

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.**

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 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 have mercy.....
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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus
The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them this way to see whether they will follow my law or not. 'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in

the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.'" And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 77:3-4.23-25.54

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, the things our fathers have told us, we will tell to the next generation: the glories of the Lord and his might. **[R]**
2. He commanded the clouds above and opened the gates of heaven. He rained down manna for their food, and gave them bread from heaven. **[R]**
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. He sent them abundance of food. He brought them to his holy land, to the mountain which his right hand had won. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:17.20-24

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians
I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from
the mouth of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John**

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me

because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

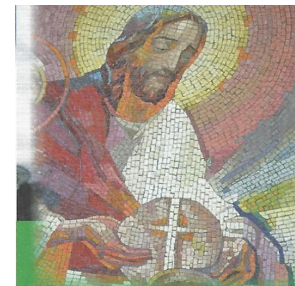
Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always'. Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

**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, 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.



focus on sunday

The bread of life - the Body of Christ - is often called "food for the journey". Each Mass is the occasion of God giving himself to us in Christ as a companion on our journey of life.

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

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, 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

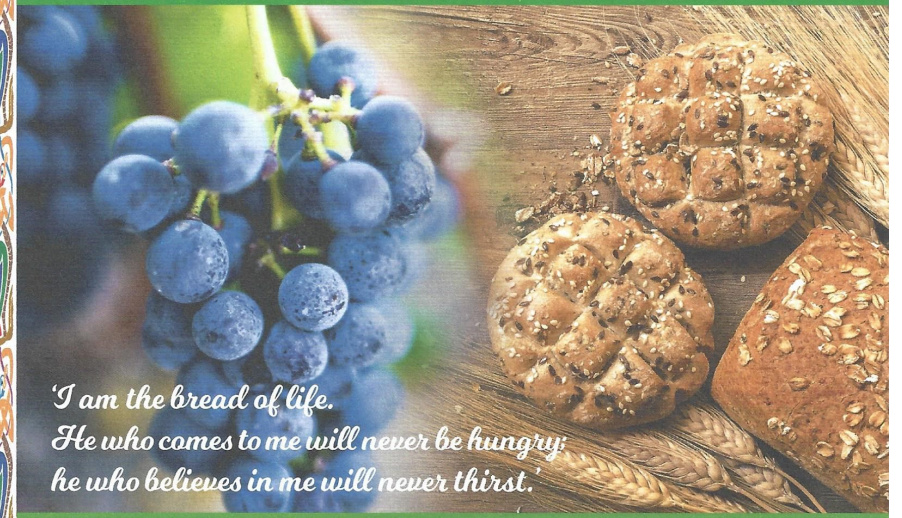
**You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them, make them worthy of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



*'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'*



Jesus connects with people through table fellowship; it was an extremely important part of his ministry. It is not only the food that is important; Jesus nourished people in a more significant way. The failure of the crowd to grasp this significance is a cause of frustration for Jesus in the gospel today. The crowd, who have been searching everywhere for him (6:22-24), demand that he give 'bread from heaven'. They seem to want Jesus only for what he can physically give them and have not been touched on a deeper level.

In Laudato Si', Pope Francis challenges all Christians to undergo an ecological conversion and invites us to look at the world from within rather than from without. He notes how, at its root, the ecological crisis is a deeply spiritual crisis. Christianity offers an alternative understanding of the quality of life, it encourages a prophetic lifestyle, but this requires a contemplative lifestyle too, 'one capable of deep enjoyment free of the obsession with consumption. We need to take up an ancient lesson ... that "less is more".' (LS, §222). A constant flow of goods 'baffles the heart'. This constant desire for more exists because ultimately we are not at peace with ourselves. Only God can fill that gap, all else is 'food that perishes'. We are invited to an inner attitude that is happy with less and being spiritually detached from what we possess. This is not a lesser life, it can be liberating, 'a way of living life to the full'. (LS, §222). The people want to know 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' But there is only one thing, be present to Jesus as he is present to you. Out of that, all else will flow. Jesus is the 'Bread of Life', food for the long-haul journey of life, food that truly satisfies. **Jane Mellett**

Adapted from "The Deep End - A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew" (Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2002).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

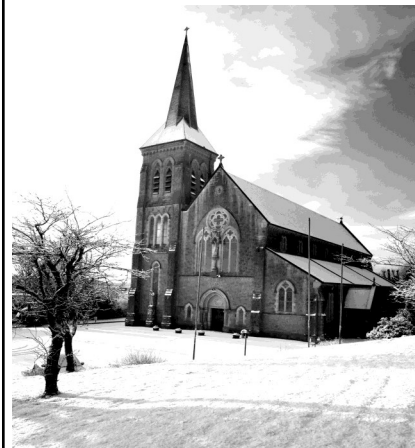
God Our Father chose everyone for life. God is Lover and Giver of all life. God wanted to give special food to his children, so He sent an angel to find a special food. But the angel could find no food good enough in all the world. Then God decided to come Himself to be our food, through His Spirit, in the form of bread and wine. Through His Spirit, God comes to live in our hearts with Holy Communion at Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th AUGUST 2024

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 5th-10th AUGUST 2024

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

Noel Patterson, Knock Road
 Edward Judge & decd. Agloragh
 Christopher Mongan, Tooraree
 John, Ann, Annie, Donal & Rita Rogers
 Elizabeth Jordan, Annagh
 Reuben Sykes, Leeds & Cave
 Dolores Jordan, Annagh
 Joe Webb, Devlis
 Patrick, Sarah, Michael & Tom Waldron, Cave
 & Patricia Naughton, Cave & Leeds
 Patrick, Annie & decd. of the McLoughlin family, Aghamore
 Luke & Lillie Lyons, Gurteenmore & decd. of the Lyons & Morley families
 John, Richard & Val Lyons, Arderry & decd. of the Lyons family
 Ann O'Brien (née Connell) Beechpark & Gurraune
 Nora & Tom Dowling, Ballyglass & decd. of the Dowling & Hunt families
 Emily Dempsey, London & Devlis
 Christina Dunleavy née Nolan, Manchester & formerly Mountain, Forthill
 Brendan & Catriona Hopkins, Larganboy & Castlebar
 Tommy Hopkins, Larganboy & John Larkin, Cork

SUNDAY 11TH AUGUST- FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Chris Mannion, Drimbane

5th-11th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Breege Halpin, Geraldine Murphy, Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch
COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST		
Sat. 7.30pm	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Gabriel Smith, Mike Griffin, Vincent Higgins, Carlos 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 Sundays 4th, 11th, & 18th August will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM.**

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.



KNOCK NATIONAL NOVENA: The National Novena to Our Lady of Knock takes place from 14th to 22nd August with daily ceremonies at 3pm & 8pm. The theme of this year's 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. Among the guest speakers this year are singer/songwriter Donna Taggart, British writer & journalist Dr. Austen Ivereigh and Limerick hurler Aaron Gillane. Full details are available on www.knockshrine.ie. The annual Family Day at Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 18th August with a range of fun activities for families, free of charge.

MARY'S MEALS: Volunteers taking part in the annual walks from Dublin, Limerick, Kilkenny & Thurles, in aid of Mary's Meals, will all arrive in Ballyhaunis on 14th August, and will continue onto Knock on 15th for the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady. Ballyhaunis parish will host refreshments for the walkers in Clare Court Communal House on Wed. 14th August. The volunteers are walking to Knock over 9 days to help provide hot meals each day to children in their place of education in 17 of the world's poorest countries. €22 will feed a child for a full school year. To learn more or contribute to the charity, visit www.marysmeals.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.

WEBCAM: We are delighted that so many people across the world watch Masses live from St. Patrick's Church on our webcam. Viewers can access the Masses either 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

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 for more details or visit youth2000.ie

"FAN THE SPARK": Young Adult Catholic Conference (for 18-40yrs) takes place on Saturday 24th August from 9.30am to 5.30pm in Legion of Mary, Brunswick St, Dublin 7. Talks on faith, art, tour of Frank Duff's house, Mass & adoration. To book, visit www.eventbrite.ie or email deusetpatria@gmail.com

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 London, Noreen Ruane-Dalton, Mike Griffin or Gabriel Smith.

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

MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE FROM FR. ARUL JAYASEELAN:

I would like to thank Fr. Stephen once again for welcoming me back to Ballyhaunis parish for the month of July, and making me feel at home here. May God bless Fr. Stephen as he continues to lead the mission of God within the Archdiocese of Tuam. Special thanks also to the Sacristan Irene and parish secretary Paula for their help, support and kindness. To the community of Ballyhaunis, I extend heartfelt thanks for the love and friendship you have extended to me this month. As I return to Rome to continue my studies, I will hold all of you in my prayers, and will remember your kindness and generosity. May God bless you all.



LANCE CORPORAL PATRICK GALLAGHER: The U.S. Navy's newest ship has been officially named in honour of Ballyhaunis native Patrick Gallagher. Members of the Gallagher family were joined by serving members of the US Navy and veterans at the Bath Iron Works shipyard in Maine, USA last weekend to witness the christening of the USS Patrick Gallagher, named after Patrick "Bob" Gallagher who was killed at the age of 23 while serving with the US Marine Corps in Vietnam in 1967. The previous year, he had saved the lives of a number of his comrades in an enemy attack, for which he was awarded the Navy Cross for his bravery. A native of Derrintogher, Patrick is buried in Ballyhaunis Cemetery.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday morning in the Family Centre, Knock. For further information, call Monica Morley, Knock Shrine on 094 9375320.

Offertory Collection
 Sunday 28th July 2024
 €1,930

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

CHIME: Services for Deaf & Hard of Hearing. Outreach clinic in the Old Health Centre, Vicar St, Tuam on Friday 9th August from 10am to 2.30pm. Contact Tony Dolan for appointment or more information at 086 8341318 or Tony.dolan@chime.ie

RUNWAY RUN: The Ireland West Airport Knock annual 5K Runway Fun Run takes place this year on Saturday 14th Sept. at 6.30pm. Funds raised will go to the airport's 2024 charity partners: ACT for Meningitis, BUMBLEance, Down Syndrome Ireland (Mayo branch), Irish Red Cross, Mayo Mountain Rescue and Western Care Association. To register, or for more details, visit www.irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun

104TH CLAREMORRIS SHOW takes place this Sunday 4th August in the Showgrounds with events for all the family. Free shuttle bus from the town centre operating from 11am to 6pm. For details, visit www.claremorrisshow.com

NATURE TIP FROM BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: Make sure your annual bedding includes some pollinator-friendly options. Traditional bedding plants such as Begonia, Petunia & Geranium are not good sources of pollen & nectar for bees and other insects- better sources of food for pollinators include single flowers such as Snapdragon, Vervain, Dianthus, Cosmos, Bacopa & Marigold.