

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019

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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 7<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019**

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

Noreen Hopkins, Upper Main St.

John & Gretta Murren & Mary Cummins, Upper Main St.

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave, Danny & Annette Fadian Achill

Tim Rabbitte & decd. Derrylea

Decd. of the Sullivan Family, Derrylea

Decd. of the Farrelly Family

Judith Regan, Killinaugher

Tom Flatley, Clare St.

Nellie, Tom & Seamus Lyons, Ballinastoka

Mary & Peter Gallagher, Bridie Goldstein & Margaret Walsh, Derrintogher

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### **Sunday 10.00 First Anniversary**

Ina Phillips & Bernadine Mitchell, Main St.

Helen Meehan, Curries

| 12/13 JANUARY                     | 7.30pm.         | 10.00am.          | 12.00             |
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| <b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b> | Jacinta Flynn   | Margaret Tarpey   | Eavan Caulfield   |
|                                   | Jenny Glynn     | Mary Freeley (NH) | Bernadette Lyons  |
|                                   | Tim Byrne       | Mary McGuire      | Helene McCafferty |
|                                   | Frances Mulhern | Ger Donnellan     | Rosaleen Kelly    |
|                                   | Mary Goulding   | Mary Keane        | Maura Fitzmaurice |
| <b>READERS</b>                    | Alex Eaton      | Mary Finan        | Marie Jordan      |
| <b>COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY</b>     | James McManus   | Susan Gately      | Emmett Keane      |
|                                   | Michael Egan    | Pat Phillips      | Peter McCafferty  |
|                                   | Jim Lundo       | Mike Griffin      | Gabrielle Lyons   |
|                                   | Pat Curley      | Michael J. Walsh  | Eddie Mooney      |

### WEEKDAY READERS

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

Offertory Collection 29/30 Dec. €2,056

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community  
 Katie Marie Rogers, New York & Brackloon

**PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Priests' Christmas Collection.

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

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

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**THE READINGS:** The Minister of the Word goes to the ambo to read. The first reading is usually from the oldest part of the Bible called the Old Testament. In the Easter Season the first reading comes from the New Testament. The stories that we hear during the first reading are the same stories that Jesus would have

heard when he was a child. Some of the stories from the Old Testament are thousands of years old. They remind us of how long people have been listening to God's word. They also tell us how much God loves us. Even though the stories are very old, they still have an important message for us today.

**THE PSALMS:** The psalms are different from the other readings from the Bible. They were written as poems or songs. There are 150 psalms altogether. Sometimes the psalm is sung. Between each verse there is a response which we are all invited to say. The psalm allows us to reflect on the reading that we have just heard.

**SECOND READING:** This reading always comes from the part of the Bible called the New Testament. The reading is taken from the books that are found directly after the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

**OUR RESPONSE TO THE READINGS:** At the end of each of the readings the Minister of the Word finishes by saying, 'The Word of the Lord' and we all respond with the words, 'Thanks be to God.' This is our way of saying thank you to God for these stories which help us to grow together as members of God's family.

**RECYCLING OF CHRISTMAS TREES:** Christmas trees can be deposited beside the recycling banks in the car park at the back of Main St. for recycling. Please ensure that all decorations are removed from the trees.

**BRACKLOON /SPADDAGH WATER SCHEME:** Members are advised that the water supply will be off at times during next Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th January due to scouring of the mains. You are advised to draw enough water that you may need and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**CAREGIVER VACANCIES:** HomeInstead Senior Care are currently recruiting full and part-time Caregivers for the Mayo region. FETAC Level 5 certified core modules in Care Skills & Care of the Older Person commencing in-house on 17th January 2019. Booking is essential. For further information please contact Jackie on (094)-9044785.

**GORTA SELF HELP AFRICE** thanks all who contributed to and collected for the recent collection which amounted to €346.83.

*Pope Francis' Message for Feastday of Mary Mother of God, World Day of Peace, January 1st 2019*

"All who heard were amazed at what the shepherds told them" (Lk 2:18). *To be amazed:* this is what is asked of us today, at the conclusion of the Octave of Christmas, as we continue to contemplate the Child born for us, lacking everything yet abounding in love. Amazement is what we should feel at the beginning of each year, for life is a gift that constantly gives us a chance to make a new start, even from the most lowly of circumstances.

Today is also a day to be amazed by the Mother of God. God appears as a little child, held in the arms of a woman who feeds her Creator. The statue before our eyes depicts the Mother and Child so close as to appear as one. That is the mystery we celebrate today, which gives rise to boundless amazement: God has become one with humanity forever. God and man, always together, that is the good news of this new year. God is no distant lord, dwelling in splendid isolation above the heavens, but love incarnate, born like us of a mother, in order to be a brother to each of us, to be close to us: the God of closeness. He rests on the lap of his

mother, who is also our mother, and from there he pours out upon humanity a new tenderness. Thus we come to understand more fully God's love, which is both paternal and maternal, like that of a mother who never stops believing in her children and never abandons them. God-with-us, Emmanuel, loves us despite our mistakes, our sins, and the way we treat our world. God believes in mankind, because its first and preeminent member is his own Mother.

At the beginning of the year, let us implore from Mary the grace to be amazed at the God of surprises. Let us renew the amazement we felt when faith was first born in us. The Mother of God helps us: the Mother who gave birth to the Lord, now presents us, reborn, to the Lord. She is a mother who generates in her children the amazement of faith, because faith is an encounter, not a religion. Without amazement, life becomes dull and routine, and so it is with faith. The Church too needs to renew her amazement at being the dwelling place of the living God, the Bride of the Lord, a Mother who gives birth to her children. Otherwise, she risks turning into a beautiful museum of the past. A "Church museum". Our Lady instead gives the Church the feel of a home, a home in which the God of newness dwells. Let us receive with amazement the mystery of the Mother of God, as the inhabitants of Ephesus did at the time of the Council. Like them, let us acclaim her "Holy Mother of God". From her, *let us allow ourselves to be gazed upon, to be embraced, to be taken by the hand.*

Mary, take us by the hand. Clinging to you, we will pass safely through the straits of history. Lead us by the hand to rediscover the bonds that unite us. Gather us beneath your mantle, in the tenderness of true love, where the human family is reborn: "*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God*". Let us together pray these words to Our Lady: "*We fly to thy protection, O Holy Mother of God*".