

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father, and the Only Begotten Son of God, and also the Holy Spirit, for he has shown us his merciful love.

GREETING

In the name of the Father... **Amen.**
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

God our Father, who by sending into the world the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification made known to the human race your wondrous mystery, grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith, we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 4: 32- 34.39 - 40
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive?'

Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors - all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt? 'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32:4-6.9.18-20.22

R. Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

- The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R)**
- By his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R)**
- The Lord looks on those who revere him on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R)**
- Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 8: 14 - 17
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, the God who is, who was, and who is to come.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 28: 16 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

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

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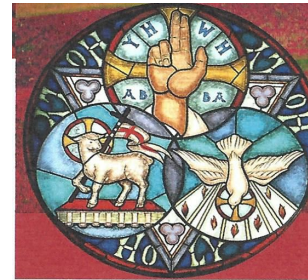
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. **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.



focus on sunday

The Holy Trinity look down on our world and see that many people, old and young, rich and poor, are lost and need God's presence. Thus they send Jesus among us, the one who saves us, who is God's love and companion among us.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name, we pray, O Lord our God, this oblation of our service, and by it make of us an eternal offering to you.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right and just.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Behold the Lamb of God,
Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God, bring us health of body and soul, as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
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.



A triangle is considered the most stable physical shape, used widely in engineering and construction. It also appears in Celtic paleography, most famously as the Trinity Knot in the Book of Kells. The shamrock as metaphor for the Trinity concurs with Biblical symbolism of the number three: Jesus prayed three times in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was placed on the cross at the third hour, three hours of darkness covered the land, and he rose from the dead on the third day.

Today's Gospel contains the Great Commission, where Christ's mission to the Jews is now expanded to include Gentiles: the Good News is proclaimed for all peoples, not just for God's chosen race. This marks a new, bold phase for the disciples in their ministry, and signals the transition in Matthew's Gospel from Jesus as Rabbi to Redeemer of the whole world. In Matthew 1:23, Jesus is named as 'Emmanuel' or 'God-with-us': now, Jesus promises the disciples that he will be with them until the end of time.

The Greek ἔθνη, translated as 'all the nations', comes from the root for 'ethnicities,' and asserts the unrestricted, universal nature of mission. It echoes our St Patrick's Day psalm response and requires us, with the life-giving, relational power of the Trinity to reach out to the stranger, the foreigner, those unlike ourselves. We are commissioned to recognise and celebrate God-with-us in all ethnicities, races, and peoples in our multi-cultural Irish society today.

Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We have Three Special Friends, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. They are a Circle of Love. God the Father makes the sun shine on everyone, good and bad, everywhere. God the Son came at Christmas to be our Friend. God the Holy Spirit gives life and breath to all the world. So we pray "Help us to be caring like The Father, make friends like the Son, and be a light of Love like The Holy Spirit."

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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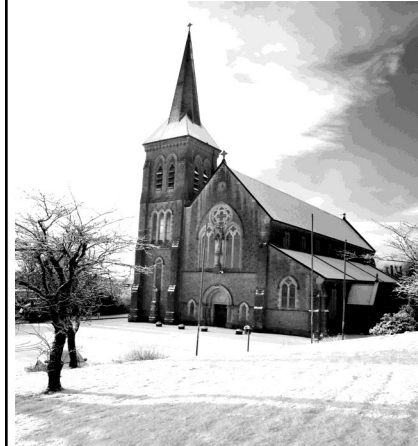
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MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

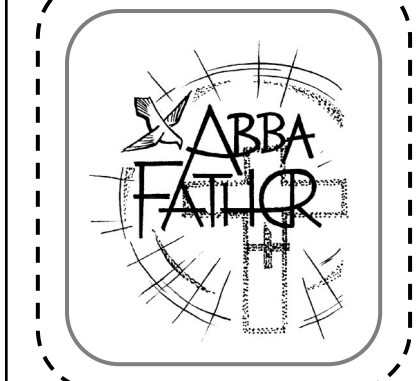
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC 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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 27th MAY– 1st JUNE 2024

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

- Tom Hopkins, Upper Main St.
- Dora & Tom Forde, The Square; John & Sighle Forde, Clare St & The Square
- William & Alice Lyons, Clare St.
- Clarence, Delia & Joe Grogan & Conor Dempsey
- Gerard, Francis & Rita Garvey & decd. of the Grogan & Garvey families
- Damien & Frank Webb, Devlis
- Michael, Etta, Kieran & Siobhán Healy & their parents Ted & Delia Healy, Holywell
- Tom & Lily Moran, Main St.
- Jackie, Rita, Donal & Brendan Toolan, Knockanarra
- Dan Finn & decd. of the Finn family, Errif
- Kathleen Cogan, her brother & parents, Sligo
- Patricia Naughton, Leeds & Cave
- Mary & William Burke, Abbey St.
- Andrew & Philomena Ryan
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- SUNDAY 2nd JUNE—FIRST ANNIVERSARY**
- Mary Caulfield, Ballina & Carrowkeel
- Maureen Lowry, née Corley, Manchester & Castlebar

27 MAY-2nd JUNE	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Marie Brennan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Marion Regan, Anne Carney, Mary T. Griffin, Jenny Glynn
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Patricia Plunkett, Mary Sykes, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke

COLLECTORS FOR JUNE

Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn. Pat Devine, Peter McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Kieran Fitzmaurice, Mike Griffin, Jaroslav Drunnik, Richard Waldron

MASS SERVERS FOR JUNE

Sat. 7.30pm	Team A– Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh, Eva Grace Kilcourse
Sun. 10am	Team B– Evan & Olivia Feeney, Ben Jordan, Jonathan Powers

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Sheila Clarke, Killala & formerly Kilkelly– sister of
Mary Frances Cleary, Clare St.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 19th May 2024
€1,880

CORPUS CHRISTI: The annual Corpus Christi procession will take place on Saturday evening next 1st June after 7.30pm Mass, commencing outside the Church at 8.15pm approximately and proceeding through the town to the Friary for prayers. Refreshments will be available afterwards. People are invited to collect petals, which First Holy Communion children will scatter during the procession. The petals can be left in the Church porch from Friday morning onwards. The children who received their First Holy Communion last weekend are asked to make a special effort to attend the Mass next Saturday evening, and take part in the procession. Parishioners are also invited to place a small altar outside their homes or business along the route of the procession. Members of our parish who have left their own country and now live locally are invited to carry their national flag during the procession. Anyone interested in this can leave a note with their name & nationality in the Sacristy before next Saturday.

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
The 10am Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on Sundays 3rd, 10th & 17th June.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: Next Saturday 1st June, Mass will be celebrated in St. Patrick's Church at 2pm to mark the 25th anniversary of the death of Private Billy Kedian. The Ballyhaunis native was killed, aged just 22, while on peacekeeping duties in Lebanon, having saved the lives of 14 colleagues after they came under fire on 31st May 1999. The town of Ballyhaunis came to a standstill for Billy's funeral, and he was laid to rest with full military honours. A memorial in Billy's honour will be unveiled in July.

CEMETERY COLLECTION: The annual Cemetery Collection envelopes are included in the box of weekly Church envelopes and are due to be collected this weekend. Please return your envelope at weekend Masses or drop it into the Parish Office or to any member of the Cemetery committee. Spare envelopes are also available in the Church porch for anyone who might like to make a contribution to the upkeep of the local cemetery.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: All First Communion children & their families are invited to a Mass of celebration in Knock Basilica on Sunday 9th June at 12 noon. Children are welcome to wear their First Communion outfits and will actively participate in the Mass, making it a memorable family occasion.

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.

“COME FOLLOW ME” WEEKEND WORKSHOP:

An introductory training weekend to teach children (aged 7-11) about the Catholic faith using the “Come Follow Me” catechetical programme, for use in parishes and schools, will take place in St. Mary's Church, The Claddagh, Galway from 7th to 9th June, presented by the Dominican Sisters of St. Joseph, UK. No previous experience required. To register contact Ruth, 087 4090344/email: comefollowmegalway@gmail.com

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place on Wed. 29th May at 8pm. in the Community Hall.

ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY takes place at Knock Shrine next Saturday 1st June. It's an occasion for families to come together and pray, inspired by Fr. Patrick Peyton, the Rosary Priest and a native of Attymass, Co Mayo who called for families to be bound together in love through family prayer with the phrase “The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”. Starting at 1pm with a Rosary Talk by Mother Adela Galindo followed by Stations of the Cross, Rosary Procession and Mass at 3pm with main celebrant Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Bishop of Waterford & Lismore.

VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPICE: Mayo Roscommon Hospice is looking for volunteers to help with National Sunflower Days for Hospice on Friday 7th & Sat. 8th June at local outlets. Contact 094 9388666 or email info@hospice.ie

CANA TALKS: “A Roadmap to Happiness” takes place next Friday 31st May at the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar with six dynamic speakers. Enjoy real-life stories, inspiring talks, humour, music & more. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ie, www.canatalks.com or at the TF box office 094 9023111.

‘A GLEAMING CHOIR OF SAINTS’ is the title of a new exhibition being launched by Fr. Richard Gibbons at Knock Museum on Friday 31st May at 4pm. This is a beautiful exhibition of spiritual visual art by Ballintubber-based artist Susie Smith, featuring icons of Irish and international saints as well St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist from the Knock Apparition. The exhibition will run at Knock Museum until December 2024 and the museum is open daily with free admission.

PIONEERS: The Castlebar Regional PTAA tour takes place on 9th June to Kylemore Abbey & Victorian Walled Gardens, with lunch in Clifden. Open to members and non-members. Call 087 9915229 before 28th May.

“SEEING IS BELIEVING”: On Saturday 8th June, Knock Shrine will host “Seeing is Believing– Art as a Doorway to Mystery” where you can gain personal insights into the influence of Christian art on international art experts. Guest speakers are Fr. Patrick van der Vorst, former director of Sotheby's London, Dr. Caroline Campbell, Director of the National Art Gallery of Ireland, art critic Dr. Nora Donnelly and Grace Mulqueen, Curator of Knock Museum. The event runs from 10.30am to 4pm at Knock House Hotel. Advance booking advised on Eventbrite. For details, visit www.knockshrine.ie

BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL - Wednesday 29th May to Monday 3rd June. Featuring Crazy Bingo in the Rugby Club, Inter Pub Quiz, “Up For the Match”, Festival's Fittest Family. Market Stalls in the Square from 11am. on Sunday with 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 age18) are invited to take part in the Summer Festival Arts Exhibition in the Courthouse from 29th May to 2nd June. Contact Ludmila for further details, text 089 9776879 or WhatsApp 086 3705648.

BALLYHAUNIS AREA COMMUNITY GAMES will be held this Sunday 26th May at 6pm at Ballyhaunis Town FC grounds, Station Rise. To book text Tracy Cunnane on 086 0618126.

JAMES KILBANE CONCERT - a night of Irish Folk & Country music: Saturday 15th June at 8.30pm. in the Friary. Tickets €15 available locally in the Gem or on Eventbrite.ie or call 087-6434206. Proceeds to Ballyhaunis Abbey Preservation Fund.