



Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday of Christmas



2nd January 2022

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Mass is Live Streamed	Mass Times	The Month of January is Dedicated to The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Saturday 1 st	10:00 19:30	SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD Vigil Mass
Sunday 2 nd	08:30 11:00	Second Sunday After Christmas
Monday 3 rd	12:00	The Most Holy Name of Jesus St. Munchin of Dal Cais
Tuesday 4 th	12:00	Christmas Feria
Wednesday 5 th	12:00 19:30	Latin Mass VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY
Thursday 6 th	08:30 09:00 11:00	SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Latin Mass (HOLY DAY OBSERVED IN IRELAND)
Friday 7 th	10:00	St. Raymond of Penafort, Archbishop of Tarragona & Master General of the Order of Preachers
Saturday 8 th	10:00 19:30	Vigil of the Baptism of Christ

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Confessions are heard on request

Exposition & Benediction after Mass on Friday

The Ballyhea Parish Annual is available for purchase at €5.00
The Rosary is recited before daily mass & after the 08:30 Sunday mass

NOTICE ON APPROACHING TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION

For the time being, and in order to avoid unnecessary movements you are asked not to bring children with you to Holy Communion. Only those wishing to receive should approach the altar. When coming to Holy Communion, please do so on a seat by seat basis so as to maintain social distance.

THE POPE'S INTENTION FOR JANUARY IS FOR HUMAN FRATERNITY

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination & persecution; may their own rights & dignity be recognised, which originate in the social nature of man as known through the revealed word of God & by reason itself.

THE BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST

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ANNIVERSARIES:	Day	Time	Name
	Saturday	1 st 10:00	Teresa Linehan of Charleville
	Saturday	1 st 19:30	Michael & Valerie Greaney
	Sunday	2 nd 08:30	The O'Flaherty Family of Broad Street, Charleville
	Sunday	2 nd 11:00	Patrick McCarthy of Lisballyhea
	Tuesday	4 th 12:00	Jim Duloherly
	Wednesday	5 th 19:30	William & Catherine Hawe of Ballinagrath
	Thursday	6 th 08:30	Maurice Butler of Shinana
	Thursday	6 th 11:00	Jim Duloherly
	Friday	7 th 10:00	November Altar List

Please, also, remember Paddy Linehan of Imphrick, whose anniversary occurs around this time.

EVEN IN HIS HUMANITY CHRIST IS THE SON OF GOD

The dogmatic definition of the Council of Chalcedon (A.D. 451), according to which Christ is one person in two natures, implies that one and the same person, the Son of God, also took on a visible human form. The second person of the most Holy Trinity is personally man; and this man is personally God. Therefore Christ is God in a human way, and man in a divine way. As a man he acts out his divine life in and according to his human existence. Everything he does as man is an act of the Son of God, a divine act in human form. His human love is the human embodiment of the redeeming love of God.

The humanity of Jesus is concretely intended by God as the fulfilment of his promise of salvation; it is a messianic reality. This messianic and redemptive purpose of the Incarnation implies that the encounter between Jesus and his contemporaries was always on his part an offering of grace in a human form. For the love of the man Jesus is the human incarnation of the redeeming love of God: an advent of God's love in visible form.

A LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS, TO SPOUSES (26/12/2021)

Dear married couples throughout the world! In this "Amoris Laetitia Family" Year, I am writing to express my deep affection and closeness to you at this very special time. Families have always been in my thoughts and prayers, but especially so during the pandemic, which has severely tested everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us. The present situation has made me want to accompany with humility, affection and openness each individual, married couple and family in all those situations in which you find yourselves.

We are being asked to apply to ourselves the calling that Abraham received from the Lord to set out from his land and his father's home towards a foreign land that God himself would show him (Gen 12:1). We too have experienced uncertainty, loneliness, the loss of loved ones; we too have been forced to leave behind our certainties, our "comfort zones", our familiar ways of doing things and our ambitions, and to work for the welfare of our families and that of society as a whole, which also depends on us and our actions.

Our relationship with God shapes us, accompanies us and sends us forth as individuals and, ultimately, helps us to "set out from our land", albeit in many cases with a certain trepidation and even fear in the face of the unknown. Yet our Christian faith makes us realise that we are not alone, for God dwells in us, with us and among us: in our families, our neighbourhoods, our workplaces and schools, in the cities where we live.

Like Abraham, all husbands and wives "set out" from their own land at the moment when, in response to the vocation to conjugal love, they decide to give themselves to each other without reserve. Becoming engaged already means setting out from your land, since it calls you to walk together along the road that leads to marriage. Different situations in life, the passage of time, the arrival of children, work and illness, all challenge couples to embrace anew their commitment to one another, to leave behind settled habits, certainties and security, and to set out towards the land that God promises: to be two in Christ, two in one. Your lives become a single life; you become a "we" in loving communion with Jesus, alive and present at every moment of your existence. God is always at your side; he loves you unconditionally. You are not alone! [To be cont..]