Ballybunion Parish Newsletter	*15th November, 2026*	*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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Schedule for the Week:	
Sat. 14th Nov. 7.00p.m.	Edward Walsh; Mary O'Sullivan (2nd Anniv.); Noren & Christopher McNamara; Molly, Paddy, Paudie & Tom Joe Walsh; Padraig O'Sullivan Ballydwyer (Birthday Remembrance); Special Intention
Sun. 15th Nov. 11.30am	Liz Coleman (Months Mind); Carmel McCarron, Margaret & Joe McCarron & the Beasley Family Riverview; Michael Walsh Ballyeigh (1st Anniv.); David, John & Helen Walsh Ahafona & UK; Decd. of the Boyle Family Glounawilliam, Mary & Mary Linnane Dirra & decd. family members, Kevin Kelly 1st Anniv. (husband of Nuala Hourigan);
Mon. 16th Nov. 10 a.m.	Faithful Departed
Wed 18th Nov. 10.00 a.m.	Deceased members of Ballybunion Active Retirement
Fri. 20th Nov. 10.00a.m.	Faithful Departed
Sat. 21st Nov. 7.00p.m.	Padraig Tydings; Rosie Jack; Maureen Dillon; Mark O'Callaghan, Patsy O' Callaghan & decd. family members; Desmond Des Burke; Jim Dee (40yh Anniv.) also Caroline & Baby Jamie Dee Urlee, William & Sheila Cummins, Mary & Sheila Jnr. Cummins
Sun. 22nd Nov. 11.30am	Toddy Toomey; Marie Harnett; Alex & Mary McDonnell;

Parish Notes

Welcome to St. John's Church. This is a House of the Lord: Please speak to Him for yourself and those dear to you. This is a Sanctuary of God: Please maintain the silence and respect befitting its sacredness. This is a place of sacrifice: Please, let us be especially conscious of this as we prepare for the celebration of Mass. **Confession:** Saturdays 6.15p.m. - 6.45p.m.

Please pray for the souls of: Fr. John O'Connor Tarbert, Mary Currie Ballybunion & Denis Brennan Ballyconry who died during the week.

Anniversaries: Tim Galvin; Nora Galvin; Joe Killeen; Betty & Pat Finucane; Kitty Finucane & decd. family members; John Foley; Mai & John Linnane & decd. family members; Michelle Healy; John, Bridie & Nancy Keane; **Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament:** Monday 8.45a.m. – 9.45a.m.

Priest on Duty Sun., 15th Nov.: Fr. Declan O'Connor Listowel: 087 0908949

Confirmation online Talk: 25th November at 7.30 p.m. for parents/guardians of children preparing for confirmation

Link: https//us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FHoCKOLmTGCpMDnGAXxJUw

A Christmas Celebration: Kerry Choral Union with St. Joseph's Secondary School in St. John's Church on Wed. week, 25th Nov at 7 p.m. Tickets €15.00.

World Day of Remembrance for Road traffic Victims: Mass in St. Mary's Church Listowel this Sunday 15th November at 9 a.m.

Reflection: Pope Leo XIV made a pilgrimage to Uruguay's national Marian shrine on 8th Nov. The unique Marian title of Our Lady of the Thirty-Three takes its name from the image of the 33 revolutionaries whose 1825 campaign sought to free the territory then known as the Eastern Province from the Brazilian Empire. The Assembly of Florida, which declared independence on 25th Aug. 1825, met beside the town's church, and its members venerated the Marian image preserved there. "This small image is linked to a decisive moment in Uruguay's history. In 1825, those who were fighting for the freedom of this land also turned to Mary, to place the beginning of their efforts under her protection. That gesture reminds us that the history of peoples, too, cannot be fully understood without reference to God," Pope Leo said. "Since that time, generations have come and gone, circumstances have changed, including the relationship of many Uruguayans to the faith. Yet she has remained here." The Pope shared a message of hope for mothers who feel the grief of seeing their children fall away from practicing the faith they were raised in. "I know that many of you carry a very specific sorrow. You taught your children to pray, and today they no longer do so. You used to attend Mass together, and it has been years since they entered a church. You spoke to your grandchildren about God, and now you do not know if those words left a mark. Sometimes you wonder if you did something wrong or if it was all futile," Pope Leo said in his homily. The pope pointed to the witness of St. Monica, who "prayed for years for a son who seemed to be drifting further and further from God, but she never stopped trusting in his grace." "Mothers and grandmothers: never tire of passing on the faith! Preach with your lives as well as with your words. Insist on prayer, love, and hope; insist on them in season and out of season (cf. 2 Tim 4:2). Do so with patience, without harshness or discouragement. Even if your loved ones seem far from God, continue to place them before him. Do not stop blessing them, accompanying them, and simply reminding them of what they once received," Pope Leo said. "There are doors that you cannot open, but God can," he added. In his homily, the pontiff also offered words of encouragement to fathers and grandfathers, urging them to imitate St. Joseph. "Dear fathers and grandfathers, young people need to see that you pray, receive the sacraments, treat your wives with respect, ask for forgiveness and live with integrity, even when doing so requires sacrifice. Children learn a great deal by seeing that their father can kneel before God without feeling that he is any less of a man for doing it," Pope Leo said, to loud applause from those gathered at Mass. "Your children and grandchildren need to see that the faith occupies a genuine place in the lives of the men in your family," the pope added. The pope celebrated an outdoor Mass with 50,000 people in front of the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Thirty-Three, the cathedral basilica of the Uruguayan city of Florida, on the morning of Nov. 8, the date of the country's annual national pilgrimage to the Virgin Mary, which is closely tied to Uruguay's historic struggle for independence from Brazil. At this beloved pilgrimage site, Pope Leo renewed the consecration of Uruguay to the Virgin Mary, first made by St. John Paul II in 1988, imploring God that through Our Lady's intercession "he may thwart the works of the evil one and preserve beloved Uruguay from whatever might lead it away from Christ."

God Bless. **Fr. Gearóid Walsh, P.P.**

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