

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **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

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God. May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Proverbs 9:1-6

A reading from the book of Proverbs
Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 33:2-3.10-15

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]
- Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. [R]
- Come, children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? [R]
- Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 5:15-20

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 6:51-58

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

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

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

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, 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.

All bow for following three lines:



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

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

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

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you. Amen.

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds. Amen.

And 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.

In offering his body and blood as the food of our lives, Jesus offers us the gift of his friendship and an intimacy which he compares to "eating his body and drinking his blood".



"I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink his blood, you will not have life in you."

Many of Jesus' followers were dismayed and confused by the instruction inherent in these words so no longer followed Jesus. Jesus was informing them and us today that to partake in the Eucharist, the high point of our faith, would involve a commitment of body and soul which would be evident from our very lifestyles and our treatment of each other. Jesus, our Saviour, who knew that he would soon be called upon to give up His flesh and His blood upon the cross for all of us and in turn invites us to align with his sacrifice by committing to Him and his way of life. The images in this Gospel are powerful. There is no half-measure in the commitment – Jesus gives all and we accept all. We accept not just the gift of eternal life but the challenges our faith will bring – the requirement for tolerance, compassion, perseverance, strength in the face of suffering. It is not enough to simply say we are Christian, we must live in our best imitation of Christ. Now more than ever the world needs Christians to be fearless in the face of injustice, tireless in our acts of compassion and boundless in our love.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

I like to say this prayer at Mass. Thank You God for loving me. You give me life. You give me friends. You give me food. I am sorry for my sins for not loving others, when I hurt someone, don't share, forget to say Thanks and Sorry. Help me to live like Jesus, and be a loving person.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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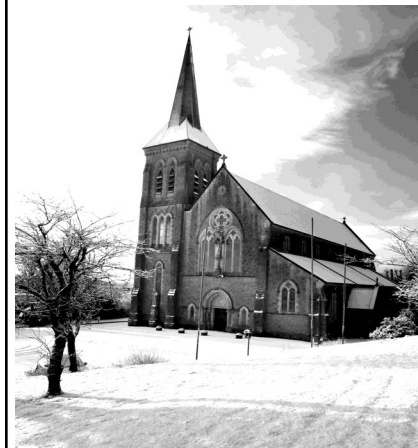
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MASSES:

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 19th-24th AUGUST 2024

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

Nuala Kenny, Abbeyquarter & Kiltimagh
John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & their daughter Josephine Feeney, Dublin
John Gerard Brady, Knox St. & Cavan
Terence & Kathleen McHugh, Main St.
Julia & Michael McCarthy, Beechpark
Paddy & Kathleen Morley, Woodpark
Eugene Morley, St Gerald's Crescent & Howard Morley, Derrymore
Séan & Maura Griffin, decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly families & Mike Freeley
Michael Patrick O'Connor, Crimlin & London
Frank & Damien Webb, Devlis
James & Bridget Costello, & Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue
Vinny Healy & decd. of the Healy family, Ballindrehid

19th-25th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Willie Broderick	Marie Brennan, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Eileen Donnellan, Patricia Plunkett, Mary T. Griffin, Daniela Balbino Romao

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. The 10am Mass on Sunday 18th August will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM.

WEBCAM: For those watching Masses remotely from St. Patrick's Church on our webcam, viewers can access the Masses on the parish website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie or on the MCN Media website. The website address for MCN has been updated to 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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Noel Goulding, Ballinlough- brother of Jimmy Goulding, Doctor's Road

KNOCK NATIONAL NOVENA: The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock continues until 22nd August with ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm daily in the Basilica and workshops at 12.45pm each day in St. John's Welcome Centre. The theme for this year's Novena is "Whispering with God...How Do You Pray?"

The guest speakers for the remaining days of the Novena are:
Sun. 18th Aug: 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 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

The annual **Family Day at Knock Shrine** takes place this 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. All welcome.

MARY'S MEALS: Volunteers from around the country came together in Ballyhaunis earlier this week, ahead of the final leg of their sponsored walk to Knock Shrine for 15th August to raise funds for the charity. Refreshments were provided in the Communal House at Clare Court for the walkers. Thanks to the local volunteers who prepared the venue, served the food and provided the music. Mary's Meals provides a hot meal to over 2.5 million children daily in schools in some of the world's poorest communities. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a year, and if you would like to donate, visit www.marymeals.ie

LEAVING CERT RESULTS: We pray for students awaiting the results of their Leaving Cert exams next Friday. May God guide them as they make important decisions in the coming weeks on college courses & future careers.

HERITAGE WEEK 2024: To celebrate Heritage Week, a slideshow of photographs from the Glynn Photography archives, featuring life in the Ballyhaunis area over the decades, will be screened in the Community Cinema (in the Community Hall) on Saturday 24th August at 8pm. There will also be an exhibition of photographs from Jimmy Leonard. Admission is free and all are welcome. If you have old photos or videos of local interest to show at similar events over the Autumn/ Winter, contact ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

HERITAGE & NATURE GUIDED WALK: Also as part of Heritage Week, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns are organising a family-friendly Heritage & Nature Guided Walk on Sunday 25th August, starting at 11am at the Community Hall. Join Tidy Towns members and ecologist Dr. Mary Tubridy, author of the Ballyhaunis Diversity Action Plan, for a tour of local geological, historical and biological features. 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.

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass takes place in the Friary on Sunday 15th September at 12 noon. All welcome.

ANAM CARA will hold an Online Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 3rd September at 7pm for bereaved parents. Guest speaker is Bryan Nolan, Healthcare Chaplain, End of Life and Grief & Loss specialist. For more information, contact Anam Cara on 01 4045378 or www.anamcara.ie

LATIN MASS: The Latin Mass Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday 7th September commencing with a sung Latin Mass at 2pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, followed by Stations of the Cross and Benediction. The next monthly Latin Mass takes place on Sunday 8th Sept. at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 11th Aug.
2024
€1,610

BACK TO SCHOOL: Ballyhaunis Community School reopens for the new academic year on the following dates:
Friday 23rd August: 1st Year students
Monday 26th August: 3rd, 6th Year and LCA2 students
Wed. 28th August: 2nd, 5th Year & LCA1 students
Friday 30th Aug: Transition Year students.

END OF SUMMER PARTY: Cloonfad Entertainment Committee presents the "End of Summer Block Party" on Sunday 25th August from 2pm to 8pm in the Community Centre car park with music, games, food vendors and local produce: fun for all the family. Live music with Diesel from 5pm to 8pm.

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.

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 or passed onto committee members— Tommy Caulfield, Seamus Mulrennan, Paul Waldron, John Kilduff, Eddie Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Jim Lundon, Noreen Ruane-Dalton, Mike Griffin or Gabriel Smith.

BALLYHAUNIS SWIMMING POOL: To mark the last day of the season, the annual gala will take place at the pool on Clare St. on Saturday next 24th August from 1.30 to 5pm.

NATURE TIP FROM BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: The term "Hare's Corner" is an old farming expression for the corner of a field or an area of rough ground which wasn't intensively farmed. They are so valuable on any piece of land, big or small, that grants are available for individuals and communities to create small wild spaces such as ponds, heritage orchards, small woodlands & more. You can start small, by leaving corners of the garden unmowed and uncut for insects, wildflowers and wildlife.