

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.** May almighty God have mercy on us....

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8**

A reading from the first book of Kings Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened

by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

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



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 33: 2-9**

**R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.**

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
- Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. [R]
- The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. [R]

**SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 30-5:2**  
**A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians**

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ. Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 6. 41-51**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**  
The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

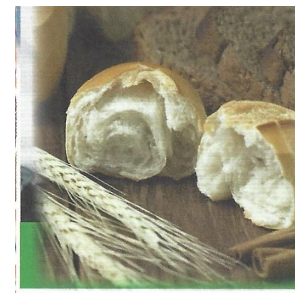
**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**NICENE CREED**

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.



**focus on sunday**

The companionship of Christ is "food for the journey". He is the one who strengthens us to live in his love and according to his gospel. When I give to another in love, I am giving communion. I am a minister of the Eucharist.



*"I am the bread..."*

**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**

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. Through Christ our Lord.

**EUCCHARISTIC 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**

**O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. 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 forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.



Bread and wine was the staple diet of ordinary people at the time of Jesus. If the rains did not come, or were delayed, the harvest would be late and the crop yield might be insufficient to feed them during the remainder of the year. Hence the

bread they required to prevent them going hungry, or even to stay alive (as in Gaza today), was a very insecure source of food on which they could not always depend. In that context, Jesus declares that He is "the bread of life." Deepening our relationship with Jesus through prayer and Eucharist, leading to following his path of self-sacrificing love for others, is our path to authentic living and to experiencing that peace which Jesus promised to his disciples, a peace which the world cannot give. The Eucharist, where we encounter Jesus present in the bread and wine, is at the heart of the Christian community. At the consecration, "This is my body which will be given up for you; this is my blood which will be poured out for you" we recall the total self-sacrifice of Jesus, giving up everything for our sake, even what was most precious to him, his own life. Uniting ourselves, then, with Jesus, when receiving communion, is to unite ourselves with his self-sacrifice, and so is to bear witness, before the whole community, that we, too, are willing to sacrifice ourselves for our brothers and sisters.

Fr. Peter McVerry

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

Elijah was a friend of God. He was very sad and afraid. He wanted to die. He would not eat or drink. Then an angel came to him with food and said 'Elijah Get up and eat'. He got up, ate and became well and strong. Jesus invites us too, when we are sad, lonely and afraid to 'Come, take and eat'. That is the food of Holy Communion that we receive at Mass.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER | 11th AUGUST 2024

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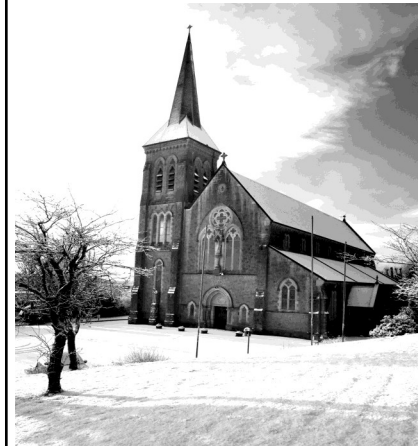
**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)**

*Emergency numbers:*

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

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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 12th-17th AUGUST 2024**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am; Saturday 7.30pm.**

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Triona Smith née Morley, Knox St & Carrowreagh  
Luke, May, Séan & Gerry Greally, Drimbane & Birmingham  
Edward & Mary Brennan; Lily & Noreen Brennan, Kiltaboe  
John Burke, Altrincham, Manchester  
Tom, Delia, Joe & John Stenson  
John, Margaret & Paddy Lyons, Redford  
Tom & Lily Murphy, Main St & Dermot Winston, Carrick  
Mary McGuire & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Johnstown  
Sarah Frances & Tom Halpenny, Barrack St; Louth & London  
Oliver Levins, Clare St.

**SUNDAY 18TH AUGUST- MONTH'S MIND**

Míchéal Smyth, Galway & Upper Main St.

12th-18th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Helen Freeley
<b>Thursday-15th Aug.</b>	<b>Paula Donnellan</b>	<b>Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Christina Concannon	Marie Brennan, Mary Freeley
<b>Saturday 7.30pm</b>	Marie Jordan	Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Willie Ryan	Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves

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 our website: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie). **The 10am Mass on Sundays 11th & 18th August will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM.**

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION:** This Thursday 15th August is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

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

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

Dolly Fitzmaurice, Spaddagh;  
James Moran, Newport- brother of Sheila Byrne, Johnstown;  
Carmel Wilson, Tyrrellspass, Co. Westmeath- sister of Martina Gallagher,  
Knock Road

**MARY'S MEALS:** Please support the walkers who will arrive in Ballyhaunis this Wed. 14th August on their fundraising walk to Knock in aid of Mary's Meals—a charity which provides hot meals each school day to children in some of the world's poorest communities. Fr. Eamonn Kelly will celebrate Mass at 6.30pm on Wednesday evening in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis—all welcome—followed by refreshments for the walkers in the Communal House in Clare Court. The volunteers will resume their walk to Knock on Thursday morning 15th August for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady.

**KNOCK NATIONAL NOVENA:** The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 14th to 22nd August with daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm in the Basilica and workshops at 12.45pm daily in St. John's Welcome Centre. As this year has been dedicated as Year of Prayer by Pope Francis, the theme for the Novena is "Whispering with God...How Do You Pray?" The nine-day programme will explore how prayer, in all its forms, is an integral part of our daily lives, and the guest speakers are:  
Wed. 14th August- 3pm & 8pm: Dr. Austen Ivereigh.  
Thurs. 15th August- 3pm & 8pm: Fr. Richard Leonard SJ.  
Fri. 16th August- 3pm & 8pm: Toni Pyke of the Association of Leaders of Missionary & Religious of Ireland.  
Sat. 17th August- 3pm: Msgr. Kevin Gillespie, Raphoe Diocese.  
8pm: Singer-songwriter Donna Taggart.  
Sun. 18th August: Family Day at Knock Shrine  
3pm: Bishop Kevin Doran, Elphin & Achonry  
8pm: Judith King

Mon. 19th August- 3pm & 8pm: Sr. Orla Treacy.  
Tues. 20th Aug- 3pm & 8pm: Aaron Gillane, Limerick hurler.  
Wed. 21st August: Anniversary of the Knock Apparition  
3pm: Dr. Gráinne Doherty; 6.45pm: Witness Walk  
8pm: Fr. Richard Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine  
Thurs 22nd Aug- 3pm & 8pm: Fr. Jos Moons SJ.  
As well as the daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm, guided prayer sessions will also take place at Knock Prayer Centre at 11.15am and 5.15pm daily during the Novena, and there are guided walks starting at 11am each day at the Basilica, which will focus on the Apparition witnesses and the events of the evening of 21st August 1879. Full details are available on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)  
The annual Family Day at Knock Shrine takes place next Sunday 18th August, starting with a Special Blessing for Families at 11am in the Apparition Chapel. This is followed by a range of fun activities for families on the grounds of the Shrine, free of charge. Outdoor activities will take place on the green, while there will be marquees with indoor games, workshops & more.

**WEBCAM:** For those watching Masses remotely from St. Patrick's Church on our webcam, viewers can access the Masses either on the parish website: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie) or on the MCN Media website. The website address for MCN has been updated to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) but a number of our viewers are still using the old address, which will be retired shortly. To avoid disruption, please note the new website address: [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live)  
We apologise for technical issues last weekend which caused some difficulty for those viewing our Masses online. The issue has since been resolved.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP** will hold a meeting on 29th August at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. All welcome. If attending, text your name to 087 6275766

**RADIO MARIA ROSARY:** Fr. Eamonn McCarthy of Radio Maria Ireland will broadcast the Rosary live from the Apparition Chapel, Knock next Saturday 17th August at 9.45am. The Rosary will be broadcast to millions of listeners across 90 global Radio Maria stations. All welcome.

**YOUTH 2000:** The Youth 2000 Summer Festival takes place from 15th to 18th August in Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare. 16-35 year olds are invited for a weekend of festivities, talks, testimonies, workshops, praise and worship. Free bus from Mayo, Sligo & Galway. Email [connaught@youth2000](mailto:connaught@youth2000) for more details or visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie)

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE:** The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, takes place from Friday Aug. 30th to Thursday, Sept 5th with direct flights from Ireland West Airport Knock, airport transfers and 6 nights hotel accommodation, full board. For more information, call Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800.

**ANNAGH MAGAZINE:** The Annagh Magazine committee is now collecting wedding photos, old photographs, articles from clubs & associations and personal articles for the 2024 edition. The deadline for submissions is the first week in October. Photos & articles can be emailed to [info@annaghmag.ie](mailto:info@annaghmag.ie) or passed onto committee members- Tommy Caulfield, Seamus Mulrennan, Paul Waldron, John Kilduff, Eddie Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Jim Lunden, Noreen Ruane-Dalton, Mike Griffin or Gabriel Smith.

**Recently Baptised**

We welcome into the Faith Community:  
Ales Polhos & Doruk Polhos,  
Sherwood Avenue, Clare Road

**Offertory Collection**

Sunday 4th Aug.  
2024  
€1,695

**FILM SCREENING:** The community cinema at Ballyhaunis Community Hall will screen the Irish-made film "Gaza" on Sat. 17th August at 8pm. This multi award-winning documentary, directed by Irish filmmakers Garry Keane & Andrew McConnell, was Ireland's entry for Best International Feature Film Oscar in 2020. Tickets €8, with all funds raised going to AMJAAD, a respected charity providing humanitarian aid in Gaza. An auction will also be held on the evening to raise further funds All welcome.

**ABBEY PATTERN:** This year's Abbey Pattern takes place on Sunday 1st September, starting at 2pm in the Friary Field. The organising committee is currently looking for volunteers to help plan the annual event, and to assist on the day. If you or your group would like to volunteer, contact the Ballyhaunis Sports Hub Coordinator Tracy Cunnane on 094 9630031 or 086 0618126.

**CLOTHES ALTERATION WORKSHOP** takes place in the Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre on Monday 12th August from 4.30 to 6pm. Everyone welcome but booking essential. To book a place, WhatsApp 086 3705649.

**BALLYHAUNIS TABLE TENNIS CLUB** is welcoming anyone who would like to take up a fun sport that suits all ages and abilities. Come along to the Community Hall on Monday & Wed. evenings from 6-8pm to join in. Supported by the Mayo Sports Partnership.