

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter

4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

15th March 2026

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Mass Times

Monday 16th March 12 noon & 7.30pm
Tuesday 17th 8.30am & 11.00am
Wednesday 18th 12 noon (Latin)
Thursday 19th 10.00am
Friday 20th 10.00am
Saturday 21st 10.00am & 7.30pm
Sunday 22nd 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 €375.00

Collectors for March

7.30pm Vigil Mass
8.30am Mass Denis McNamara
11.00am Mass

Church Altar Flower Arrangers

No Flowers during Lent, except **St. Patrick's Day** March 17th, **St. Joseph**, March 19th & **Feast of the Annunciation**, March 25th

Readers Next Three Weekend

Mon. 16th March Louisa Carroll
Tues. 17th March Sheila Fennessy
Sat. 21st March Elizabeth Ryan
Sun. 22nd March Audrey Morrissey
Sat. 28th March Ger. O'Shea
Sun. 29th March Sarah Barrett
Thurs. 2nd April Louisa Carroll
Fri. 3rd April Mary Byrne
Sat. 4th April Elizabeth Ryan

Month of March

The month of March is dedicated to

St. Joseph

Feastdays for the coming week

Mon. 16th March St. Julian of Antioch
Tues. 17th St. Patrick, patron of Ireland
Wed. 18th St. Cyril of Jerusalem
Thurs. 19th St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri. 20th St. Benignus
Sat. 21st St. Enda
Sun. 22nd 6th Sunday of Lent

Pope's Intentions for March

For disarmament & peace
Let us pray that nations move towards effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

St. Patrick's Day

Tuesday 17th March is St. Patrick's Day, it is a Holy Day of obligation. Masses will be celebrated on Monday 16th March at 7.30pm Vigil Mass and Tuesday 17th at 8.30am and 11.00am.

Lenten Alms

Alms for Nigeria may be left into the Sacristy during Lent. These will be applied to a charitable purpose & designated by Archbishop Crotty, Apostolic Nuncio to Nigeria.

Deaths: - Please pray for the repose of the soul of: - **Pat Herlihy, R.I.P.**
Newtown Shandrum, who died during the week.

Anniversaries: - Masses are offered for the following,

Sat. 14th March 7.30pm **Michael & Joan Corbett**, Ballyhay.
Sun. 15th March 8.30am **Mary Leahy**, Ardskeagh.
Sun. 15th March 11.00am **Dan, Ellen & Michael Barrett**, Cooline.
Mon. 16th March 7.30pm **John Joe & Michael O'Callaghan**, Rathnacally.
Tues. 17th March 8.30am **Mary Alice Rooney**.
Sat. 21st March 10.00am **John & Mary O'Brien**, Ballinadrideen
Please also remember **Patrick Dasy**, Lisballyhea, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Church Pipe Organ

Preparatory works for the building of the organ have commenced and will continue over the next number of weeks.

Your patience while these works are carried out will be much appreciated.

Sacred Heart Messenger

The Sacred Heart Messenger is available in the Porch for purchase.
Sacred Heart Messenger €2.00

Picture of the Crucifixion

The cleaning and restoration of Guido Reni's Crucifixion has been completed. We await the return of the frame and expect to put up the picture within the next two weeks.
Should anyone wish to assist in defraying the costs, donations may be left into the Sacristy. Many thanks for your help.

Amalgamation of Parishes

Proposals are being made with regard to the amalgamation of parishes throughout the diocese. Currently, there are 46 parishes in the diocese of Cloyne. One suggestion has been advanced to reduce these to 19 pastoral areas. Before responding to any proposals, and in an exercise of practical synodality, the parish priest wishes to hear the views of the people of this parish. Consequently, a consultation paper will be circulated with the Easter offerings envelopes to every household in the parish. You are kindly asked to respond by returning the consultation paper duly completed. This will allow for a clear picture of the people's views in this matter to emerge and to lay the ground for seeing how they may be satisfactorily met into the future.

Happy Mother's Day