

Mass Times

Saturday 19th 7.30pm Vigil

Sunday 20th 8.30am & 11am

Monday – Wednesday 21st -23rd Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon (Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated in Latin) followed by Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve Mass at 12 noon, 6pm & 8pm

Friday 25th Christmas Day Mass at 8.30am, 9am (Latin) & 11am.

Saturday 26th Mass at 10am & 7.30pm Vigil

Sunday 27th Mass at 8.30am & 11am.

Confessions for Christmas will be heard in the Sacristy after Mass from December 17th to December 23rd.

New Parish Web Page

The Parish has launched a Web page

www.ballyheaparish.com

it will act as a resource hub for information regarding the Parish and its history.

Electronic Payments

Christmas offerings, Dues, and Weekly offerings can now be made by using a Credit Card or PayPal. For this facility, please go to the Parish Web Page,

www.ballyheaparish.com press the "Donate" button, fill in the form and forward your offering.

Month of December

The month of December is dedicated to

The Divine Infancy

Feastdays for the coming Week

Monday 21st: St. Peter Canisius, priest & doctor

Tuesday 22nd: St. Flavianus

Wednesday 23rd: St. John of Kanty

Thursday 24th: Ss. Irmina & Adela

Friday 25th: **The Nativity of the Lord**

Saturday 26th: St. Stephen, First martyr

Popes Intentions for December

Prayer intention for evangelisation;
For a life of prayer

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer

Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve, 12 noon, 6pm & 8pm

Christmas Day, 8.30am,

9am (Latin) & 11am

St. Stephens' Day 10am &
7.30pm Vigil

Sunday 27th 8.30am & 11am.

Sick Calls

The Sick Calls for Christmas will be attended to on Tuesday 22nd December at the usual times

Christmas Day Collections

The collection on Christmas Day goes to the Clergy of the Parish.
Please give as generously as you can.

Deaths: Mary O'Riordan, R. I. P. Lisballyhea who died recently.

Anniversaries: Sunday 11am Stephen & Norah Coleman, Cooline.

Saturday 12th December Mass was offered for Neil & Peggy Walsh, Castledodd

Please also remember Billy Clifford, Castlewrixon, Nellie Pyne, Castlewrixon, Jim & Pidge Kelly, Castleharrison, whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Tax Rebate Forms

In Order to meet the new tax year, which begins in January, it would be appreciated if those who have not yet returned Renewal Certificates could do so as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Chairs for the New Hall

Many thanks to the generous sponsors for the chairs for the New Hall. There are now 152 sponsored chairs. Sponsorship for the chairs is in the amount of €40 per chair.

Has the Star of Bethlehem returned?

Phenomenon of planets aligning to give the impression of bright star will be seen as it was at the birth of Jesus

It is one of the central and most enduring elements of the Christmas story – the sighting of a bright star in the skies guiding the Wise Men to Bethlehem and heralding the birth of Jesus Christ.

The Vatican now believes one explanation for the Star of Bethlehem may have been what is known as a 'Great Conjunction' of planets, in this case bringing Venus and Jupiter in close alignment and creating an unusually bright light in the sky above the Holy Land.

And the cosmic phenomenon, which could have caused such awe and wonder more than 2,000 years ago, is set to take place once again – just four days before Christmas as it happens.

The closest approach of two planets since 1226 will take place on Monday, December 21, when Jupiter and Saturn come into alignment, creating what astronomers predict will be the marvellous spectacle of an apparently single bright 'star'.

More information on this can be found on www.ballyheaparish.com or in the Church Porch

Thank You & Merry Christmas.

The Clergy would like to thank you for your support and friendship during the past year.

Wishing you peace and joy for Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.

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