

GROW IN LOVE: The programme for children preparing for their Holy Communion continues at the 7.30pm Mass this Saturday evening 28th March. Our focus this month is on the way in which our parish family celebrates Easter.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: There's a growing number of adults across the Tuam Archdiocese who wish to begin or complete their journey to membership of the Catholic Church. In response, plans are underway to provide an OCIA programme at Knock Shrine. The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults programme is available for:

- Adults who have not been baptised and wish to become Catholic;
- Adults baptised in another Christian denomination who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church;
- Adults baptised Catholic who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation and would now like to do so. Anyone interested in learning about the programme can email OCIA@knockshrine.ie

Offertory Collection
22nd March 2026
€1,890

GOOD FRIDAY CLEAN-UP: Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns will host the annual Good Friday clean-up next Friday 3rd April, as part of the National Spring Clean Campaign. Bags, gloves, pickers etc. will be available from 10am at the Community Hall.

“CALMING YOUR ANXIETY”: Knock Counselling Centre is running a Calming Your Anxiety programme to help participants better understand and manage their anxiety and move towards creating some ease in life. The programme commences on Tuesday 7th April from 6pm to 8pm and will run over 7 Tuesday evenings. For details or to register, call 094 9375032 or email: counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Ballyhaunis will host its 6th Darkness Into Light Walk on Saturday morning 9th May at 4.15am. Come along and join us for the most important sunrise of the year, and help raise funds for suicide awareness. Walk starts and finishes at Ballyhaunis Community School gym on the Knock Road. For anyone looking for details or who needs assistance with registering online, an information stand will be available at Nolan's Supervalu on Saturday 25th April from 10am to 1pm.

CLASS OF 1986 REUNION: 40th reunion for the Leaving Cert class of 1986 in Ballyhaunis Community School takes place next Saturday 4th April in McSiurtáns at 9pm. For details, contact Deirdre at 086 3821432.

DRAMA: Upstage Players will present “The Year of the Hiker” by John B. Keane in Claremorris Town Hall on Good Friday 3rd April at 8pm.

GAMES EVENING: All welcome to our Games Evening in the Community Hall this Sunday 29th March from 4-6pm. Board games & cards. Beginners & experienced players welcome. Free admission & refreshments served.

1ST FRIDAY: Fr. Stephen will be doing his First Friday calls on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of this coming week.

CLOCKS CHANGE: Don't forget clocks go forward by one hour at 1am this Sunday 29th March !



29th March 2026

HOLY WEEK

PASSION (PALM) SUNDAY

This day combines the commemoration of the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and the proclamation of the Passion.

CHRISM MASS (WEDNESDAY)

Holy Oils (Oil of the Sick, Chrism, Oil of Baptism) to be used in the Archdiocese for the coming year are blessed in Tuam Cathedral at 6pm. Priests renew their Ordination Promises at this Mass. All welcome, with refreshments afterwards in St. Jarlath's College

HOLY THURSDAY

The season of Lent ends on Holy Thursday and the Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. This Mass is a memorial of the institution of the Eucharist and of the Priesthood. The ceremony of the washing of feet is a reminder of the example of service set by Jesus at his last meal with his disciples.

GOOD FRIDAY

This is a day of fast and abstinence for the whole Church.

The main ceremony of the day is the Solemn

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and the reception

of Holy Communion. Other devotions such as the Stations of the Cross also take place in addition to the main ceremony.

HOLY SATURDAY

This day is a time of waiting at the tomb, fasting and meditating.

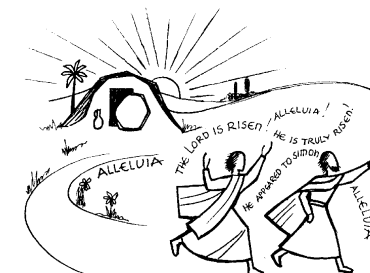
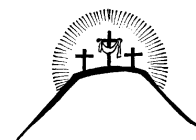
The Easter Vigil, beginning with the lighting of the Easter Fire, is celebrated after sundown.

The ceremony incorporates a vigil of waiting for the Resurrection, symbolised in the lighting of the Paschal candle.

EASTER SUNDAY

This is the day on which we celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. We are invited to renew our baptismal promises.

It also marks the beginning of fifty days of celebration that end on Pentecost Sunday.



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th March 2026

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR): Jacinta Flynn (contact parish office)

MASSSES: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 10.00am. Holy Thursday: 8.00pm.

Good Friday Liturgy: 8.00pm. Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 9.00pm.

Easter Sunday: 10.00 am & 12 noon

Emergency numbers: Knock: 094-9388100. Fr. Joe Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155.

Fr. Brendan McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 31st March & 1st April

Tuesday & Wednesday, 10.00am. (No morning Mass on Good Friday)

Kieran & Katie Webb, Tooraree & Brickens

Bill & Rosaleen Eagney, Clare St.

Patricia Muldoon

Pat, Jack, Annie & John Biesty, Carrowkeel

Séan Greally, Birmingham; May, Luke & Ger Greally, Drimbane & Birmingham
& Della Finn (née Greally) Aghamore

SUNDAY 5th APRIL - 1st ANNIVERSARY

Jan Cernuska, Slovakia

30 Mar– 1st April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy

COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

Sat. 7.30pm	Pat Devine, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva, Oliver Cribbin
Sunday 10am	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Carlos Balbino Romao

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL

Sat. 7.30pm	Team C: Kleber Lucas, Joao Miguel De Oliveira Guerra, Luis Philipe Da Cruz, Heliosa Neves, Hellena De Oliviera Guerra
Sunday 10am	Team D: Hazel Murphy, Fionn Finnegan, Séan Monaghan, Hannah Toparowska

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2026

PALM SUNDAY - 29th March: Palms are being blessed at Masses this weekend. Service of Reconciliation & Confessions at 6.00pm this Sunday evening.

HOLY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00pm. followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 10.00pm.

Reader: Paula Donnellan

Servers: Liam & Matilda Thompson, Sonny Kelly, Kyle Kilbane, Ellie Higgins.

Eucharistic Ministers: Willie Broderick, Mary Sykes, Lorraine Waldron, Frances Mulhern. The Offertory collection this evening will be donated to Trócaire. Please return your Trócaire contributions over Easter.

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm. Good Friday Liturgy at 8.00pm.

Readers: Julia Kelly, Martin Fitzmaurice.

Intercessions: JPII Award Students from Ballyhaunis Community School.

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Murphy, Eileen Donnellan, Breda Davis, Patricia Plunkett.

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence on which we are expected to fast and abstain from meat. There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

A collection for the upkeep of Holy Places in the Holy Land will be taken up.

HOLY SATURDAY: Easter Vigil at 9.00pm followed by blessing of food for members of our Eastern European community.

Readers: Tommy Caulfield, Joan Flanagan, Emer Gallagher, John Doyle.

Eucharistic Ministers: Breege Halpin, Tim Byrne, Paul Sykes, Marion Regan.

Servers: Liam & Matilda Thompson, Hellena de Oliviera Guerra, Matthew, Jordan, Jonathan Power, Kleber Lucas Joao Lucas Dias Ferreira, Pietro Prestes, Luke Marigliano.

EASTER SUNDAY: Masses at 10.00am. & 12 noon.

10.00am. Reader: Mary Finan

Eucharistic Ministers: Aileen Burke, Marie Brennan, Geraldine Murphy, Daniela Balbino Romao

Servers: Emily Lynch, Tjasa Barcanec, Hazel Murphy, Fionn Finnegan

12.00 Reader: Mike Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers: Helena Byrne, Eileen Jordan, Deirdre Browne, Mary T. Griffin

Servers: Heliosa Neves, Luis Philipe Da Cruz

The Holy Week Ceremonies will also be broadcast live on Mid West Radio.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Envelopes for the Priests' Easter Collection are now available. We would ask the distributors to please collect them in the Sacristy after Mass this weekend and deliver them in your local area. The Easter Collection envelopes will be gratefully accepted at any of the Holy Week ceremonies and on Easter Sunday. They can also be returned to the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

If you wish to set up a direct debit the account details are: **Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account. BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354.**

Recently Deceased: We remember in our prayers:

Bernadette Brennan née Fitzmaurice, Williamstown & formerly Forthill