



Ballyhea Parish Newsletter
St. Patrick, Bishop & Patron of Ireland
 17th March 2022



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Mass is Live Streamed	Mass Times	The Month of March is Dedicated to Saint Joseph
Wednesday, 16 th	12:00 19:30	Latin Mass Vigil Mass
Thursday, 17 th	08:30 11:00	FEAST OF ST. PATRICK, PATRON OF IRELAND SOLEMNITY & HOLY DAY
Friday, 18 th	10:00 20:00	Lent Station Mass
Saturday, 19 th	10:00 19:30	FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF B.V.M 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

Only those receiving Holy Communion should approach the altar, & only on a seat by seat basis.

STATION MASSES IN LENT

Will be held in the Parish Church at 20:00

March, 18th – Clonkeen, Fiddane, Shanballa, Cooline, Miltown, & Kiltass

March, 25th – Castlewrixon, Shinana, Ballinagrath, Caher, Imphrick, Lisballyhea, Aghaburren, Ballyhoura, Loughlea, & Glantane

LENTEN ALMS

The Parish has adopted a Missionary Outreach in Burkina Faso in West Africa. 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.

Last year €800.00 was sent to the Mission in Burkina Faso.

ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday	16 th – 19:30	Mary & Willie Morton, Miltown (Month's Mind)
Thursday	17 th – 08:30	Mary Leahy, Ardskeagh
Thursday	17 th – 11:00	Dan, Ellen & Michael Barrett, Cooline
Friday	18 th – 10:00	Peter Crowley, London & Ballinadridden
Saturday	19 th – 10:00	John & Mary O'Brien, Ballinadridden

COMMUNITY MEETING

A meeting will be held in the Community Hall on Monday 21st March at 8pm, to discuss a proposed late amendment to the Draft County Development Plan for Ballyhea Village. All are welcome.

THE CONFESSION OF ST. PATRICK (EXTRACT)

At that time, I did not know the true God. I was taken into captivity in Ireland, along with thousands of others. We deserved this, because we had gone away from God, and did not keep his commandments. We would not listen to our priests, who advised us about how we could be saved. The Lord brought his strong anger upon us, and scattered us among many nations even to the ends of the earth. It was among foreigners that it was seen how little I was.

It was there that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. Even though it came about late, I recognised my failings. So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God, and he looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He guarded me before I knew him, and before I came to wisdom and could distinguish between good and evil. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son.

That is why I cannot be silent—nor would it be good to do so—about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven.

This is because there is no other God, nor will there ever be, nor was there ever, except God the Father. He is the one who was not begotten, the one without a beginning, the one from whom all beginnings come, the one who holds all things in being – this is our teaching.

And his son, Jesus Christ, whom we testify has always been, since before the beginning of this age, with the father in a spiritual way. He was begotten in an indescribable way before every beginning. Everything we can see, and everything beyond our sight, was made through him. He became a human being; and, having overcome death, was welcomed to the heavens to the Father.

The Father gave him all power over every being, both heavenly and earthly and beneath the earth. Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ, in whom we believe and whom we await to come back to us in the near future, is Lord and God. He is judge of the living and of the dead; he rewards every person according to their deeds. He has generously poured on us the Holy Spirit, the gift and promise of immortality, who makes believers and those who listen to be children of God and co-heirs with Christ. This is the one we acknowledge and adore – one God in a trinity of the sacred name.