

ASKEATON BALLYSTEEN PARISH NEWSLETTER

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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time 26th Oct 2025

Ballysteen Mass Schedule.

Sun 26 th :	9am	Mass for the People.
Sat 1 st :	9am	Feast of All Saints.
Sun 2 nd :	9am	Mass for Feast of the Holy Souls. Marita Sheehy, Months Mind Mass

Askeaton Mass Schedule

Sat 25 th :	6.30pm	Adoration
	7.30pm	John & Bridget Shiels, A/V. Paddy Wilmott, A/V.
Sun 26 th :	10.30am	Kathleen O'Donnell, brothers Michael & John, and her parents James & Bridget.
	6.30pm	Adoration.
Mon 27 th :	9.30am	Morning Mass & Adoration.
Tues 28 th :	9.30am	Morning Mass & Adoration.
Wed 29 th :	9.30am	Morning Mass & Adoration.
Thurs 30 th :	9.30am	Morning Mass & Adoration.
Fri 31 st :	6.30pm	Start of 40hrs Adoration for Holy Souls.
	7.30pm	Vigil for All Saints
Sat 1 st :	10.30am	Feast of All Saints.
	7.30pm	Vigil of All Souls Tommy & Mary Sheahan, A/V. Michael McCarthy, A/V. followed by Adoration
Sun 2 nd :	10.30am	End of 40hrs Adoration & Mass for Feast of Holy Souls.
	6.30pm	Eucharistic Procession Grotto to St. Mary's Church.
	7.45pm	Remembrance Mass for those who during the year.

Confessions: Sat 6pm,7-7.30pm	Adoration: Mon -Thurs 10-11am, Fri - Sun 6.30-7.30pm (Askeaton Church)
First Friday 9-9.30am/after Adoration	Tuesday 7-8pm (Ballysteen Church)

Mass for the Holy Souls, Sunday, 2nd Nov at 7.45pm.

Names of deceased close family members who have died in the past year from outside the parish will be taken after Mass on Saturday/Sunday 18th & 19th and on Saturday /Sunday 25th & 26th of October to be included in our November Holy Souls Mass. A procession will take place the Grotto on Sunday evening at 6.30pm 2nd November to St. Mary's Church just before the 7.45 Mass.

40 Hrs Adoration will take place beginning on Friday, 31st October at 6.30pm in St. Mary's Church for the Holy Souls and ending on Sunday 2nd Nov at 10.30am. Please fill in the Sheet at the back of the church if you wish to attend.

Apostolic Work: We wish to sincerely thank all who supported our fundraising efforts for the foreign Missions. Your contributions were very much appreciated.

Mon 3rd November: 9.30am Mass for those buried in **Church St. Cemetery.**

Reilig Mhuire: During the Month of November the Rosary will be recited on the Sundays in November at 3pm in Reilig Mhuire Cemetery. You are invited to attend to remember your departed loved ones.

Funerals:- Funerals will take place at 11am in our parish churches. (On these days there will be no weekday morning Mass & Eucharistic Adoration will be scheduled at 6.30pm Askeaton Church).

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 October 2025

From the outside the Pharisee and tax collector seem very different. They are not, however, as different as we might think, for on the inside they are both dead; lost, broken, and in need of God. The difference is not their place in society. The real difference is that the tax collector knows he is dead and the Pharisee does not. The difference is that the Pharisee keeps score and the tax collector cries out, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner! One who is missing you. One who is in need of you. One who is and has nothing apart from you.'

To know we are dead is the beginning of resurrection. Scorekeeping blinds us to our own death. This parable is the invitation to stop keeping score, to acknowledge and hold before God the dead places of our life: the failures and disappointments; the break ups and break downs; the emptiness, sufferings, addictions; the places of our life where we no longer dream dreams, have visions, or prophesy. That is what the tax collector did.

The tax collector went home justified, not because he was good or better than the Pharisee, he wasn't, but because he offered God a dead life not a scorecard. God did not withhold anything from the Pharisee. God simply gave him what he asked for, nothing. For the tax collector God's mercy has opened the door to a new life, a new world, a new self-understanding, a new relationship with God. The beginning of a new story, a new life, is a choice God sets before each one of us. *Michael K. Marsh interruptingthesilence.com*

Electric Stair Lift, €1000 including installation guaranteed until April 2026. €500 goes to Milford. Also, Hospital Bed. Contact 087-150 9853

First Friday Calls to the Sick and Housebound. Sick and housebound parishioners can receive Sacraments at home. Please contact the Parish Office 061-398 077 on Tuesday's or speak to one of the Sacristans.

For Baptisms, Weddings & Anniversary: Contact the office Tuesday's 9-5pm 061-398 077. Anniversaries can also be booked in the Sacristy of the church where mass is to be said.

Alliance of the Two Hearts:	1 st Fridays at 9pm
St. Joseph's Prayer Group:	1 st Wednesday at 8pm in Meeting Room.
Healing Mass of Padre Pio:	2 nd Fridays at 7.30pm.
Youth Evening Monthly Holy Hour:	3 rd Sunday at 6.30pm -7.30pm
Family & Life Evening Monthly Mass:	4 th Friday at 7.30pm.

Parish Contact Information:

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Offertory/Dues Contributions; Cheques as follows: **Parish:** The Askeaton Parish A/C.
Priest: St. Mary's Priests Dues A/C.

Notices: - If you would like to include any notices in the parish newsletter, please email easbaile@gmail.com Deadline is Tuesday at 11am.