

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th Sunday after Pentecost
27th September 2026

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Mass Times

Monday 28th Sept. 12 noon
 Tuesday 29th 12 noon
 Wednesday 30th 12 noon (Latin) & 8.00pm Station Mass
 Thursday 1st Oct. 10.00am
 Friday 2nd 10.00am
 Saturday 3rd 10.00am & 7.30pm
 Sunday 4th 8.30am & 11.00am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will take place on Thursday after 10am Mass.
 Door Collection 20/9/26 €190.00
 Development Fund 20/9/26 €395.00
 Education of Seminarians €155.00

Collectors for October

7.30pm Vigil Helen O'Doherty
 8.30am Mass Ger. O'Shea
 11.00am Mass Carmel Roche

Church Altar Flower Arrangers

Sat. 3rd Oct.
 Gretta Donegan Kenny
 Sat. 10th Oct. & Sat. 17th Oct.
 Angela Ryan

Readers Next Three Weekends

Sat. 3rd Oct. Elizabeth Ryan
 Sun. 4th Oct. Mary Byrne
 Sat. 10th Oct. Ger. O'Shea
 Sun. 11th Oct. Sheila Fennessy
 Sat. 17th Oct. Louisa Carroll
 Sun. 18th Oct. Audrey Morrissey

Month of October

The month of October is dedicated

The Holy Rosary

Feastdays for the coming week

Mon. 28th Sept. St. Wenceslaus
Tues. 29th Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
 Wed. 30th St. Jerome,
Thurs. 1st Oct. St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Fri. 2nd The Guardian Angels
 Sat. 3rd Bl. Columba Marmion
Sun. 4th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pope's Intentions for October

For mental health ministry
 Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental health illnesses.

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. 26th Sept. 7.30pm Jerry & Eileen Egan, Tim & Mary Buckley,
 Danny Boyle, Jim, Betty & Charlie McNena
 Fri. 2nd Oct. 10.00am November Altar List & Purgatorial Society List.

Sick Calls

The Sick calls will be attended to on Friday 2nd October, 2026, at the usual times.

School/Parish Hall

This being the last Sunday of the month, there will be a second collection after Holy Communion for the School/Parish Hall.

Autumn Station List

30th Sept. 2026 Clonkeen, Fiddane, Shanballa, Cooline, Miltown, Kiltass, & Rathnacally. **In the Church**
9th Oct. 2026 Rathmorgan & Rathglassane.
In the home of P.J. & Fiona O'Connor
All Station Masses will be celebrated at 8.00pm



The Madonna and Child was painted by Bartolome Estaban Murillo (1617-1682) several times.

This version is conserved in the Galleria Palatina of the Palazzo Pitti in Florence. It was painted about 1655 shortly after a devastating outbreak of the plague in Spain. It is regarded as one of the painter's most beautiful works. It was produced during a period in which he received few major commissions and during which he concentrated on painting devotional works for the edification of the faithful. These works require no great intellectual analysis to understand their significance and meaning as they are immediately accessible by emotion and call on the viewer to respond. In these works, the painter's interest in chiaroscuro lighting diverges from Zurbarán's style, driven by a search for greater dynamism and emotional intensity, interpreting sacred themes with delicate and intimate humanity. The parish acquired a copy of the painting at auction at Mealy's, Castlecomer.