

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 10th – 16th DECEMBER 2018

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

Mary Kelly, Lecarrow

Joe Cleary, Gurrane

Mary & Michael Morley, Island

Howard Morley, Derrymore

John & Catherine Cunnane & decd. Carrowkeel

Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue

Joe Glynn & decd. Bushisland

Jim Hopkins, Larganboy, & decd. of the Hopkins & Kelly Families

Mary Moran & decd. Clagnagh

Kitty Greally & decd. Drimbane

Paddy & Josie Ryan, Hazelhill

Helen Meehan, Curries

Patrick & Mary Gildea, Johnstown

Pat Gildea, Johnstown, and Margaret Kavanagh, Dublin

15/16 DECEMBER	7.30pm.	10.00 am	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	John Dillon	Teresa Healy (NH)	Jana Jurakova
	Laura Brogan	Aileen Burke	Irene Nunes
	Paula Grogan	Geraldine Murphy	Helena Byrne
	Clare Higgins	Cait Webb	Ann Carney
	Margaret Byrne	Dolores Byrne	Rita Lundon
READERS	Pat Curley	Maura Murphy	Michael Byrne

WEEKDAY READERS

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

Offertory Collection 1/2 Dec. €1,883

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
 Pat Byrne, Knox St.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
 Ilaria Nikolli Farruku & Iris Nikolli Farruku, Old Convent

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are now available in the sacristy, €6 for a pack of 10.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES FOR 2019 & CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: The boxes of envelopes for 2019 and envelopes for the Priests' Christmas Collection are now available in the sacristy. We would be very grateful if the distributors would collect them after any of the Masses this weekend.

'DO THIS IN MEMORY' FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION PROGRAMME will take place at the 7.30pm. Mass on Saturday next, 15th December.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD: This part of the Mass is called the Liturgy of the Word. It might be helpful to think of this first part of the Liturgy of the Word as the time when we listen to the story of God's love for us as it is written in the Bible. We sit down to listen just like we would when we listen to any story. During the first part of the Liturgy of the Word we usually listen to three readings from the Bible:

- The First Reading is usually taken from the Old Testament
- The Psalm is a poem or song from the Book of Psalms
- The Second Reading is taken from the New Testament.

'WALK WITH ME' Advent booklets containing daily prayers and reflections for Advent and Christmas are available in the church. Cost €2.

HOLY HOUR: A Holy Hour takes place this Sunday 9th December from 7.00 - 8.00pm. It will include the Rosary, meditations and Advent reflections. It will also mark the conclusion of the 33 Days To Morning Glory Retreat. All are welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION: The annual Christmas collection in aid of Ballyhaunis St Vincent de Paul Society is being taken up this weekend, 8/9 December. The need for SVP's services has increased in recent years and your support in helping those most vulnerable in our community is greatly appreciated.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY takes place this Sunday 9th December in Clare Court Communal House.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TO EMIGRANTS: As in previous years, we will shortly be sending Christmas cards to our emigrants overseas. If you have family members who you think would appreciate a card from the parish, please hand in or email the names and addresses to the parish office during the coming week. **Also please advise us of any change of address for those to whom we sent cards last year.**

EDDIE STONES of Emmanuel House of Providence, Clonfert, will bring his powerful ministry of intercessory healing to St. Patrick's Church on Friday 14th December at 7.00pm. A number of priests will be available for Confessions during the evening of prayer and healing. Everybody is welcome to attend.

MONTHLY FILM NIGHT AT THE FRIARY: Monday 10th December at 8.00pm. will feature the documentary 'Rich Hill' which focuses on rural decline and poverty in the US, preceded by two short films courtesy of the Irish Film Institute. All welcome. Free entry, tea and coffee served. Organised by the Abbey Partnership.

CHRISTMAS MASSES & CEREMONIES

Service of Reconciliation and Confessions - 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 on 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.

Christmas visits to the sick and housebound will take place on Friday 21st December.

Confessions in Scoil Íosa on Wednesday 12th December and in the Community School on Monday 17th December.

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

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2018 is now on sale in all the usual outlets.

GRACENOTES together with special guests, the Abbey Male Choir and Ballyhaunis Parish Choir, will present an evening of Christmas music by candlelight in St. Mary's Abbey (The Friary) on Sunday 16th December at 7.00pm. Donations in aid of St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome!

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE will hold its January Open Day on Saturday 12th January, 2019 (10.00am. - 1.00pm). The MIC Open Days showcase the wide range of programmes that the College has to offer. Prospective students will have the opportunity to meet with faculty staff, mingle with current MIC students and take a tour of the campus. In addition, attendees can find out about the range of accommodation options and student supports. For more visit www.micopenday.ie

THE CHAPEL STREET GOSPEL CHOIR will perform their Christmas concert at Christchurch on the Mall, Castlebar on Sunday 16th December at 3.00pm. and 7.00pm. Tickets available from IT Music, Castlebar or from 087-6230164.

CONCERT IN KILMOVEE COMMUNITY CENTRE featuring Gracenotes Choir and Fr. James McDonagh, Friday December 14th at 8.00pm.

KNOCK CHRISTMAS CARD GAME - 25 Drive, in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock, on Friday 14th December at 9.00pm. Prize money, Monster Raffle & Finger Food served. Admission €10. Card players from all surrounding parishes welcome. Proceeds to Knock Community Centre Re-development Fund.

MONSTER CHRISTMAS CARD GAME: Thursday 13th December at 8.30pm. in Mayo Abbey school. Donation will be made to Mayo Roscommon Hospice.