

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God .....Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles** When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking

are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 103:1. 24-31. 34**

**R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.**

- Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are! How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. (R)
- You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R)
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

**SECOND READING Galatians 5: 16 - 25**  
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians**

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desires.

Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

**The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE**

Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.



Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;

Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 15: 26 - 27; 16: 12 - 15**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

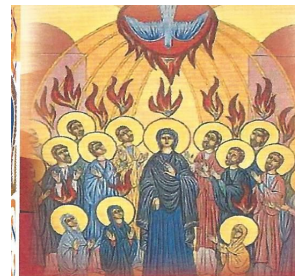
I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine: that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

**APOSTLES' CREED**

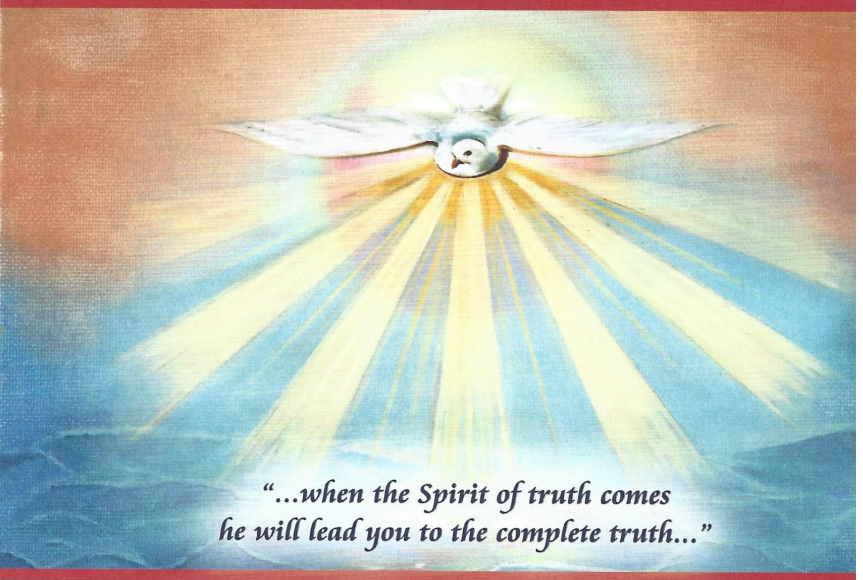
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*All bow for following two lines:* who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,



focus on sunday

The Fifty Days of Easter conclude with the celebration of Pentecost. Today we welcome the Holy Spirit to come into our lives afresh bringing gifts of hope, joy and forgiveness.



*"...when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth..."*

was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

*Pray brothers and sisters, .....* May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

**SANCTUS**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

**AFTER THE CONSECRATION**

*The mystery of faith.* We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen  
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



The Holy Spirit is, for many of us, the most marginalised of the three persons of the Trinity! Unlike the Father and Son, the Holy Spirit is usually out of sight and out of mind. Even in the Gloria and the Creed which we say at Mass, the Father and Son both get a whole paragraph to themselves, but the poor Holy Spirit barely gets a mention at the end! But the Holy Spirit is actually the key person in our lives. God is love, three persons bound in love to each other, who have shared that love with us in the expectation that we would share it, in turn, with one another. It is the Holy Spirit, sent by Jesus after his return to the Father, who is always present to us, inspiring us to love each other, to care, to share, and thereby build the Kingdom of God on earth. The Holy Spirit also challenges our consciences when we fail to reach out in love, when we ignore the distress of others because it is inconvenient for us. The Holy Spirit is like the gentle breeze warming our face when we do good, or the howling wind making us feel uncomfortable when we fail. In the doctors and aid workers in Gaza, in parents caring for their children, in people working for those with disabilities, wherever there is love, there the Holy Spirit is present and at work in our world.

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



The Spirit of God, like water, is hidden in the hearts of all people, and in the breath of life. We know that the Spirit is in our hearts, because we are always longing. We say I wish I was bigger. I wish for new clothes, to go on holidays, have good friends, to have nice food and drink. We have tastes of happiness now. We have full happiness with God. We ask the Spirit in our hearts to help us everyday.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th MAY 2024

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 20th-25th MAY 2024

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

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Fr. Michael Kenny & his parents Michael & Christina Kenny, Skeghard  
Maureen Caulfield, Knock Road & John Joe Philbin, Tooraree  
Mamie & Michael Curley & decd. Main St.  
Bertie Mulligan, Hazelhill  
Jim Culliney & decd. Johnstown  
Marianna Kezeminzniak, Poland  
Pado Moran, Ballindrehid  
Michael & Mary Delia Waldron; Andrew & Delia Greeley, Ballindrehid  
Michael, Bridie & Mick Lyons, Johnstown; Larry & Mrs. Murphy, Johnstown  
Seamus Coen, Devlis & decd. of the Moran family, Cong  
Jack & Bridget Mary Halpin & decd. of the Halpin & Caulfield families, Main St.  
Des & Maura McAuliffe, Cork  
Séan Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel  
Michael Murray & decd. Doctor's Road  
Anthony Coyne & decd. Leenane  
Val, Pat, Sharon & Anita O'Dowd, Station Rise  
Judith, Michael & Nora Regan, Killinaugher & Ann Hunt  
Kathleen & Pat Regan; Patrick & Mary Ellen Regan, Derrynacong  
Bridie, Séan & Frank Regan; Patrick & Catherine Regan, Killinaugher

### SUNDAY 26th MAY—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Brian Flanagan, Ballindrehid

Val Byrne, Main St.

### MEMORIAL MASS:

Mary Josephine (Josie) Wheeler née Caulfield, London & Upper Main St.

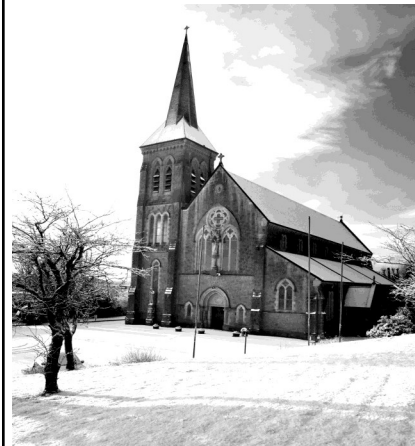
20th-26th MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Margaret Tarpey
Friday	Christina Concannon	Marie Brennan, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Margaret Byrne, Eavan Caulfield, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis
Sunday 10am	Orlaith Coffey	Willie Broderick, Daniela Balbino Romao, Mary Murphy, Bernie Quinn

### Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Kathleen Egan, Knockbrack & formerly Coogue

George Flanagan, Crossard, Tooreen;

Stanislaw Zaborowski, Kiltimagh— father-in-law of Catheriona Quinn, Classaroe



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.  
Saturday Evening Vigil:  
7.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Between 9am & 7pm daily.

### BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Minimum of four weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Congratulations to the 30 children from Scoil Íosa National School, Ballyhaunis who received their First Holy Communion this weekend:

Thaemy Larissa Aguilera Rodrigues  
Katie Rose Allen  
Tjasa Barcanec  
Andrew Burke  
David Collins  
Pietro De Oliveira Prestes  
Natalie Dosek  
Isaac Francisco Dos Santos  
Ronan Doyle  
Chloe May Finn  
Kajus Jajanckauskas  
Noah Kelly  
Alicja Koralewska  
Emily Lynch  
Candice Maughan  
Olivier Mazur  
Aaron McNamara  
Callum McNamara  
Summer McNamara  
Nicola Medesan

Santana Mongan  
Grace Nolan  
Csenge Grace Penzes  
Klaudia Pikhikova  
Joshua Regan Hayes  
Heloisa Gabriely Santos Neves  
Nicolly Silva Da Cruz  
Lorena Simuncic  
Luis Philipe Teixeira Da Cruz  
Conor Waldron



Thanks to the teaching staff of Scoil Íosa and all involved in preparing the children for First Holy Communion.

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9pm (when possible) Mondays to Fridays, continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)

**PPC MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is this Mon 20th May at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

**CREATION WALK:** The launch of the new "Creation Walk" at Knock Shrine takes place on Sat. 25th May from 11am to 1pm at St. John's Welcome Centre. The walk has been inspired by the new book by Brian Grogan SJ "Creation Walk— The Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet". Guest speakers include the author and Dr. Niamh Brennan, TCD. The launch will be followed by a walk at 2.30pm through the newly waymarked pathways. All welcome.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** Up to 500 people had an early start last Saturday morning, taking part in the Ballyhaunis Darkness Into Light 5k walk., to raise awareness of mental health and raise funds for Pieta House. The organisers would like to thank all who participated, as well as the sponsors, stewards and those who helped in organising the event and lighting up the town in yellow.

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:  
Eliska Ruzek, Hazel Lawns

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 12th May  
2024  
€2,050

**PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA:** People across Ireland are invited to pray for the protection of human life from 23rd to 31st May. Visit [www.prayforlife.ie](http://www.prayforlife.ie) for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

**EXAM MASS:** Students preparing for exams and their families are welcome to attend a special Exam Mass in Knock Basilica on Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm. Bring along your pencil case to be blessed at the Mass.

**VAKS:** Knock Youth Ministry is now accepting applications for volunteers at Knock Shrine. This is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th or 6th Year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. For more details, visit [www.knockshrine.ie/vaks](http://www.knockshrine.ie/vaks), call 094 9375321 or email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

**KNOCK MARKET:** The first outdoor market of 2024 takes place at the Pope Francis Plaza, Knock this Sunday 19th May from 10am to 3pm with handmade or home-produced gifts from some of the best crafters in the West of Ireland.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting takes place on 23rd May at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. All welcome. If attending, please text your name to 087 6275766.

**JOB VACANCY:** The Secretariat of Secondary Schools is currently recruiting for an Assistant General Secretary, based in Dublin 14. Closing date is Friday 24th May. Application forms available on [www.jmb.ie](http://www.jmb.ie)

**BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL:** The festival starts with Crazy Bingo in the Rugby Club on Wed 29th May at 8pm.. Thursday 30th: Inter Pub Quiz at 9pm. Fri. 31st: "Up For the Match" in Mac's Bar at 9pm. Sat. 1st June: Festival's Fittest Family, GAA pitch from 12pm. Sun. 2nd June: Market Stalls in the Square from 11am. 12-4pm: Kids Fun Day on Knox Street, followed by "Rock on Knox St." music festival from 4pm till late. Mon. 3rd June: Fun Run, starting at The Square at 1pm.

**YOUTH ART EXHIBITION:** Young artists (under age 18) are invited to take part in the Summer Festival Arts Exhibition in the Courthouse, Ballyhaunis from 29th May to 2nd June. This is a great opportunity for young talent to be exhibited during the festival. Contact Ludmila for further details by texting 089 9776879 or WhatsApp 086 3705648.

**BIODIVERSITY IN THE PARK:** Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns will host a Biodiversity Day in the Friary grounds on Saturday 25th May from 1 to 4pm. There will be two stations displaying information and samples of the biodiversity present in the park under 4 headings— grassland, woodland, river & habitats. The day will include fun activities for children such as a scavenger hunt, match the leaf to the tree etc. All welcome.

**COMMUNITY GAMES:** The Ballyhaunis Area Community Games will be held next Sunday 26th May at 6pm at Ballyhaunis Town FC ground, Station Rise.

Athletics: Boys & girls over 6— under 16. Individual events: 60 metres, 100 m. etc. Entry €3 per race, medals for 1st & 2nd, winners go forward to county finals. To book, text Tracy Cunnane on 086 0618126.

**EXPLORING EXPRESSIVE ART** with visiting artist Georgia Greeley in Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre on Monday 20th May from 4.30pm to 6pm. All welcome.