

Ballyhea Parish Newsletter
3rd Sunday Of Easter
3rd Sunday after Easter
18th April 2021

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No 15

Mass Times

Masses will be live streamed

Saturday 17th April 10am

Sunday 18th April 8.30a.

Monday 19th April – Wednesday 21st April

Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon

Mass on Wednesday will be celebrated in Latin

Thursday 22nd April – Saturday 24th April

Mass will be celebrated at 10 am

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass on Thursday.

Confessions will be heard by appointment

Pope's Intentions for April

Universal intention-Fundamental rights

We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis

Lenten Alms

For Lent the Parish has adopted a Missionary Outreach in Burkina Faso in West Africa.

Lenten Alms in support of this project may be left in, in the usual ways during Lent.

The entire proceeds of this initiative will be sent to Archbishop Crotty, Apostolic Nuncio in Burkina Faso, to be applied on the ground to a deserving charity of his choice.

Please forward offering before the end of April.

Month of April

The month of April is dedicated to

The Holy Spirit

Feastdays for the coming week

Monday 19th: St. Alphege of Canterbury, bishop & martyr

Tuesday 20th: St. Beuno

Wednesday 21st: St. Anselm of Canterbury, bishop

Thursday 22nd: St. Theodore of Sykeon, bishop

Friday 23rd: St. George, martyr

Saturday 24th: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest & doctor

Electronic Payments

Easter offerings, Dues, and Weekly offerings can now be made by using a Credit Card or PayPal.

For this facility, please go to the Parish Web Page, www.ballyheeparish.com press the "Donate" button, fill in the form and forward your offering.

New Parish Web Page

The Parish has launched a Web page

www.ballyheeparish.com

it will act as a resource hub for information regarding the Parish and its history.

Chairs for the New Hall

Many thanks to the generous sponsors for the chairs for the New Hall. There are now 171 sponsored chairs. Sponsorship for the chairs is in the amount of €40 per chair.

Deaths: Frances Penny, (née O'Donnell) R.I.P. Roscommon Town and Effin, Maureen O'Keeffe, R.I.P. Athlacca, both of whom died during the week.

Anniversaries: Mass is offered for the following,

Sunday 18th April 8.30am, Tom Mortell, Rathmorgan

Thursday 22nd April 10am, Jerry & Eileen Egan, Tim & Mary Buckley, Jim & Betty McNena and Danny Boyle.

Friday 23rd April 10am, Tom Crowley, Ballinadrideen

Brazilian Covid variant.

Please see message below

1. All passengers who have arrived from Brazil in January are requested to come forward for a COVID- 19 PCR test. This test can be obtained by going to a GP and seeking a referral. GPs have been alerted and will facilitate this without any charge.

2. These travellers are also strongly advised to self-isolate for 14 days from the date of arrival.

3. The HSE's contracted isolation facility at the Citywest Hotel complex is available to those who are unable to self-isolate in their own homes for any reason and is an option for people from Brazil in this situation.

Sophie Ryan | Oifigeach Cúnta Foirne

Oibríochtaí Ceantair Bardasacha & Forbairt Tuaithe

Thank You

Very many thanks to all who send in their Easter Offerings.

Late offerings may still be made, in the usual way, or by using the Ballyhea Parish web page.

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Thank You

Very many thanks to Cork County Council for a grant of €1000.00 for the purchase of reusable delph and cutlery for the New Hall

Petition

A petition to the Government to ease restrictions on public worship especially for Funerals and Sunday Mass will shortly be circulated in the Parish. Please sign the same and return it to the Parochial House

'You are Witnesses of these things'

Today's Gospel is one of the resurrection accounts from St Luke's Gospel. It begins with the disciples recalling their experience on the road to Emmaus and how they recognised Jesus in the breaking of the bread. The Gospel continues into another account of the Risen Jesus with his disciples. Jesus interrupts the disciple's story and greets them with 'Peace' (Shalom) yet, in this account, they are terrified by this. Jesus shows them his wounds and Luke tells us that they are full of joy, but they still can't believe it and think it is a ghost. Jesus shows them that he is no ghost as he asks for food and eats fish with them. Jesus then journeys with them back through the scriptures in order to open their minds. He speaks to them compassionately, trying to relieve their anxiety and fear. Jesus tells the disciples that "you are witnesses of these things". Luke wants to establish an important point, that these disciples are witnesses to the Resurrection, they ate with Jesus after his death and he opened their minds. The Resurrection accounts in the Gospels are not fantasy, they are the actual experiences of Jesus' disciples. So often in Luke's Gospel Jesus conveys his message through food and banquets, moments of celebration. The Risen Christ brings compassion and joy into difficult spaces. Today let us share with Jesus the situations in our lives which need an injection of compassion and Easter joy.