



Ballyhea Parish Newsletter



2nd Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021

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Mass is Live Streamed	Mass Times	The Month of December is Dedicated to The Immaculate Conception of B.V.M
Saturday 4 th	10:00 19:30	St. John Damascene, Priest & Doctor of the Church VIGIL MASS
Sunday 5 th	08:30 11:00	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Station at the Holy Cross in Jerusalem</i>
Monday 6 th	12:00	St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra Patron of Russia, Sailors, Pawnbrokers & Children
Tuesday 7 th	12:00 19:30	St. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan & Doctor of the Church Patron of Milan, Beekeepers & Domestic Animals VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M
Wednesday 8 th	08:30 11:00	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF B.V.M SOLEMNITY & HOLY DAY
Thursday 9 th	10:00	Mass in Latin (1962)
Friday 10 th	10:00 18:00	OUR LADY OF LORETO <i>(Shrine of the House of the Annunciation)</i> Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 11 th	10:00 19:30	Pope St. Damasus I (Commissioned St. Jerome to translate the Bible) VIGIL MASS

Confession is by Appointment

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Exposition & Benediction after Mass on Thursday

PLEASE TAKE THIS NEWSLETTER HOME AFTER MASS

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

PUBLIC PRAYERS OF ADORATION BEFORE THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed, every Friday in Advent, from 18:00 to 19:30. We will gather, as a community, to thank Almighty God for our deliverance from Covid-19.

ROSARY NOVENA FOR IRELAND

Pray the rosary with Fr. Marius O'Reilly at 21:00 from November 30th to December 8th. Archbishop Eamon Martin will lead the final rosary live on Radio Maria.

FLOWER ARRANGEMENT ROTA

Thanks to Greta Donegan Kenny who is doing the flowers this week. Angela Ryan will be doing the flowers from Saturday 11th & 18th December.

Deaths: Tom O'Brien of Liscarroll, R.I.P.
Maureen O'Leary (Née Butler) of Newtown & Late of Ardskeagh, R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES: Saturday, 4th 19:30 – Patrick Morrissey of Ballycosgry
Sunday, 5th 11:00 – Hannie & Joe Brassil of Ballycosgry
Tuesday, 7th 19:30 – Ned & Mary Hawe of Charleville
Thursday, 9th 10:00 – Diarmuid Bradley

BALLYHEA OLD CEMETERY

Following on discussions regarding the maintenance of the old cemetery at Ballyhea, it has been agreed that the families who continue to use the grave-yard will provide for the annual maintenance.

Those families are asked to contact John Hawe at 087 6390087 who is compiling the list of families.

An annual subscription of €5.00 is deemed sufficient to cover expenses at present.

PRIORY INSTITUTE LECTIO DIVINA ADVENT RETREAT

prioryinstitute.com

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Please support the SVP Annual Appeal – You could help save someone from impossible choices this Christmas

Collections will be taken on the weekend of the 3rd Sunday of Advent – 11/12 December.

Please give generously!

BALLYHEA PARISH CHRISTMAS ANNUAL

The Parish Annual will again be available from December 8, 2021.

This Limited Edition includes issues 3 & 4 for the years 2020/2021.

Copies may be ordered for € 5.00 through the Sacristy or 086 3016859.

DISCARD SORROW & DISTRESS BY PUTTING ON THE BEAUTY OF THE LORD

Looking back in all sincerity over our spiritual life, we are surprised, if not disheartened, at our slowness, not to say complete lack of progress. How is that there has been so much effort with so little to show for it? Why, after so many years, it may be, of a life of asceticism, must we own to the same weaknesses, admit the same faults? Is it not possible that from the very beginning we have missed the essential point of it all, and have been following the wrong road?

For there is only one door by which we can enter into our spiritual heritage. In our vain attempts to enter by some other way, it is obvious that we are bound to meet with insuperable difficulties. Have we not been rather like a foolish robber who seeks by some ruse to effect an entrance into a place too well defended? *'He that enters not by the door, but climbs up another way, says Our Lord, is a thief and a robber.'* (John 10.1) This one door is Christ: faith in Christ; a faith quickened by love, which by fortifying our heart makes us capable of loving in return with a love which burns more intensely and radiates more widely, thus resembling more and more the love of Jesus himself.

If only we could convince ourselves once and for all of the truth of the words of our Divine Master: *'Without me, you can do nothing'* (John 15.5), how changed our outlook would be. If only our minds were penetrated with the doctrine of life contained in those few words, we would concentrate on practising, not just one or two virtues, but all without exception, knowing so well that it is God himself who must be both the term and source of our actions.

Then, having done all we can we would remain humble in our progress and confident after our falls. Knowing that of ourselves we can do nothing but that in Christ we can do all things, we should no more be discouraged by our faults than proud of the virtuous acts his grace has made possible.