

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 17th - 23rd September 2018

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

Denis, Mary & Anne Burley, Classaroe

Teresa & Frank Connolly, Devlis

Mary Maloney, 1A Beech Park, & decd. of the Maloney Family, Bekan

Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.

Bridie & Johnny Lyons, Upper Main St. & decd. of the Caulfield & Lyons Families

Michael Murray, Doctor's Road & Kathleen Murray & decd. London

Anthony Coyne, Leenane, & decd. of the Coyne & Gavin Families

Michael, Mary & Joe Rattigan, Lecarrow, & Joe Greally & decd. Annagh

Eamon Burke, Devlis

James & Bridie Toolan & decd. of the Toolan & Moran Families

Sean Biesty, Carrowkeel, & decd. of the Biesty Family

Tony & Lily Morley, Abbey St.

Sunday 10.00 Month's Mind

Frank Webb, Devlis

22/23 SEPTEMBER	7.30pm.	10.00 am	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Laura Brogan	Breege Halpin (NH)	Patsy Flanagan
	Paula Grogan	Mary Donnelly	Jana Jurakova
	Clare Higgins	Teresa Healy	Irene Nunes
	Margaret Byrne	Aileen Burke	Helena Byrne
	Jacinta Flynn	Geraldine Murphy	Ann Carney
READERS	Norrie Dillon	Mary Finan	Michael Byrne

WEEKDAY READERS

Monday: Jarlath Fahey
 Tuesday: Liam Devaney
 Wednesday: Mary Donnelly
 Friday: Martin Fitzmaurice

Offertory Collection 8/9 Sept. €1,715

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the faith community
 Owen James Anthony Maughan & Terry Thomas Gerard Maughan, Cherryfield

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
 Ellen Graves, Clare Court
 Nora Moran, Carrownedan, mother of Michael Moran, Aisling Drive
 Una Keogh, Longford, mother of Breege Keogh Kenny, Knock

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A meeting of the core group will be held on Monday 17th September at 8.00pm. in the Parochial Hall.

AUTUMN STATION MASSES: Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home is asked to contact the parish office at 094-9630006 to arrange date and time.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME for men and women who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation, 19th - 21st October at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Contact Gerry 086-3855090 or Maureen 087-6646896.



Pope Francis reflects on the meaning of Baptism at his Wednesday audience in St Peter's Square, April 11th, 2018

Let us recall the last words of the Risen One to the Apostles; they are a precise mandate: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Mt 28:19). Through the baptismal bath, those who believe in Christ are immersed in the very life of the Trinity.

Indeed, the water of Baptism is not just any water, but the water upon which *the Spirit*, the "giver of life" (Creed) is invoked. Let us consider what Jesus said to Nicodemus in order to explain to him birth into divine life: "unless one is born of

water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit” (Jn 3:5-6). Thus Baptism is also called ‘*regeneration*’: we believe that God has saved us “in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit” (Tit 3:5).

Baptism is therefore an effective sign of rebirth, in order to walk in the newness of life. Saint Paul reminds the Christians of Rome about this: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:3-4).

By immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us *members of his Body, which is the Church*, and sharers in her mission in the world (cf. CCC, 1213). We baptized are not isolated: we are members of the Body of Christ. The vitality which springs forth from the baptismal font is illustrated by these words of Jesus: “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit” (Jn 15:5). A selfsame life, that of the Holy Spirit, flows from Christ to the baptized, uniting them in one Body (cf. 1 Cor 12:13), anointed by the holy unction and nourished at the Eucharistic table.

Pope Francis in speaking to the Irish bishops raised some interesting points. He said: “Sometimes we can think that faith formation means teaching religious concepts, and we don’t think of forming the heart, shaping attitudes. Forming the mind, yes, but also the heart. And teaching how to pray: teaching children how to pray from the very start. Prayer.”

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES: The annual celebration of Marriage Anniversaries will take place on Sunday 7th October at 3.00pm. in Tuam Cathedral.

Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to attend along with their family members. Anyone wishing to attend please notify the parish office at 094-9630006 as soon as possible.

BALLYHAUNIS P.T.A.A. A celebration Mass to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pioneer Association in Ballyhaunis will be held on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm. in St. Patrick’s Church.

CULTURE NIGHT: Ballyhaunis will take part for the first time in the nationwide “Culture Night” programme with an event in St. Mary’s Augustinian Abbey on Friday 21st September from 7.30 – 9.30pm. Culture Night is designed to celebrate our town and community with performances of Music, Dance, Arts & Crafts and Food all performed by people from our local community. It will include Irish Dancing, Russian and Irish Music, Recitations, Set dancing and Traditional Irish music along with a mix of other types of dance, contemporary music and displays by local cultural and art groups showing their work and activities. The event will be very informal with the emphasis on fun and finding out more about all the various cultural and artistic activities and talents which Ballyhaunis has.

The organisers hope that this first Culture Night event in Ballyhaunis will grow to become a showcase for all the cultural groups active in our area and as an excellent way to bring people together to celebrate this aspect of our town’s community. The event is free of charge, open to all people; families and children are especially encouraged to attend.

MONDAY MORNING MEETS 55+ will be back in action on Monday 24th September. New members always welcome. Come along for the fun activities, discussions, chat and a cuppa!

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 19th September at 3.00pm. in the Communal House, Clare Court, and both existing and new members will be very welcome.

MAYO /ROSCOMMON HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: A coffee morning will be hosted by Anne & Gerry Lyons, Knockbrack, on Thursday 20th Sept. 10.00am. - 2.00pm.

KNOCK MUSEUM PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES

Knock Museum will host a series of public lectures in September & October in Knock House Hotel, focusing on family genealogy, folklore and local history. The first lecture entitled 'Ordnance Survey Maps throughout the Years focusing on unique and Local Maps' will be facilitated by Thomas Broderick of Ordnance Survey Ireland. Cost: €10 per lecture. This project is funded by the Heritage Council of Ireland. For bookings contact: Knock Museum Tel. 094 93 75034, email: knockmuseum@knockshrine.ie See www.knockshrine.ie/events to view the full programme.

MONASTIC IRELAND - A GIFT OF THE NILE: An illustrated talk by Alf Monaghan looking at the history of early Irish Christianity from a different perspective - a Mediterranean perspective, will take place on Thursday 20th Sept. at 8.00pm. in Balla Community Resource Centre. It traces links with ancient Egypt, connects Irish monasticism with the Desert Fathers and the early Irish Church with the Egyptian Coptic Church.