

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 31st DECEMBER 2018 - 6th JANUARY 2019

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

Liam & Josie Smyth, Knox St.

Kathleen Webb, Station Rise

Helen Meehan & decd. Curries

Michael & Agnes Jordan & decd. Annagh

Sylvester McBride & decd. Annagh

Phyllis Cunnane, Larganboy

Kieran Carney, Classaroe

John & Delia Comer, Killinaugher

Ann Powers, St. Gerald's Crescent

Fr. Martin Hannon & decd. of the Hannon & Scott Families

Paddy Phillips, Main St.

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

James & Mary Plunkett, Forthill & decd. of the Grogan Family, Aghamore

Patrick & Ann Keane & decd. Knox St.

Sunday 10.00 Month's Mind: Pat Byrne, Knox St.

5/6 JANUARY	7.30pm.	10.00am.	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Marion Regan	Eileen Lynch	Patsy Flanagan
	Laura Brogan	Mary Sykes	Jana Jurakova
	Paula Grogan	Mary Murphy	Helena Byrne
	Clare Higgins	Margie Gallagher	Ann Carney
	Margaret Byrne	Kay Curley (NH)	Rita Landon
READERS	John Mooney	Julia Kelly	Alacoque McManus
COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY	James McManus	Susan Gately	Emmett Keane
	Michael Egan	Pat Phillips	Peter McCafferty
	Jim Landon	Mike Griffin	Gabrielle Lyons
	Pat Curley	Michael J. Walsh	Eddie Mooney

WEEKDAY READERS

Monday: Mary Gormley

Wednesday: Freddie O'Brien

Friday: Christina Concannon

Offertory Collection 22/23 Dec. €2,518

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

Mary Cummins, Knock

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

MONDAY MEETS will resume on Monday 7th January at 11.00am. in Clare Court Communal House. Guest speaker from Citizens Information. New members are welcome.

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS: ST. JOSEPH CLUSTER A special New Year's Day Mass for all the parishes /church areas in the Cluster will be celebrated in St Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, at 12 noon on Tuesday 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.

'KNOWING MY MEDICINE' A new initiative called a 'Knowing my Medicines' leaflet, has been launched at Mayo University Hospital. The leaflet encourages everyone to keep an up to date list of their medication. This will help you and hospital staff to safely manage medicines if you or a family member needs to come to hospital. This leaflet is available to print on the hospital website or copies are available from the Volunteer or Outpatient registration desks in the hospital.

Pope Francis Christmas message 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Happy Christmas!

To you, the faithful of Rome, to you, the pilgrims, and to all who are linked to us from every part of the world, I renew the joyous proclamation of Bethlehem: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those whom he favours” (Lk 2:14).

Like the shepherds who first went with haste to the stable, let us halt in wonder before the sign that God has given us: “A baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger” (Lk 2:12). In silence, let us fall to our knees and worship.

What does that Child, born for us of the Virgin Mary, have to tell us? What is the universal message of Christmas? It is that God is a *good Father* and we are all *brothers and sisters*.

This truth is the basis of the Christian vision of humanity. Without the *fraternity* that Jesus Christ has bestowed on us, our efforts for a more just world fall short, and even our best plans and projects risk being soulless and empty. For this reason, my wish for a happy Christmas is a *wish for fraternity*. Fraternity among individuals of every nation and culture.

Fraternity among people with different ideas, yet capable of respecting and listening to one another. Fraternity among persons of different religions.

Jesus came to reveal the face of God to all those who seek him. The face of God has been revealed in a human face. It did not appear in an angel, but in one man, born in a specific time and place. By his incarnation, the Son of God tells us that salvation comes through love, acceptance, respect for this poor humanity of ours, which we all share in a great variety of races, languages, and cultures. Yet all of us are *brothers and sisters in humanity!*

Our differences, then, are not a detriment or a danger; they are a source of richness. As when an artist is about to make a mosaic: it is better to have tiles of many colours available, rather than just a few!

The experience of families teaches us this: as brothers and sisters, we are all different from each other. We do not always agree, but there is an unbreakable bond uniting us, and the love of our parents helps us to love one another. The same is true for the larger human family, but here, God is our “parent”, the foundation and strength of our fraternity.

May this Christmas help us to rediscover the bonds of fraternity linking us together as individuals and joining all peoples.

May the little Child whom we contemplate today in the manger, in the cold of the night, watch over all the children of the world, and every frail, vulnerable and discarded person. May all of us receive peace and consolation from the birth of the Saviour and, in the knowledge that we are loved by the one heavenly Father, *realize anew that we are brothers and sisters and come to live as such!*

