

St Mary's Church



Ballyheigue

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly

27th -28th July 2024

For emergencies only please 'phone:  
During the week

Fr Gerard Finucane (087) 0554874

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From 1pm Sunday –9am Monday this weekend only  
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### Deaths

Mike Joe Nelan, Knockane

### Anniversaries

Bryan Murphy, Tommy James

### Mass intentions for this weekend

Saturday Vigil... Marie Lawlor

Sunday Mass..... John, Elizabeth & Thomas Bowler

### Mass intentions for the coming week.

Tue....7.00pm Michael, Margaret & Mary R. Griffin

Thur...6.45pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament

7.15pm Communal Celebration of Reconciliation

7.30pm Pat Joe Godley (9<sup>th</sup> ann.)

Fri.... 6.30pm Mary Costello (months mind) (First Friday)

Sat.... 8.00pm Patrick, Ciss & Patrick Jr O'Neill & Marian & Con Canty

Sun...10.00am Tom & Mai Griffin

Address: Chapel Rd., Ballyheigue, Tralee Co Kerry  
Eircode: V92 HY57

Live streaming of masses on: [www.dioceseofkerry.ie-Parishes - Ballyheigue](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie-Parishes-Ballyheigue) –click on picture of the Church.

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Under GDPR, the recording of Requiem/Funeral Masses, is a decision for the next-of-kin of the deceased and must be requested via the undertaker. The undertaker will make the family aware of this.

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Church Open: 11am –4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday

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The Parish Office is open in the Presbytery, 9.40am-1.00pm Wednesday & Thursday mornings (closed on Holy Days). All bookings for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings to go through the Parish office Mass cards also available. Email: [ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie) Telephone (066) 7133110.

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Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month.

### Reflection ~Sharing is caring

“Sharing is caring” is something we teach our young children to put into practice. Throughout his ministry Jesus was attentive to those who hungered for healing, acceptance, for justice and for peace. He responded generously to these hungers. Today, the gospel speaks of Jesus being attentive to the hungry and exhausted. With the generosity of the young child Jesus responded to their plight and satisfied their need.

Today, these same hungers exist in our midst, especially those crying out for the basic necessities of life. We see this in Africa, Ukraine, the Middle East, and indeed even in our own country. The Lord invites us to be attentive to these hungers and like the young child to respond generously. God can do great things with our humble offerings. I am reminded of the saying of St Basil the Great (330-379 AD) that ‘the bread which you do not use is the bread of the hungry, the clothes hanging in your closet is the garment of the one who is naked, the shoes that you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot, the money you keep locked away is the money of the poor.’

The Offertory Collection € 690.60 was lodged to Parish a/c. Thank you for your continuing support of our Parish. You may continue to hand in your Parish Envelopes to the Post office and we thank the Post Office for continuing to provide this facility to us. Their assistance is greatly appreciated.

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Diocesan Collection for Pastoral Centres will be taken up next week at all Masses on 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> August. A basket will be available near the Offertory collection containers on the tables at both exits. Thank you.

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First Friday Communion Calls to the elderly will take place on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at the usual time. Please inform relatives and friends

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Annual Pilgrimage to Knock of the Diocese of Kerry -Our second Annual Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024. While many families will travel by car it is hoped that like last year buses will travel from the Pastoral Areas. A bus has been organised from the Naomh Bhréanainn Pastoral Area at a cost of €30per person. If you would like to travel by bus, please contact the Parish office.

In the encyclical, ‘Fratelli Tutti,’ the Holy Father reminds us that “we must treasure the spiritual and human wealth that has been handed down from generation to generation... their voice is precious because it sings the praises of God and safeguards the roots of peoples... grandparents are the link between generations, passing on the experience of life and faith to the young.”