Ballyhea Parish Newsletter
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time/ Feast of St. Bridgid
Septuagesima Sunday

Year A | 1st February 2026 | No. 6

Mass Times

Monday 2nd Feb. 12 noon (Latin)
Tuesday 3rd 12 noon
Wednesday 4th 12 noon (Latin)
Thursday 5th 10.00am
Friday 6th 10.00am
Saturday 7th 10.00am & 7.30pm
Sunday 1st Feb. 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 €180 .00
Development Fund €375.00
School/Parish Hall €480.00
Crucifix Donation €50.00

Collectors for February

7.30pm Vigil Mass Tom Hanley
8.30am Mass John Mortell
11.00am Mass

Church Altar Flower Arrangers

Sat. 7th Feb. & Sat. 14th Feb.
Ann O'Brien
No Flowers during Lent

Readers Next Three Weekend

Sat. 7th Feb. Elizabeth Ryan
Sun. 8th Feb. Mary Byrne
Sat. 14th Feb. Ger. O'Shea
Sun. 15th Feb. Mary Byrne
Sat. 21st Feb. Ger. O'Shea
Sun. 22nd Feb. Sheila Fennessy

Month of February

The month of February dedicated to
The Holy Family

Feastdays for the coming week

Mon. 2nd Feb. The Presentation of the Lord/Candelmas Day
Tues. 3rd St. Blaise
Wed. 4th St. Joan of Valois
Thurs. 5th St. Agatha
Fri. 6th Ss. Paul Miki & Companions, martyrs
Sat. 7th St. Mel,
Sun. 8th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope's Intentions for February

For Children With Incurable Diseases
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

St. Blaise/ Blessing of Throats

Tuesday February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise; he is venerated as patron of those who suffer from disease of the throat. The Blessing of throats will be given after the 12 noon Mass on Monday.

McAuley Day Centre

McAuley Day Centre, Charleville will re-open on Wed. 4th Feb. 2026, weather permitting after an extended Christmas season. Usual times and activities will apply, looking forward to welcoming everyone back.

Deaths: - Please pray for the repose of the soul of, **Canon David Herlihy, R.I.P.** Killabraher, Dromina, / Newtownshandrum, who died during the week.

Anniversaries: - Masses are offered for the following,

Sat. 31st Jan. 7.30pm **Patrick, Norah & Michael Moloney,** Castleharrison.
Sun. 1st Feb. 8.30am **Mary Jo Bradley, Rathmorgan, & Willie Brassill & Aggie Lane (Brassill)** Ballinadrideen
Sun. 1st Feb. 11.00am **Eileen O'Regan, Newtown Ballyhea, & Colm & Denis O'Regan**
Wed. 4th Feb. 12 noon **Florence O'Driscoll, Coolcaum**
Fri. 5th Feb. 10.00am **November Altar List & Purgatorial Society**

Please also remember **Kate Linehan, Imphrick,** whose anniversary occurred last weekend.

Thank You Letter received from Fr. Michael Walsh in Nigeria

Dear Monsignor O'Brien
Greetings from Zing.
Thank you for the gift of €1,000 forwarded to me by our mutual friend the Papal Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Michael Francis Crotty. It became 1,725,000 Naira, the Nigerian currency.
Below are donations I made to five diocesan charities. You may like to think of your gift as contributing to just one of them. Or to more than one.
A. A diocesan clinic, St Monica's, Yakoko, ten kilometres away, run by the Sisters of Our Lady of Fatima, a Nigerian congregation: N3,000,000 **B. A diocesan special needs school run by the same Sisters in Yakoko: N1,000,000 C. The Diocesan Youth Project at Jauro Yino** about 70kilometres away: this is a programme for teaching young men the three "R"s, catechism if they are Catholics, and a trade like carpentry. The youths are usually school drop-outs: N1,000,000. **D. "Hope for Women":** a similar programme to the Youth Project but for young women at Mayo Dassa about 60 kilometres away. They are usually school dropouts and as well as the three "R"s and catechism (if they are Catholics) and sewing. They are also school drop-outs. It is run by Nigerian Infant Jesus Sisters. The same congregation as "Drishane Sisters": N2,000,000 **E. IDP: Internally Displaced Persons.** These are people fleeing armed conflicts and in need of shelter and care. Nigeria has constant flare-ups usually of a tribal nature. Often the divisions correspond with religious affiliations so the violence often has a religious angle even though the root cause is not religion: N2,000,000.
Dear Monsignor O'Brien, once again thanks to Ballyhea parish for your very generous gift of €1,000. It has been put to good use.
Every blessing for 2026. *Michael*
There are some copies of the full letter on the table in the Church Porch.

Sick Calls

The Sick Calls will be attended to on Friday 6th February 2026, at the usual times

First Saturday Devotions

First Saturday devotions will take place after the 10am Mass on Saturday 7th February 2026.

Ballyhea Community Alert

Ballyhea Community Alert would like to sincerely thank everyone who attended and supported the event held in the Charleville Showgrounds last Saturday.