

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th Sunday after Pentecost
23rd August 2026

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Mass Times

Monday 24th Aug. 12 noon
 Tuesday 25th 12 noon
 Wednesday 26th 12 noon (Latin)
 Thursday 27th 10.00am
 Friday 28th 10.00am
 Saturday 29th 10.00am & 7.30pm
Sunday 30th 8.30am & 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on Thursday after 10am Mass.
 Door Collection 15/8/26 €120.00
 Development Fund 15/8/26 €125.00
 Door Collection 16/8/26 €170.00
 Development Fund 16/8/26 €385.00
 Organ Fund €90.00

Collectors for August

7.30pm Vigil Mass
 8.30am Mass
 11.00am Mass Dave Ryan

Church Altar Flower Arrangers

Sat. 29th Aug & Sat. 5th Sept.
 Bernie Leahy
 Sat. 12th Sept. & Sat. 19th Sept.
 Ann O'Brien

Readers Next Three Weekends

Sat. 29th Aug Ger. O'Shea
 Sun. 30th Aug Sarah Barrett
 Sat. 5th Sept. Louisa Carroll
 Sun. 6th Sept. Mary Byrne
 Sat. 12th Sept. Elizabeth Ryan
 Sun. 13th Sept. Sheila Fennessy

Month of August

The month of August is dedicated
The Immaculate Heart of Mary
Feastdays for the coming week
 Mon. 24th Aug. **St. Bartholomew, Apostle**
 Tues 25th St. Louis of France
 Wed. 26th St. Victor
 Thurs. 27th St. Monica
 Fri. 28th St. Augustine
Sat. 29th The Passion of St. John the Baptist
Sun. 30th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope's Intentions for August

For evangelisation on the city
 Let us pray that in large cities, often marked by anonymity and loneliness, we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

Church Pipe Organ

Preparatory works for the building of the organ have commenced and will continue over the next number of weeks.
If anybody would like to assist the organ project, you can sponsor a pipe for €10.00 each.
 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. Price €2.00

Anniversaries: - Masses are offered for the following;

Sat. 22nd Aug. 7.30pm Ellen Browne, Castlewrixon.
 Sun. 23rd Aug. 8.30am Margaret Noonan, Ballycosgry.
 Sun. 23rd Aug. 11.00am John O'Connell, Ballinagrath.
 Fri. 28th Aug. 10.00am Dan O'Connor, Newtown Shandrum.
 Sat. 29th Aug. 10.00am Kitty Ryan, Shinana & Beechwood Drive.
 Please also remember Madge Cowhey, Ballycosgry, whose anniversary occurs around this time.



The Mystical Marriage of St. Catherine of Alexandria was painted by Antonio Allegri da Correggio (1489-1539) in 1518 and is documented as part of the collection of Barbara Sanseverino before passing into the collection of Cardinal Odoardo Farnese. In 1734, it was transferred to Naples by Carlo III, King of Naples and Sicily as part of his inheritance from his mother, Elizabeth Farnese, the last representative of the Farnese dynasty. The picture is conserved in the Museum of the Palazzo di Capo di Monte in Naples. A further copy of the picture is in the Hermitage in St. Petersburg. The Sposalizio Mistico di Santa Catherina is a subject which was painted several times by Correggio. Traditionally, it was regarded as a symbol of the mystical union between Christ and those who had embraced the religious life. The copy acquired by the parish is a cut-down copy of the original (24 x 28 cm) in Naples and came from the Convent of Mercy in Newry Co. Down. St. Catherine was born in Alexandria in Egypt in 286 A.D. Her father was Constus, governor of Alexandria. Following a vision of Our Lady and the Christ child, she converted to Christianity. She was a noted scholar, philosopher and exponent of Neo-Platonism. She was martyred in the persecution of Maxentius (289-313 AD) firstly on the wheel and subsequently by decapitation. The Emperor Justinian founded the monastery of St. Catherine in Sinai in her honour in 548. She is the patron saint of lawyers, judges, and jurists; librarians, archivists, theologians, and preachers; nurses, and those facing sudden death.