

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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### **MASSES:**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am. Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm.

Sunday: 10.00am. & 12.00

**CONFESSIONS:** Before Saturday Vigil Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Wed. & Thurs. 3.00 - 7.00pm. Friday: 10.30am. - 8.00pm.

**BAPTISMS:** Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am. Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.

### **ANNIVERSARY MASSES 13<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2018**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am. Saturday 7.30pm.**

Decd. of the Murphy Family, Lurgan, & the Cribbin & Freeley Families, Knockbrack

Mary, Edward, Lilian & Noreen Brennan, Kiltiboe

Sean Phillips, Leow

Mary McGuire, Johnstown, & decd. of the Fitzmaurice Family

Máisín Meath, Clare St.

Margaret Keane, Coventry & Annagh

Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St. & Dermot Winston, Ballinlough

John & Margaret Lyons, Redford, & Michael Griffin, Johnstown & Manchester

Tom & Delia Stenson, Tooreen

Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. Manchester

Kate, John, Patrick & J. J. Goulding, Ballinlough

Ellie & Tom Donnelley & decd. Manchester

Sarah & Thomas Halpenny, London & Ballyhaunis

<b>15 &amp; 18/19 AUGUST</b>	<b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	Michael Goulding	Mary Freeley (NH)	Patsy Flanagan
	Joe Byrne	Mary McGuire	Jana Jurakova
	Irene Healy	Ger Donnellan	Irene Nunes
	Brigid Lynskey	Mary Keane	Helena Byrne
	Noreen Gallagher	Breege Halpin	Ann Carney
<b>READERS</b>	Mary Donnelly	Maura Murphy	Pat Higgins

### **WEEKDAY READERS**

Monday: Mary Gormley

Tuesday: Sean Paul Tighe

Friday: Christina Concannon

Offertory Collection 4/5 August €1,945

### **Recently Deceased**

We remember in our prayers

Ann O'Brien, Beech Park

### **Recently Baptised**

We welcome into the faith community

Anna Margaret Kinsella, Station Rise & Abu Dhabi

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY:** Wednesday next, 15th August, Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am. as usual.

**BRIEFING FOR VOLUNTEER EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS IN KNOCK:** A briefing will be held in the Basilica on Sunday 12th August at 7.00pm. for those who have volunteered to be Eucharistic Ministers at the Mass in Knock on Sunday 26th August on the occasion of the visit of Pope Francis.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES - NATIONAL COLLECTION:** The offertory collection next weekend 18/19 August will go towards the World Meeting of Families taking place in Dublin from 21st - 26th August. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Due to the visit of Pope Francis to Knock Shrine, there will be no morning Masses here in our church on Sunday 26th August. The 7.30 Vigil Mass on the evening of Saturday 25th August will be celebrated as usual.

**MARY'S MEALS NATIONAL WALK TO KNOCK:** Please support the walkers who will arrive in Ballyhaunis at 4.00pm. approx. on Tuesday 14th August on their fundraising walk from Dublin, Limerick, Armagh & Kilkenny to Knock in aid of Mary's Meals - a worldwide charity providing free school meals for over 1 million children daily while attending school at a cost of €15.60 per child per year. Visit [www.sbs4marysmeals.ie](http://www.sbs4marysmeals.ie) for further information.

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AT KNOCK FOR VISIT OF POPE FRANCIS**

From 8.30am on the morning of Sunday August 26th, there will be a 'Gathering Event' until the arrival of the Holy Father. It will focus on the Story of Knock through Apparition witnesses testimonies. Music for the occasion will be provided by Knock Parish Choir with guest musicians and soloists.

Upon arrival, the Holy Father will move through the assembly in the Pope Mobile arriving at the Apparition Chapel at 10.00am. for private prayer. Afterwards His Holiness will deliver a short address and lead pilgrims in the Angelus Prayer. After the departure of the Holy Father, there will be a concelebrated open-air Mass with Fr Richard Gibbons as the main celebrant and homilist. **Please note that this will be a part of the official ticketed event.**

## **NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK 14th - 22nd August**

Ceremonies: 3.00pm. & 8.30pm. daily. Workshops: 12 noon & 6.00pm. daily

This year will be the 41st celebration of the Novena, and such an important year as we prepare the way for the visit of His Holiness Pope Francis to the Shrine as part of the [World Meeting of Families](#) in Dublin. The theme for this year's Novena is 'Faith & Family', and will draw from the key topics and themes related to Family from Pope Francis' teachings in The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia). See the full programme of Novena speakers at [www.knockshrine.ie/events](http://www.knockshrine.ie/events)

**FR. PATRICK BURKE MEMORIAL WALK TO KNOCK SHRINE** - Wednesday 15th August. From Began cemetery (burial place of witness Catherine Murray) 10K, starts at 2.45am. From the Blessed Well in Balla 20K, starts at 1.00am. Both walks arrive at Knock Parish Church for 6.00am. Mass. Contact Michael at 087-9947842.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP** are hosting a BBQ on Thursday August 16th at 7.00pm in Rock Rose House, Castlebar. All welcome to attend. Please RSVP by phoning 094-9038407.

**TOM WALDRON 5K RUN/WALK** in Claremorris in aid of Protect the Children of the World, Tuesday 14th August at 7.30pm. at Claremorris Athletics Track. Register from 6.30pm. All are welcome.

**KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE** is running a 6-evening Anger Management Programme starting on Thursday 13th September. Contact Peter Devers 09493 75032



*Pope Francis teaches the meaning of the Mass at his Wednesday*

The celebration of Mass which we have been reviewing in stages is organized around Communion, that is, in being united to Jesus; the Sacramental Communion: not spiritual communion which you can have in your own home by saying: "Jesus I would like to receive you spiritually". Not, Sacramental Communion, with the Body and the Blood of Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist to nourish ourselves of Christ who gives himself both in Word and in the Sacrament of the Altar, in order to conform us to him.

The Lord himself says this: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him". (Jn 6:56). In fact, Jesus' gesture of *giving* his Body and Blood to his disciples at the Last Supper, still continues today through the ministry of the priests and deacons; ordinary ministers of the distribution of the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation, to the brothers and sisters.

During Mass, after breaking the consecrated Bread, that is the Body of Christ, the priest shows it to the faithful, inviting them to participate in the Eucharistic banquet. We know the words that ring out from the sacred altar: "Happy are those who are called to his Supper.

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Inspired by a passage in the Book of Revelation - "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9): it says "marriage" because Jesus is the Spouse of the Church - this invitation calls us to experience intimate union with Christ, the source of joy and holiness. It is an invitation which brings happiness and at the same time spurs us to an examination of conscience enlightened by faith. If in fact, on the one hand we can see the distance which separates us from the sanctity of Christ, on the other, we believe that his Blood is "shed for the forgiveness of sins".

We were all forgiven at Baptism and we are all forgiven or will be forgiven when we approach the sacrament of Reconciliation. And do not forget: Jesus always forgives. Jesus never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness. In fact it is in considering the salvific value of this Blood that Saint Ambrose exclaimed: "If I sin continually, I must always have a remedy" (*De Sacramentis*, iv, 6, 28: pl 16, 446a). In this faith, we too turn our gaze to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and we invoke him: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed". We say this at every Mass.

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