

*Ballyhea Parish Newsletter*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*8<sup>th</sup> January 2023*

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**Mass Times**

*Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Vigil Mass*  
*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 8.30am & 11am*  
*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 12 noon*  
*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> 12 noon*  
*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 12 noon Latin*  
*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 10am*  
*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 10am*  
*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 10am & 7.30pm Vigil*  
*Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 8.30am, & 11am*  
*Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after 10am Mass on Thursday.*  
*Confessions are heard on request.*  
*Receiving Holy Communion*  
*Only those receiving Holy Communion should approach the Altar & only on a seat-by-seat basis.*

**Readers Next Two Weekend**

*Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> Jan.*  
*Diarmuid McCarthy*  
*Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Jan.*  
*Audrey Morrissey*  
*Sat. 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan.*  
*Maria McInerney*  
*Sun. 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan*  
*Mary Byrne*

**Month of January**

*The month of January is dedicated to*  
*The Holy Name of Jesus*

**Feastdays for the coming week**

*Monday 9<sup>th</sup> St. Julian of Antioch*  
*Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> St. Peter of Sebaste*  
*Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> St. William*  
*Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> St. Benedict Biscop*  
*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> St. Hilary*  
*Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Blessed Virgin Mary Mass*

**Pope's Intentions for January**

*For Educators*

*We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.*

**Ballyhea Parish Christmas Annual**

*Copies of the Ballyhea Parish Christmas Annual are on sale in the Church Porch*

*Price €5.00 each*

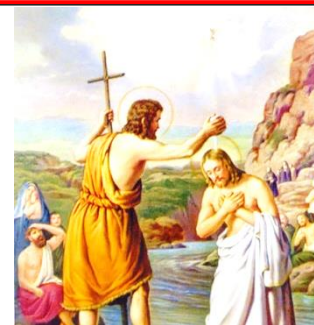
**IN THE INTEREST OF  
KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE  
IN THESE UNCERTAIN  
TIMES, PLEASE TAKE THIS  
LEAFLET HOME WITH YOU  
& DESTROY**

**Anniversaries:** - Masses are offered for the following:

*Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Jan. 10am Kathleen Daly, Ballinadriveen*  
*Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 8.30am Kathleen Ronan, Ardnageehy*  
*Sun. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11am Fr. Jerry O'Riordan, Connie O'Riordan, Fr. Padraig Keogh Peggy Keane, Abina Hayes & Seamus Kiehy.*  
*Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> Jan. 12 noon Patrick Curtin, Ballinadriveen.*  
*Please also remember Michael Corbett, Ballyhay, whose anniversary occurs around this time.*

**Booked Anniversary Masses**

*Booked Anniversary Masses are accepted on the understanding that Funeral Masses and Month's Mind Masses take precedence.*



Nowadays we see baptism as welcoming a new person or infant into the Christian community. There was no Christian community for Jesus to be welcomed into when he was baptised by John in the river Jordan. By his baptism Jesus identified with all who were in need of God's special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by the ancient prophets. The opening of the heavens, the voice, and the Spirit all confirmed that Jesus was God's presence in the world. He would treat people as if they were his Father in heaven. His presence offered hope and healing to all who felt overwhelmed and overburdened. "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened...." Matthew 11: 28. We who have been baptised by water and the Holy Spirit have become other Christs. We are God's presence in the world. Christ lives in us - Galatians 2: 20. "Christ has no body now on earth but yours – no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks out his compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses...." - Teresa of Avila. Let's not underestimate the power we have to offer hope and help to others when they are down - a listening ear, a kind word, a welcome mat, a bit of humour.... Maybe we could go another step and offer the questioner a good reason for the faith we practise and the hope we have – 1 Peter 3:15. Fr. Joe Walsh