'This vocation to perfect love is not restricted to a small group of individuals. The invitation, "go, sell your possessions and give the money to the poor", and the promise "you will have treasure in heaven", are meant for everyone, because they bring out the full meaning of the commandment of love for neighbour, just as the invitation which follows, "Come, follow me", is the new, specific form of the commandment of love for God.' (Veritas Splendor, Pope St. John Paul II)