

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 20th - 25th AUGUST 2018

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

John Gerard Brady, Knox St. & Cavan

Paddy & Bridie Brennan, Upper Main St.

Terence McHugh, Main St.

Maura & Sean Griffin, Clare St. & decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly Families & Mike Freeley

Mike & Delia Freeley, Gurteen

Michael & Brigid Cunniffe & decd. Toor een

Ann & David Fitzmaurice, Forthill

Peg & Jim Cribbin, Togher

Mary & Leonard Ellis & decd. of the Fitzmaurice Family, Spaddagh

Luke, May & Gerry Greally, Drimbane & Birmingham

Bridget Regan, Beech Park (Month's Mind)

Please note there will be no morning Masses on Sunday 26th August

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| 25th AUGUST | 7.30pm. |
| MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST | John Dillon |
| | Paula Grogan |
| | Clare Higgins |
| | Margaret Byrne |
| | Jacinta Flynn |
| READER | Alex Eaton |

WEEKDAY READERS

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

Offertory Collection 11/12 August €1,995

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

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK continues at Knock Shrine until 22nd August. Ceremonies at 3.00pm. & 8.30pm. Workshops at 12 noon & 6.00pm. daily. 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

MARY'S MEALS: Sincere thanks to all who supported the bucket collection for the walkers to Knock in aid of Mary's Meals on Tuesday 14th August, to the JP2 Merit Award students to helped with the collection, and to all who provided entertainment and refreshments for the walkers in Clare Court Communal House. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The amount collected was €590.

LEAVING CERTS: We wish the best of luck to the students who received their Leaving Cert results during the week. We will continue to pray for all of you at our Masses as you make decisions and choices for college and career over the coming days and weeks.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL: The return to school schedule is as follows:
 Monday August 27th - 1st Years (Half day)
 Tuesday August 28th - 3rd/6th Years
 Wednesday August 29th - 2nd/5th Years
 Thursday August 30th - LCA2
 Monday September 3rd - TY

FOYER OF CHARITY SILENT RETREAT: Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..."
Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne. September 17th to 23rd. in Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry.
Cost: €380 full board. Contact: Helen : 086 1678027, hellywilliams@gmail.com
www.foyerofcharity.ie

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS & NUIG are co-hosting a public information meeting titled 'Let's Talk About Dementia' at 11.00am. on Thursday 6th September at Mayo Co. Co. Offices, The Mall, Castlebar. All are welcome, admission of free. Contact 094 93 64900.

BALLYHAUNIS MEN'S SHED is open Monday to Friday, 10.00am. - 2.00pm. at the Friary. Contact 087-1911135.

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.**

Those who have tickets to attend the visit of Pope Francis to Knock Shrine as part of the WMOF 2018 celebrations are advised to read the information available on the Knock Shrine website regarding travel, parking and other practical information. The official Traffic Plan is also available and can also be view at www.garda.ie

Pilgrims are advised to study the plan in advance of travelling to the Shrine. Angelus text, a hymn sheet and general guidance/information on the liturgical events will be available for download/printing in the days prior to the event. This information, including the full Spiritual Programme is available at www.knockshrine.ie/wmof2018

Those who submitted names for transport to Knock: Busses will leave Ballyhaunis church at 5.30am. on Sunday 26th August. Passengers must have a ticket/pass for the Papal visit. The fare is €15 payable to the bus driver. Please park your cars in the Knox St. car park and other public car parks in the town.

TOCHAR PHÁDRAIG PILGRIM WALK from Ballintubber Abbey takes place on Saturday 25th August departing the Abbey at 8.30am. Contact Ballintubber Abbey Office 094 9030934

CLAREMORRIS MUSICAL SOCIETY will hold open auditions for its upcoming 13th annual production "Big The Musical" which will be staged in January 2019.

Teen Auditions (12 - 17yrs) take place from 2.00 - 4.00pm, September 2nd in The Dalton Inn, Claremorris with Adult Chorus Auditions taking place 4.30 - 6.30pm. Auditions for Principal Adult roles will be held on September 3rd from 7.00 - 9.00pm. Check Facebook/Twitter, call June on 087 6332169 or email claremorrismusicalsoc@gmail.com



Pope Francis teaches the meaning of the Mass at his Wednesday audience
Although we are the ones who stand in procession to receive Communion; we approach the altar in a procession to receive communion, in reality it is Christ who comes towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be

changed by what we receive. Saint Augustine helps us understand this when he talks about the light he received when he heard Christ say to him: "I am the food of strong men; grow, and you shall feed upon me; nor shall you convert me, like the food of your flesh, into you, but you shall be converted into me" (*Confessions* VII, 10, 16: pl 32, 742). Each time we receive Communion, we resemble Jesus more; we transform ourselves more fully into Jesus. As the Bread and the Wine are converted into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so too those who receive it with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist. You reply "Amen" to the priest who distributes the Eucharist saying "the Body of Christ"; that is, you recognize the grace and the commitment involved in becoming the Body of Christ. Because when you receive the Eucharist, you become the Body of Christ. This is beautiful; it is very beautiful. As it unites us to Christ, tearing us away from our selfishness, Communion opens us and unites us to all those who are a single thing in him. This is the wonder of Communion: we become what we receive!

https://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/audiences/2018/documents/papa-francesco_20180307_udienza-generale.html