

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS**

*Dedicated 1909*

**MASSES:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.**

**Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30. Sunday: 10.00am. & 12.00.**

**CONFESSIONS: Before Sat. Evening Mass**

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

**PARISH WEBSITE: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie>**

**Newsletter on line: Parish website or [www.ballyhaunislife.net](http://www.ballyhaunislife.net)**

**Web-cam: Parish website or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)**

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**ANNIVERSARY MASSES 25<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

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

Mary & Eddie Walsh, New Jersey & Bracklaghboy

Bridie Webb, 1B Beach Park

James & Bridget Sloyan, Brackloon North

Kathleen Gavin, Cooloughra

Bill & Kathleen Lyons, Knockbrack

John Jarlath Mullarkey & decd. Tullaghane

Decd. of the Kilroy & Stenson Families, Tooreen

Decd. of the Devine Family, Derry

Paddy Phillips, Main St

Pat Byrne, Johnstown

Decd. of the Tighe Family, Carrabaun, Aghamore

Decd. of the Kennedy Family, Carnmore, Aghamore

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**Sunday 10.00 First Anniversary**

Ann Powers, St. Gerald's Crescent

<b>30/31 DECEMBER</b>	<b>7.30pm.</b>	<b>10.00am.</b>	<b>12.00</b>
<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	Noreen Gallagher	Kay Curley (NH)	Gabrielle Lyons
	Marina Coyne	Margaret Tarpey	Irene Nunes
	Marion Regan	Mary Freeley	Ann Carney
	John Dillon	Ger Donnellan	Rita Lundon
<b>READERS</b>	Liam Lynskey	Willie Ryan	Jarlath Fahey
<b>COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY</b>	James McManus	Susan Gately	Emmett Keane
	Michael Egan	Pat Phillips	Peter McCafferty
	Jim Lundon	Mike Griffin	Gabrielle Lyons
	Pat Curley	Michael J. Walsh	Eddie Mooney

## WEEKDAY READERS

Tuesday: Liam Devaney

Wednesday: Aileen Burke

Friday: Mary Donnelly

Offertory Collection € 1,820

Please pray for

Bronius Barysas, Alytus, Lithuania, father of Loreta Aleksuniene, 108 The Maples

**ST. STEPHEN'S DAY HALF TOCHAR WALK:** Tuesday 26th December departing the Abbey at 11.00am. for Aughagower by bus. Pilgrims will then walk back to the Abbey.

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASSES

Christmas Eve Masses are at 10.00am. & 9.00pm. There is no 12 o'clock Mass this Sunday. Masses on Christmas Day will be at 10.00am. & 12 noon. The 10 o'clock Mass will be broadcast on Mid West Radio.

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

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**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 St Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, at 12 noon on Monday, January 1st 2018. This is the fourth 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 of the Mass will be "The World Meeting of Families 2018" 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 in St. Patrick's Church on New Year's Day**

## WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES (WMOF) 21st - 26th AUGUST 2018

The official diocesan launch of World Meeting of Families will take place in January to coincide with the visit of the Icon to our diocese from 19th to 29th January. The Icon of the Holy Family was written by iconographer Mihai Cucu, assisted by the Redemptoristine Sisters of the Monastery of St.

Alphonsus, Dublin, and was unveiled and anointed at the annual Novena in Knock last August. A poster of the Icon is on display at the back of our church beside the Crib.

Everyone is invited to write their petitions and prayers and place them in the special petition box in front of the poster at the back of the church. All petitions will be brought to the centre where the Icon will be residing in the diocese, and will then be distributed amongst contemplative orders in Ireland. They will also be brought to the World Meeting of Families gathering in Dublin next August. Sample petitions can be downloaded from World Meeting of Families website: [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)

**PARISH CALENDARS** for 2018 are available in the church free of charge. Please take one.

**BCS CLASS OF '87** - 30 year re-union, Thursday 28th December at 9.00pm. in Epic.

**BRACKLOON & DISTRICT CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Friday 29th December at 9.00pm. in the Clock Bar, Knox St. All are most welcome.

## **A WORD OF THANKS & APPRECIATION**

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord and another year come 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 the 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, the students involved in the St. John Paul 2 Merit Awards, and all who helped to decorate the church and crib for the Christmas season.

*Fr. Stephen*