St Mary's Churces First Sunday of Lent 17th-18th February 2024 Ballyheigue	For emergencies only please 'phone: <u>During the week</u> Fr Brendan Walsh (087) 791 3271 Fr Pat Crean-Lynch (087) 2200114 Fr Jerry Keane (087) 2844649 <u>From 1pm Sunday –9am Monday this weekend only</u> Fr Brendan Carmody (087) 9601549.
Death	Address: Chapel Rd., Ballyheigue, Tralee Co Kerry Eircode: V92 HY57
Michael O'Connor, Tiershanahan John Leen, Doon	<i>Live streaming of masses on:</i> www.dioceseofkerry.ie- Parishes - Ballyheigue –click on picture of the Church.
Mass intentions for this weekend Saturday Vigil Mary & Donal MacMahon & dec MacMahon family members	<i>Under GDPR, the recording of Requiem/Funeral</i> <i>Masses</i> , 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.
Sunday Mass Fiona O'Leary & Willie Duggan (3 rd ann)	<i>Church Open:</i> 11am –4.30pm Tuesday to Sunday
Mass intentions for the coming week.Tue7.00pmMary Casey (4th ann)Thur7.00pmAdoration of Blessed Sacrament7.30pmEtienne GuerinFri 7.00pmMassSat 8.00pmFr. Paddy Godley (month's mind)Sun10.00amBob Hennessy	<i>The Parish Office is open in the Presbytery</i> , 9.40am- 1.00pm Wednesday & Thursday mornings (<i>closed on</i> <i>Holy Days</i>). All bookings for Masses, Baptisms and Weddings to go through the Parish office Mass cards also available. Email: ballyheigue@dioceseofkerry.ie Telephone (066) 7133110. <i>Baptisms:</i> 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the month.

The Offertory Collection \notin 621.88 -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.

Parish Gathering

In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish in the next few weeks, please see next weeks newsletter for venue, date, and time. As preparation for the gathering, you are invited to reflect on the following three questions:

- 1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- 2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- 3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

Many thanks for your support and assistance for this consultation

<u>'The Wild Goose'</u>, a short video series with Fr. Dave Pivonka, is all about discovering a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit. Starts Monday 19th February at 7pm, ending at 8pm in Parish Office, Ballyduff. Join us to watch the series and enjoy life to the full in the power of the Holy Spirit. Contact Francis 087 2214512

The Spring Collection for the Priests of our Pastoral Area is now due. Many thanks for your continuing support.

Evangelium Ireland will host its next Apologetics Conference for young Catholics at St Patrick's College, Maynooth on Saturday, 16 March. Cost: €38 including lunch, refreshments, and evening social. For full programme and to register visit <u>www.evangelium.ie</u> or 'Evangelium Ireland' on Eventbrite.

<u>Trocáíre</u> To reduce the production and administration costs of Trocáíre boxes there is instead an extra envelope in your box of envelopes again this year for Trocáire. It is purple and dated 7th April and marked *Trocáire*. Please use this envelope *if you wish* to contribute to Trocáire. There are also a limited number of boxes available at the end of the church if anyone would rather contribute in this way. *We share during these difficult times with the impoverished people of the Third World*

The Dates for our Knock and Lourdes pilgrimages are : Knock, Saturday 24th August. Lourdes, Thursday 29th to Tuesday 3rd September.