

**Ballyhea Parish Newsletter**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday**  
**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Year A**

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**Mass Times**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon  
 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> 12 noon  
 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 12 noon (Latin)  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
 Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am  
 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10.00am & 7.30pm  
**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 €240.00  
 Development Fund €1345.00  
 Diocesan Purposes €140.00  
 Restoration Fund €50.00

**Collectors for December**

7.30pm Vigil Mass Gearóid O'Shea  
 8.30am Mass Linda Shortt  
 11.00am Mass Thomas Hanley

**Readers Next Three Weekends**

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Elizabeth Ryan  
 Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. Mary Byrne  
 Wed. 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. Ger. O'Shea  
 Thurs. 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. Sheila Fennessy  
 Sat. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec. Louisa Carroll  
 Sun. 28<sup>th</sup> Dec. Audrey Morrissey  
 Sat. 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan. Elizabeth Ryan  
 Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> Jan. Mary Byrne  
 Mon. 5<sup>th</sup> Jan. Ger. O'Shea  
 Tues. 6<sup>th</sup> Jan. Sheila Fennessy

**Month of December**

The month of December dedicated to  
**The Immaculate Conception**  
**Feastdays for the coming week**  
 Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. St. Mary Di Rosa  
 Tues. 16<sup>th</sup> St. Adelaide  
 Wed. 17<sup>th</sup> St. Begga  
 Thurs. 18<sup>th</sup> St. Flannan  
 Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> St. Darius  
 Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> St. Fachanan  
**Sun. 21<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**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.

**Christmas Magazine**

The 2025 Ballyhea Christmas magazine is on sale in the Church Porch.  
 Price €10.00  
 Happy reading.

**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.

**Deaths:** - Please pray for the repose of the souls of. Connie O'Keeffe, R.I.P. Cregane, Charleville, and Eilish Rea, R.I.P. Kimacanogue, Wicklow, and Rosemarie McAuliffe, R.I.P. Boston, who died during the week.

**Anniversaries:** - Masses are offered for the following,  
 On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.30am Mass was offered for John Gleeson, Cooleens.  
 Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Dec. 7.30pm Michael & Peggy O'Connell, Ballinagrath & Pakie Morrissey, Ballycosgry  
 Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 8.30am Tim & Nora Mullane, Liscarroll.  
 Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Dec. 11.00am Stephen & Nora Coleman, Fr. Michael Coleman, Cooline.  
 Mon. 15<sup>th</sup> Dec. 12 noon Richard Walsh, Ballynoran.  
 Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10.00am Mary O'Driscoll, Coolcaum

**Shepherds Candle in the Advent Wreath**

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:

**2026 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje**

2026 Pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 19<sup>th</sup> August to 26<sup>th</sup> August. Bookings now being taken,  
 For further details contact

**Christmas Envelopes & Boxes of Envelopes for 2026.**

The Christmas envelopes and boxes of envelopes for 2026 are ready for distribution in the Sacristy.  
 Many thanks to the people who distribute these.

**Community Council Charity Tractor Run**

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> 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

**JOHNNY REIDY**  
**CEILI BAND**  
**SATURDAY**  
**27 DECEMBER 2025**  
 8-11PM €12 & RAFFLE  
**BALLYHEA CO CORK**  
 SAINT SCIATHA COMMUNITY HALL  
 5KM SOUTH OF CHARLEVILLE  
 P56 KA44  
 CATHERINE HORGAN 0876731254

  
*Friends*  
 share yesterday's  
 memories  
 and tomorrow's  
 dreams.