



Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

The Baptism of Christ



9th 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 8 th	10:00 19:30	VIGIL OF THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
Sunday 9 th	08:30 11:00	THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST
Monday 10 th	12:00	ORDINARY TIME
Tuesday 11 th	12:00	Feria
Wednesday 12 th	12:00	Feria~Latin Mass
Thursday 13 th	10:00	St. Hilary, Bishop of Potiers & Doctor of the Church
Friday 14 th	10:00	Feria
Saturday 15 th	10:00 19:30	St. Ita of Killeedy, Virgin ~ "Foster-Mother of the Saints of Ireland" Vigil Mass

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Confessions are heard on request

Exposition & Benediction after Mass on Thursday
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.

NOTICE ON DUES ENVELOPES

Many thanks to all who sent in their envelopes for 2021. Please return any outstanding envelopes to the sacristy or parochial house as soon as possible, so as to finalise the claim to be made against the Revenue Commission for 2021.

The Bible in a Year Podcast
bibleinayear.fireside.fm

THE THOMISTIC INSTITUTE
aquinas101.thomisticinstitute.org

ANNIVERSARIES:

Saturday,	8 th	19:30 – Kathleen Daly of Ballinadrideen
Sunday,	9 th	08:30 – Kathleen Ronan of Ardnageehy
Sunday,	9 th	11:00 – Fr. Jerry O’Riordan, Connie O’Riordan, Fr. Padraig Keogh, Peggy Keane, Abina Hayes, & Seamus Kiely
Tuesday,	11 th	12:00 – Patrick Curtin of Ballinadrideen
Wednesday,	12 th	12:00 – Jerry Byrne
Saturday,	15 th	19:30 – John Joe & Ellen Keane of Ballymorán

ANNOUNCEMENT OF EASTER

Know, dear brethren that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God’s mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Saviour.

On the 2nd day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, & the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the 17th day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the 26th day of May will be the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ; on the 5th day of June, the Feast of Pentecost; & on the 16th day of June the feast of Corpus Christi.

On the 27th day of November, the 1st Sunday of the Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honour & glory for ever & ever. Amen.

CHRIST IS THE REVELATION OF THE FATHER TO MAN

In Jesus Christ, Incarnate Word, the Son is present in our midst, and in human terms that we can understand and assimilate, He speaks, preachers, teaches, testifies to what he has seen & heard in the bosom of the Father. Christ is the summit & fulness of revelation.

A LETTER OF HIS HOLINESS, POPE FRANCIS, TO SPOUSES [PART II]

Dear spouses, know that your children – especially the younger ones – watch you attentively; in you they seek the signs of a strong and reliable love. “How important it is for young people to see with their own eyes the love of Christ alive and present in the love of spouses, who testify by the reality of their lives that love for ever is possible!” Children are always a gift; they change the history of every family. They are thirsty for love, gratitude, esteem and trust. Being parents calls you to pass on to your children the joy of realising that they are God’s children, children of a Father who has always loved them tenderly and who takes them by the hand each new day. As they come to know this, your children will grow in faith and trust in God.

To be sure, raising children is no easy task. But let us not forget that they also “raise” us. The family remains the primary environment where education takes place, through small gestures that are more eloquent than words. To educate is above all to accompany the growth process, to be present to children in many different ways, to help them realise that they can always count on their parents. An educator is someone who spiritually “gives birth” to others and, above all, becomes personally engaged in their growth. For parents, it is important to relate to children with an authority that grows day by day. Children need a sense of security that can enable them to have confidence in you and in the beauty of your life together, and in the certainty that they will never be alone, whatever may come their way.

As I have already noted, we are becoming increasingly aware of the laity’s identity and mission in the Church and in society. You have the mission of transforming society by your presence in the workplace and ensuring that the needs of families are taken into due account. Married couples too should take the lead (*primerear – get in first*) in their parochial and diocesan community through their initiatives and their creativity, as an expression of the complementarity of charisms and vocations in the service of ecclesial communion. This is especially true of those couples who, together with the Church’s pastors, “walk side by side with other families, to help those who are weaker, to proclaim that, even amid difficulties, Christ is always present to them”.

Therefore, I encourage you, dear married couples, to be active in the Church, especially in her pastoral care of families. “Shared responsibility for her mission demands that married couples and ordained ministers, especially bishops, cooperate in a fruitful manner in the care and custody of the domestic Churches”. Never forget that the family is the “fundamental cell of society” (Evangelii Gaudium, 66). Marriage is an important part of the project of building the “culture of encounter” (Fratelli Tutti, 216). Families are thus called to bridge generations in passing on the values that forge true humanity. New creativity is needed, to express, amid today’s challenges, the values that constitute us as a people, both in our societies and in the Church, the People of God. [To be cont..]