

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

2nd Sunday of Advent

7th December 2025

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Mass Times

Monday 8th Dec. 8.30am & 11.00am
 Tuesday 9th 12 noon
 Wednesday 10th 12 noon (Latin)
 Thursday 11th 10.00am
 Friday 12th 10.00am
 Saturday 13th 10.00am & 7.30pm
 Sunday 14th 8.30am & 11.00am

Adoration & Benediction

Adoration & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Thursday after 10am Mass.

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

Door Collection last weekend €175.00

Development Fund €175.00

Restoration Fund €30.00

Collectors for December

7.30pm Vigil Mass Gearóid O'Shea

8.30am Mass Linda Shortt

11.00am Mass Thomas Hanley

Altar Flower Arrangers

Sat. 13th Dec.

Angela Ryan

Sat. 20th Dec. Gretta Kenny

Readers Next Three Weekends

Mon. 8th Dec. Sheila Fennessy

Sat. 13th Dec. Louisa Carroll

Sun. 14th Dec. Audrey Morrissey

Sat. 20th Dec. Elizabeth Ryan

Sun. 21st Dec. Mary Byrne

Wed. 24th Dec. Ger. O'Shea

Thurs. 25th Dec. Sheila Fennessy

Sat. 27th Dec. Louisa Carroll

Sun. 28th Dec. Audrey Morrissey

Month of December

The month of December dedicated to

The Immaculate Conception

Feastdays for the coming week

Mon. 8th Dec. Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tues. 9th St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin

Wed. 10th Our Lady of Loreto

Thurs. 11th St. Damasus

Fri. 12th Our Lady of Guadalupe

Sat. 13th St. Lucy

Sun. 14th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of obligation. **There will be no Vigil Mass on Sunday 7th Dec.**

Masses will be celebrated at 8.30am & 11.00am on Monday 8th Dec.

Christmas Magazine

The 2025 Ballyhea Christmas magazine is on sale in the Church Porch.

Price €10.00

Happy reading.

Pope's Intentions for December

For Christians in areas of conflict.

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Anniversaries: - Masses are offered for the following,

Sat. 6th Dec. 7.30pm Patrick Morrissey, Ballycosgry.

Sun. 7th Dec. 11.00am Neil & Peggy Walsh, Castledodd.

Community Council Charity Tractor Run

Sunday 4th January 2026

Proceeds in aid of Marymount Hospice, Cork; Milford Hospice, Limerick & Irish Haemophilia Society.

Open to all Vehicles...Vintage, Classic & Modern incl. Trucks, Cars, Motorbikes, etc.

Registration 10.30am.

€20 Entry Fee

Leaving Corbett Court, Ballyhea at 11.45am via Charleville, Garrienderk & Kilmallock. All Welcome.

Picture of the Crucifixion

The copy of Guido Reni's Crucifixion recently acquired by the Parish is currently undergoing restoration and cleaning. It is hoped to have this process completed by the end of December.

Should anyone wish to assist in defraying the costs, donations may be left into the Sacristy. Many thanks for your help.

The Advent Wreath

The lighting of an Advent wreath is a custom that began in 16th-century Germany. The original purpose of the wreath was to bring focus on Christmas rather than on Advent as a distinct season.

On the first Sunday of Advent, the first purple candle is lit. This candle is typically called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, primarily Isaiah who foretold the birth of Christ: **Bethlehem Candle**

On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger

Community Council Penny Dinners

The Community Council wishes to thank everyone who supported Cork Penny Dinners last weekend. Your generosity whether through time, donations, or simply showing up in support made a real and positive difference. We are deeply grateful to all who helped, and proud to stand together in support of those most in need.



Shepherds Candle

On the third Sunday of Advent the pink, or rose-coloured candle is lit. This pink candle is customarily called the "Shepherds Candle," and it represents joy.

Angels Candle

The fourth and last purple candle, often called the "Angels Candle," represents peace and is lit on the fourth Sunday of Advent.