

PASSION PLAY: The annual Passion Play in the grounds of Ballintubber Abbey returns for three performances in Holy Week: Mon, Tues & Wed. 25th-27th March at 9pm. Free admission but donations welcome to assist with running costs.

PIONEERS: Connaught Pioneers are holding an Afternoon of Prayer this Sunday 24th March from 3pm to 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMME: A 4-week programme on “Understanding Grief: A Journey towards Healing” will take place in St. John’s Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th April at 8pm, presented by Monica Morley. Free admission but booking essential at 094 9375320.

GOOD FRIDAY CLEAN-UP on Friday next 29th March in Ballyhaunis & surrounding areas. Bags, gloves, pickers etc. available at the Community Hall at 10am. Organisations, clubs and residents associations are invited to join with Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns in this community event.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 5th May, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy. Starting with the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30 with Mass at 3pm in the Basilica.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the church porch at a cost of €3. Please place money in the candelabra coinbox.

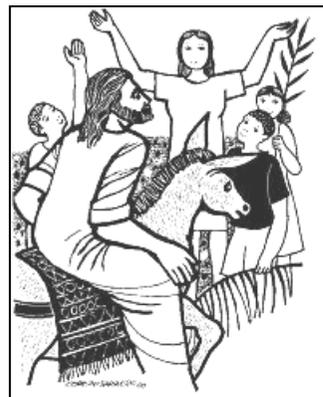
BALLYHAUNIS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION is running a beginner’s course on Saturday & Sunday 13th & 14th April in Clare Court. There’s a charge of €75 to cover rent, demonstration equipment and a comprehensive booklet on beekeeping. To register, email ballyhaunisbees@gmail.com or on our Facebook page. To comply with insurance, you must be a member of Ballyhaunis Beekeepers Association to attend this course.

MEN’S SHED: Men from the parish of Loughglynn and surrounding areas are invited to an information meeting in the Marian Hall, Gorthaganny next Monday night 25th March at 9pm with a view to setting up a new Men’s Shed. Speakers from the Men’s Shed movement will be in attendance.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Next bi-weekly meeting will take place on Wednesday 27th March at 1.30pm in the Clare Court Communal Centre and will include a short session of Chair Yoga. Fee €5. All retired persons welcome.

DRAMA: Harvest Moon Theatre Group will bring their award-winning comedy play “Now and Then” to Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on Good Friday night 29th March at 8pm. Tickets from 094 9310999 or online at www.townhall.ie Elsewhere, the Knock Drama Group will perform a 2-act comedy drama “Paige Fright—An Ode to Joy” in Aghamore Community Centre on Fri. 5th & Sat. 6th April at 8pm. Strictly over 18’s. Tickets available on Eventbrite.ie The play will be dedicated to the memory of the late Michael Carty of Carty’s Bar, Knock—a great friend of the Knock drama family.

FAITH & LIGHT: The organisers of the recent church gate collection for the Faith & Light group would like to thank all who supported the collection which raised €750.



24th March 2024

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)

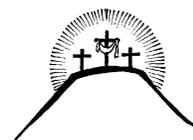
Holy Oils (Oil of the Sick, Chrism, Oil of Baptism) to be used in the Archdiocese for the coming year are blessed in Tuam Cathedral at 6pm. Priests renew their Ordination Promises at this Mass. All welcome, with refreshments afterwards in St. Jarlath’s College

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. It is the Sunday of all Sundays. 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 24th MARCH 2024

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

MASSES: 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. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155. Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 25th-27th MARCH

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

Helen, Thomas & Bridget Meehan & decd. Curries & Dolores King, Ballaghadereen

John Darcy & decd. Brackloon & Mulranny

Eddie, Noreen, Ted & Mary Webb, Main St.

Brian & Mary Hunt & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny families, Derrynacongh

John Clarke, Hazelhill

Corporal Patrick Gallagher, Derrintogher

Margaret & John Walsh, USA & Mary & Martin McHale, Scrigg

Mary & Jim Plunkett, Forthill & Michael Grogan, Falleighter

Patricia Muldoon & decd. of the Biesty family, Carrowkeel

Seamus Clarke, Devlis

John Lyons & decd. of the Lyons family, Main St.

Tom & Delia Cregg & decd. of the Cregg family, Ballinlough

Fr. Joe Cooney

SUNDAY 31st MARCH 10am—Month's Mind

Eugene Morley, St. Gerald's Crescent & formerly Woodpark

25th-27th March	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Helen Freeley, Marie Brennan

Offertory Collection

17th March 2024

€2,230

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Ninosa Terrence Omoruyi-Festus, Old Convent;
Benjamin Dzudza, Upper Main St.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER CEREMONIES 2024

PALM SUNDAY - 24th 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

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Freeley, Patricia Plunkett, Mary Sykes, Lorraine Waldron. The Offertory collection this evening will be donated to Trócaire. Please return your Trócaire contributions by Holy Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross at 3.00pm. followed by Confessions. **Good Friday Liturgy at 8.00pm.**

Readers: Martin Fitzmaurice, Norma Jean Folliard.

Eucharistic Ministers: Deirdre Browne, Laura Brogan, Eileen Donnellan, Breda Davis. 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, Aoife Doherty, Mary Donnelly

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary T. Griffin, Breege Halpin, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern

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

10.00am. Reader: Willie Ryan

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch.

12.00 Reader: Mike Byrne

Eucharistic Ministers: Helena Byrne, Dympna Greally, Eileen Jordan, Bernie Quinn.

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

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Envelopes for the Priests' Easter Collection have been distributed to homes in the parish. The Easter Collection will be gratefully accepted at any of the Holy Week ceremonies and on Easter Sunday.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass on Easter Sunday 31st March. Children from age 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion with their art work.

EASTER GATHERING: The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite parishioners to the Community Hall for refreshments following the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday, and prior to the 12 o'clock Mass. All welcome.

LEGION OF MARY meetings take place at 7pm on Monday evenings in Tooreen Presbytery House and on Thursday mornings at 10.30am in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock. All welcome.