

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 24th – 30th DECEMBER 2018

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

Mary & Eddie Walsh, USA & Bracklaghboy

Bridie Webb, Beech Park

Jim & Mary E. Smith, Bridge St.

Margaret & Thomas Lydon & decd. of the Marigliano Family, Island

Kathleen & Bill Lyons & decd. Knockbrack

Etta Hernon & decd. of the Healy & Grogan Families, Holywell

Bernie Joe Lyons & decd. Skeghard

Judith Regan & decd.

Padraic, Agnes & Angela Heaney, Bargarriff & decd. of the Heaney & Mullarkey Families

Kathleen Gavin, Cooloughra

James John Cunniffe, Mike & Margaret Nolan, Michael & Brigid Cunniffe

Helen Meehan, Curries

Decd. of the Kilroy & Stenson Families, Tooreen

Decd. of the Devine Family, Derry

Decd. of the Finn, Durkin & Hyland Families, Classaghroe

Michael & Mary Webb & decd. Main St.

Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.

Máisín & Eamon Meath, Clare St.

James & Bridget Sloyan, Brackloon & Mary Ellen Frehill

Delia & John Regan & decd. of the Waldron Family, Carrowkeel

Sunday 10.00 First Anniversary: Elizabeth Carney, Classaroe
Kathleen Webb, Station Rise

24/25 DECEMBER	9.00pm.	10.00 am	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Justina Lyons	Margaret Tarpey	Deirdre Browne
	Paul Sykes	Mary McGuire	Breda Davis
	Michael Goulding	Ger Donnellan	Bernie Quinn
	Orla Moran	Mary Keane	Mary Ryan
	Joe Byrne	Mary Donnelly (NH)	Patricia Plunkett
READERS	Liam Lynskey	Tommy Caulfield	Paula Donnellan
29/30 DECEMBER	7.30pm.	10.00am.	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Irene Healy	Teresa Healy	Mary T. Griffin
	Brigid Lynskey	Aileen Burke	Eileen Jordan
	Noreen Gallagher	Geraldine Murphy	Gabrielle Lyons
	Marina Coyne	Cait Webb (NH)	Eileen Donnellan
	John Dillon	Dolores Byrne	Dympna Greally
READERS	Mary Donnelly	Willie Ryan	Martin Fitzmaurice

WEEKDAY READERS

Monday: Jarlath Fahey
Wednesday: Mary Donnelly
Friday: Martin Fitzmaurice

Offertory Collection 15/16 Dec. €2,175

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Albert Junior (AJ) Madden, Claremorris

PARISH CALENDARS for 2019 are available in the church free of charge

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CEREMONIES

Service of Reconciliation and Confessions - This Sunday 23rd December at 6.00pm.

Children's Liturgy: Families with young children (of all ages) are invited to a special telling of the Nativity Story by Fr. Stephen at the Crib in the church after 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday 23rd December. Children are encouraged to dress as a character from the story if they wish.

Christmas Eve Masses - 10.00am. & 9.00pm.

Masses on Christmas Day - 10.00am. & 12 noon. The 10 o'clock Mass will be broadcast on Midwest Radio.

Mass on St. Stephen's Day (Wed.) will be at 12 o'clock instead of 10 o'clock.

THE PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be gratefully accepted at all Christmas Masses.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: ST. JOSEPH CLUSTER There will be a special New Year's Day Mass for all the parishes/church areas in the Cluster in St Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, at 12 noon on January 1st 2019. This is the fifth year of this event and as on previous occasions representatives from each of the parishes/church areas will take part in the Mass. The theme for the Mass will be "Peace in our world" The combined choirs of the Cluster will provide the music and singing at the Mass. All are welcome. A collection will be taken up at the Mass, the proceeds of which will go towards defraying costs of various events organised by the St. Joseph Cluster.

Please note there will be no 10 o'clock Mass on New Year's Day, Tuesday 1st January.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY HALF TOCHAR PHÁDRAIG PILGRIM WALK from Ballintubber Abbey to Aughagower takes place on Wednesday 26th December departing the Abbey at 11.00am. A backup car will accompany all the walkers to the end. Contact Ballintubber Abbey Office 094 9030934.

HOSPICE THANKS: Mayo Roscommon Hospice would like to thank all the volunteers who helped with their Christmas appeal in the various towns and also for their kind assistance over the past year with other fundraising events. Thanks also to local support groups and all who organised and participated in various fundraising event over the year. Their support is most appreciated. Best wishes to all for a very happy and holy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES AT KNOCK SHRINE *Christmas Eve:* 7.30pm and Midnight in Knock Basilica

Christmas Day: 9.00am and 10.30am in Knock Parish Church, 12.00pm in Knock Basilica.

Wednesday 26 December – Saturday 29th December: Masses in the Parish Church at 12.00pm and 3.00pm. only.

Confessions: Daily from 11.00am. to 4.00pm . Please note that the Chapel of Reconciliation will close at 4.00pm. on Christmas Eve and will re-open on December 30th. All Masses will be streamed live on the website www.knockshrine.ie/watch

VIRGINIA GALLAGHER MAYO PERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD, MEITHEAL

AWARD & YOUNG MAYO PERSON OF THE YEAR: The deadline for the receipt of nominations for the above awards is Monday 31st December. Check out www.mayoassociationdublin.com for details. Enquiries to Julie Doyle (chair) on 087 915 0787 or Grace Heneghan (Secretary) on 087 2873250.

A WORD OF THANKS & APPRECIATION

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus and another year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to commend all who are involved in any way in the life of our parish.

So many people give generously of their resources, time and talents in a variety of ministries in our parish. A special word of thanks to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council for the time they give to planning events and responding to the needs of our parish.

Thanks also to all involved in the ministry of music, especially to our choirs, organists and soloists, and to the teachers in our schools, who make such a great contribution throughout the year but especially at times such as this. Finally a word of gratitude to Margie Phillips, Enda Caulfield, Pat Regan, George O'Neill, Jimmy Donnelly, Mary Waldron, Mary McGuire, Marion Regan, Geraldine O Dwyer, the students involved in the St. John Paul 2 Merit Awards, and all who helped to decorate the church and the crib for the Christmas season.

I wish all our parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas

Fr. Stephen