# MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 World Day of Peace

From the moment she was told she was to be the mother of God, Mary accepted God's plan for her with willingness and humility.

May we learn to respond to God in this way.

#### **MASSES**

Vigil Saturdays 6p.m. Sundays: 9a.m. & 11a.m. Weekdays: Monday to Saturday 10 a.m.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

Saturdays 10.30am and 5.30pm

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# Dear People of Ballinlough,

I want to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you grace and peace this Christmas, you have made Ballinlough parish "happen".



At this special time of the year, I also want to thank so many people who contribute in a particular way to the functioning of our parish. To our Sacristan, parish Secretary, Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, those who look after the flowers and decorating of the church, church cleaners, parish finance committee, people who distribute dues envelopes, our parish schools and so many others.

I want to take this opportunity to renew our welcome to Canon Michael Murphy and to thank him sincerely for his ministry in Ballinlough.

May I wish all our parishioners, a blessed and safe Christmas and the graces of the Christ child to sustain us in 2023.

Beannachtaí Na Nollaig, Monsignor Gearóid Dullea.

## **Deaths**

We remember in our prayers Phyllis O'Shea, Douglas Road may she rest in peace. Our prayerful condolences to her families, relatives, friends, and neighbours. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

The Cork and Ross Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

This will be our first Diocesan Pilgrimage since 2019. Frs. Charlie Kiely, Damian O'Mahony and Marius O'Reilly will coordinate the pilgrimage in 2023. We are all grateful to Canon Jim O'Donovan for his dedication and hard work as pilgrimage director over many years.

Further details are available on <a href="www.corkandross.org">www.corkandross.org</a> or via e-mail at <a href="lourdes@corkandross.org">lourdes@corkandross.org</a>

Information is also available from Joe Walsh Tours (01 - 241 0800). Cost €849 to €899 with a choice of hotels.

People, families, and parishes throughout the Diocese are invited to travel to Lourdes with the Diocese in 2023. Those who may wish to travel as helpers, nurses, or doctors to assist pilgrims in Lourdes should contact lourdes@corkandross.org

This Christmas and New Year let us pray for all those devastated by war, famine drought and persecution.

May we be truly generous in our giving and in our prayer before the Crib. May we remember the least of our brothers and sisters in their time of need.





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We wish to inform parishioners that, unfortunately, one of the parish's email addresses has been accessed by a third-party unknown to the parish.

If you sent an email to <u>ballinloughparishoffice@eircom.net</u> between 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022, your email and any information in the email may have been accessed by this third party and this would constitute a data breach. The email address <u>parishoffice@ballinloughparishcork.com</u> was not affected.

On becoming aware of the issue, the parish immediately took steps to block the third party having access to the emails and notified the Data Protection Commission, as required. We are sorry for any distress caused to affected parishioners, we assure you that we value your privacy and this was entirely inadvertent. The parish has engaged the services of an external IT consultant and has taken steps to increase the parish's email security to prevent a reoccurrence. The parish is now using the email address parishoffice@ballinloughparishcork.ie and the old email address is no longer in operation.

We would of course be happy to address any queries or concerns that you have. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Diocese's Data Protection Officer Ms. Michelle O 'Riordan at <a href="mailto:dpo@corkandross.org">dpo@corkandross.org</a> or at 021 – 430 1717.

Once again, we regret any inconvenience caused by this issue.

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# **EDEL QUINN Prayer Group**

We meet every Thursday in the Pastoral Centre at 8pm. All welcome.