

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 September 2018

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

Margaret, Thomas & Helen Hoban, Derrynacong

Mary Shaw & decd. Island

Seamie, Bridie & Shay Webb, Main St.

Mary E. Hunt, John Hunt & Margaret Fahey

John & Delia Brennan & decd. Gurteen, John & Frances Murphy & decd. Lecarrow

Peter McHugh, Devlis

Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

James & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

David Moran, Derrymore

Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo

15/16 SEPTEMBER	7.30pm.	10.00 am	12.00
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	Brigid Lynskey	Kay Curley (NH)	Patricia Plunkett
	Noreen Gallagher	Margaret Tarpey	Mary T. Griffin
	Marina Coyne	Mary Freeley	Eileen Jordan
	Marion Regan	Ger Donnellan	Gabrielle Lyons
	John Dillon	Mary Keane	Dympna Greally
READERS	Kevin Henry	Julia Kelly	Elizabeth Jordan

WEEKDAY READERS

Monday: Mary Gormley

Tuesday: Sean Paul Tighe

Friday: Christina Concannon

Offertory Collection 1/2 Sept. €1,790

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

Thomas Finnegan, London & formerly Tavanaghmore

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the faith community

Ornagh Lillian Sweeney, 73 The Maples

BALLYHAUNIS PARISH CHOIR will resume practice on Monday 10th Sept. at 7.00pm. in the church. New members welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Reminder to the sub-groups of the PPC to arrange to meet this coming week in advance of the core group meeting on Monday 17th September.

AUTUMN STATION MASSES: Autumn Stations take place during the month of October. Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home is asked to contact the parish office at 094-9630006 to arrange date and time.

BALLYHAUNIS P.T.A.A. A celebration Mass to mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pioneer Association in Ballyhaunis will be held on Friday 21st September at 7.30pm. in St. Patrick's Church. Pioneers in line for silver, gold or 60th anniversary pins are asked to contact Patsy at 086-3527455 or Maureen at 087-7872730. After the ceremony refreshments will be served at a local hostelry.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE PROGRAMME for men and women who have lost a spouse through death, divorce or separation, 19th - 21st October at Esker Retreat Centre, Athenry. Contact Gerry 086-3855090 or Maureen 087-6646896.



Pope Francis reflects on the meaning of Baptism at his Wednesday audience in St Peter's Square, April 11th, 2018

The Greek word "to baptize" means "*to immerse*" (cf. ccc, 1214). To bathe with water is a rite common to various beliefs to express the passage from one condition to another, a sign of purification for a new beginning. But for us Christians it must be noted that if the body is immersed in water, *the soul is immersed in Christ* in order to receive the forgiveness of sin and to shine with divine light (cf. Tertullian, *On the resurrection of the dead*, viii, 3: ccl 2, 931; pl 2, 806). By virtue of the Holy Spirit, Baptism *immerses us in the death and*

Resurrection of the Lord, drowning in the baptismal font the 'old' man, dominated by sin which separates him from God, and giving birth to the new man, recreated in Jesus. In Him all the children of Adam are called to new life.

Therefore, Baptism is a rebirth. I am certain, quite sure, that we all remember our date of birth: certain. But I ask myself, a little doubtfully, and I ask you: do each of you recall the date of your Baptism? Some say 'yes' - okay. But it is a rather weak 'yes', because perhaps many do not remember this date. But if we celebrate birthdays, why not celebrate - or at least remember - the day of rebirth? I will give you a homework assignment, a task to do today at home. Those of you who do not remember the date of your Baptism, ask your mother, aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews, ask them: "Do you know the date of my Baptism?"; and never forget it. And thank the Lord for that day, because it is the very day on which Jesus entered me, the Holy Spirit entered me. Do you understand what your homework is? We should all know the date of our Baptism. It is another birthday: the date of rebirth. Do not forget to do this, please.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES: The annual celebration of Marriage Anniversaries will take place on Sunday 7th October at 3.00pm. in Tuam Cathedral. Couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries are invited to attend along with their family members. Anyone wishing to attend please notify the parish office at 094-9630006 as soon as possible.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE takes place this Sunday, 9th September at Knock Shrine.

CATECHISM STUDIES: To learn more about our Catholic Faith and to deepen it an introductory meeting on Adult Studies of the Catechism of the Catholic Church will take place in the Parish Centre, Tuam, on Monday, 17th September at 7.30pm. and in the Monastery, Chapel St. Castlebar, on Tuesday 18th September at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Call 087 2639726 for further information

THE POOR CLARES in Galway are hosting a Cloister day on Saturday, September 22nd from 10.00am. to 5.00pm. The day is designed to help young women between the ages of 21 and 40 to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life with a view to vocation discernment. Contact Sr. Faustina at: poorclaresgalwayvocations@gmail.com to book a place.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: The Annagh Magazine Committee is currently preparing the 2018 edition. If you would like to submit any articles, club reports, or photographs, please email them to info@annaghmag.ie or give them to any committee member by 5th October.

BEGINNER COUCH TO 5K PROGRAMME starts on Wednesday 12th September at 8.00pm. from the Enterprise Centre. Contact Tracy on 086 0618126.

IRISH FOSTERCARE ASSOCIATION (Mayo Branch) thanks everyone who supported their recent collection which amounted to €295.35.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: Meetings resume on Wednesday 12th September at 8.00pm. in the Parochial Hall. New members welcome.

OVERSEAS VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED! Volunteer Carpenters, Builders, Media Specialists, Early Childhood Practitioners, Occupational Therapists, Primary/Secondary Teachers, Accountants, Social Workers, Farmers etc. required for placements on Missions in Africa, SE Asia and the Caribbean. No previous overseas experience required, no upper age limit! Volunteer training programme begins 22nd September in Dublin - open to all. Contact Viatores Christi +353-1-8689986 or email: apply@viatoreschristi.com for more information.

HEMOCARE JOBS OPEN DAY: The Cúram Centre, Claremorris, on Friday 14th September. Myhomecare are recruiting qualified experienced Homecare Assistants, also Nurses with complex needs experience. Contact Debbie O' Flaherty on 1800 400 900 or email doflaherty@myhomecare.ie

MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE ALUMNI REUNION - 6th OCTOBER 2018: Did you graduate from MIC in 1958, 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, 2013? MIC is welcoming back its Alumni on Saturday 6th October from 2.30pm - 5.00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to meet up with old friends, and reacquaint yourself with the College. Please advise the college in advance at alumni@mic.ul.ie if you wish to attend, and put "Class Reunion" in the subject line. More details: www.mic.ul.ie/marketingpr/Pages/Alumni.aspx

MENTAL HEALTH PEER GROUP CLAREMORRIS: The first peer support group will be at 12 noon on Tuesday 18th September in The Labyrinth, Mount St., Claremorris. (Upstairs the Family Resource Centre). Contact 085 7297451.