

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Advent

21st December 2025

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Mass Times

Monday 22nd Dec. 12 noon
Tuesday 23rd 12 noon
Wednesday 24th 12 noon (Latin) & 8pm
Thursday 25th 8.30am, 9.00am (Latin)
11.00am

Friday 26th 12 noon
Saturday 27th 10.00am & 7.30pm
Sunday 28th 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 €250.00
Development Fund €455.00

Collectors for December

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

Readers Next Three Weekend

Wed. 24th Dec. Ger. O'Shea
Thurs. 25th Dec. Sheila Fennessy
Sat. 27th Dec. Louisa Carroll
Sun. 28th Dec. Audrey Morrissey
Sat. 3rd Jan. Elizabeth Ryan
Sun. 4th Jan. Mary Byrne
Mon. 5th Jan. Ger. O'Shea
Tues. 6th Jan. Sheila Fennessy
Sat. 10th Jan. Louisa Carroll
Sun. 11th Jan. Audrey Morrissey

Month of December

The month of December dedicated to

The Immaculate Conception

Feastdays for the coming week

Mon. 22nd Dec. St. Demetrius

Tues. 23rd St. John of Kanty

Wed. 24th St. Adela

Thurs. 25th The Nativity of the Lord

Fri. 26th St. Stephen, first martyr

Sat. 27th St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

Sun. 28th Feast of the Holy Family

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, **Michael Casey R.I.P.** Macroom, & late of Farran, Ballyhea, **Donal O'Flynn R.I.P.** Charleville, late of Newtown Ballyhea, **Anne Tynan, R.I.P.** Charleville, **Edward (Hilly) Barrett R.I.P.** Ballyhoura. Reposing in O'Keeffe's Funeral Home Buttevant from 5.30pm to 7.00pm on Sunday evening followed by removal to St. Mary's Church, Buttevant, Requiem Mass on Monday at 2pm, burial afterwards in St. John's Cemetery, Buttevant. Eternal rest grant to them O, Lord.

Anniversaries: - Masses are offered for the following,

Sat. 20th Dec. 7.30pm Teddy McEniry, Ballinadrideen

Sun. 21st Dec. 8.30am Maureen O'Shea, Raheen

Sun. 21st Dec. 11.00am Joseph Walsh, Rathglassane

Mon 22nd Dec. 12 noon Nellie Pyne, Castlewrixon

Wed. 24th Dec. 8.00pm James, Eileen & David Wall, and Conor Curtin.

Thurs. 25th Dec. 8.30am Tim & Joan Buckley

Thurs. 25th Dec. 9.00am Eilish Rea, Wicklow.

Thurs. 25th Dec. 11.00am Noreen O'Connor, Newtown House, Ballyhea

Sat. 27th Dec. 10.00am James Joseph Kildea, Swansea

Please also remember, Billy Clifford, Castlewrixon, Jim & Pidge Kelly, Ballyhay, Antonia Murphy, Shinana, whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Christmas Sick Calls

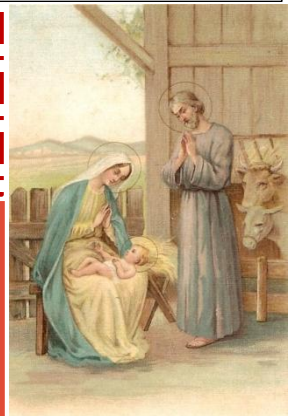
The Christmas sick calls will be attended to on Tues. 23rd December 2025.

Christmas Carols

The choir will sing Christmas Carols 20 minutes before the 8pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and again 20 minutes before the 11.00 am Mass on Christmas Day.

Christmas Céilí

Unfortunately, the Céilí advertised for 28th December 2025 in St. Sciath's Hall/ Parish Hall has been cancelled, due to unforeseen circumstances.



Wishing you all a Holy & Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year