

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

**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**

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12. 17-20**  
**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.'

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 53:3-6, 8**

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. **[R]**
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. **[R]**
- But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. **[R]**

**SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3**

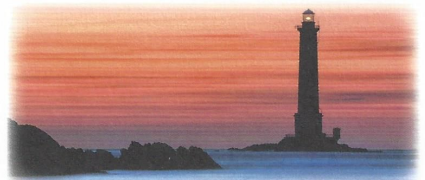
**A reading from the letter of St. James**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37**

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

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

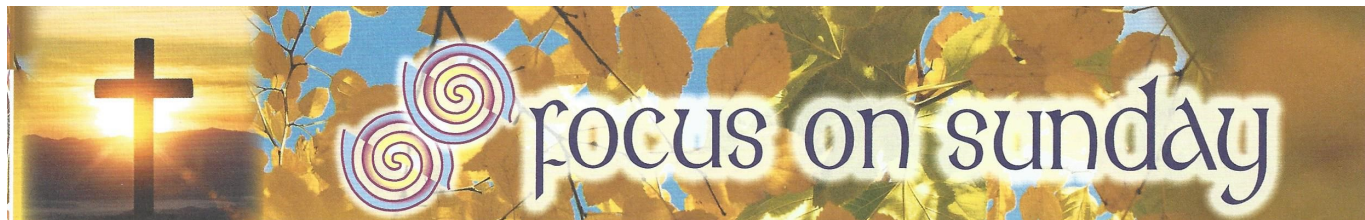
**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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.**



**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 with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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.*  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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**

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

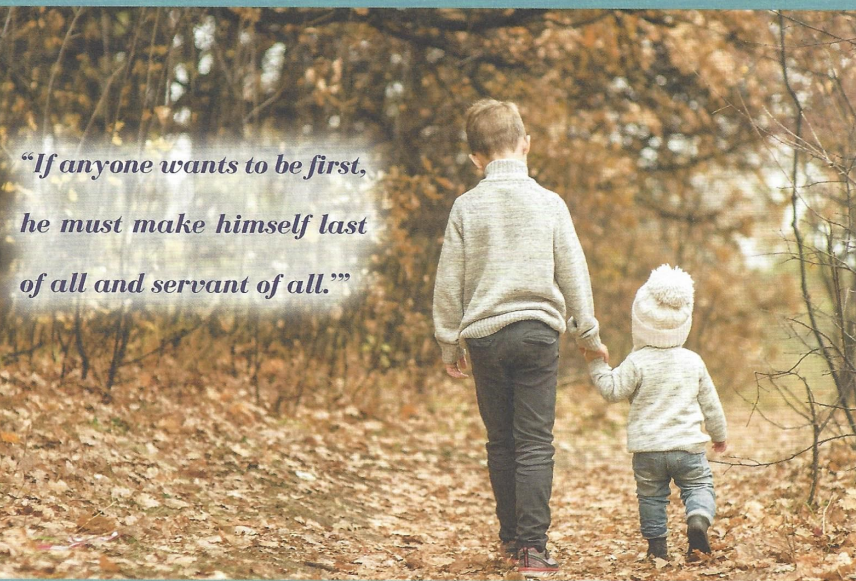
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
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.

There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.



*"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all."*



The disciples were arguing about who was the most important. We can all identify with their argument! Today, we often value people by their achievements. A person who runs a successful business employing dozens of people will

be considered more important than a person who is unemployed or homeless. The value that society places on them is often reflected in the salary they are paid. However, during Covid, this value judgement was challenged. Nurses, bus drivers, carers and other essential personnel, who do not command enormous salaries, were recognised and highly valued for the work that they were doing (unfortunately that didn't last!). Today's Gospel affirms a central belief in our Christian faith, namely everyone has the same value before God, and therefore should be equally valued by the followers of Jesus. A little child has no achievements to boast of, they were the "least" in the society of Jesus' time. To be great in God's eyes, we must make ourselves the "least" by becoming the servant of all. We must put other people, and their needs, before ourselves, just as a servant puts their master's needs first. When Jesus washed the feet of the disciples at the Last Supper, he took on the role of a servant and the disciples found themselves in the role of a master. When Jesus hung on the cross, He was the servant giving his life for us. It is in serving others, putting their needs before ourselves, that we become great in the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Peter McVerry

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

Before we drive a motor car, or cycle or skate on the footpath, we have to read rules and instructions. Jesus says that is good, but it is more important to respect other people on the road or footpaths. We serve others by giving way, and leaving room for walkers with babies and little children. Rules give us knowledge. Heart gives us manners, courtesy, and respect.



# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd SEPTEMBER 2024

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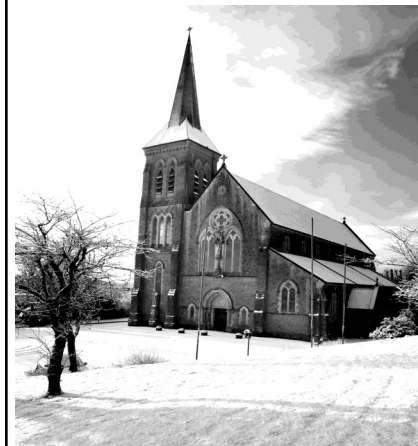
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

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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 23rd-28th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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Michael & Kathleen Waldron, Johnstown

Michael Curley, Crossbeg

John & Mary E. Hunt, Lecarrow & Margaret Fahy

Rev. John Joseph

Bridann Halpin Keane

Patrick, Nora & Michael Cleary, Johnstown

Michael, Mary, Joe & Josie Rattigan, Lecarrow

Joe Greally, Annagh & decd. of the Greally family

Thomas & Mary Finnegan

Malachy, Bridie, John, Agnes, Malachy Jnr. & Frank Broderick, Castlerea

Bridie & Johnny Lyons, Upper Main St. & decd. of the Fleming & Caulfield families

Delia & James Freeley & decd. Gurteen

Joe Mongan & decd. of the Jennings & Mongan families, Brickens

James & Bridget Sloyan, Brackloon

Josie Regan, Loughglynn

23rd-29th SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Helen Freeley
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Willie Broderick	Irene Healy, Margaret Tarpey
Saturday 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Marina Coyne, Marion Regan, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke

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).

**STATIONS:** Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October or November can contact the Parish Office at 094 9630006.

**SEASON OF CREATION 2024:** The Season of Creation continues until 4th October – the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. The Christian family across the world unites for this annual celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. The theme for 2024 is “To Hope and Act with Creation”.

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers:  
Patrick Gaffney, Roscommon Town & formerly Ballinphuill

**Offertory Collection**  
Sunday 15th Sept. 2024  
€1,720

**PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION:** The envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection are available in the Sacristy this weekend. We would be grateful if the distributors could collect them after Mass.

**RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES:** As the relics of St. Bernadette continue on a journey to every diocese in Ireland, the relics will visit Knock Shrine on Sunday next 29th Sept. and will be present for the 12 noon and 3pm Masses. The relics will also visit Tuam Cathedral on Monday 30th Sept., enabling people to experience a taste of Lourdes in their local diocese.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Saturday 17th May 2025 has been confirmed as the date for First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, starting at 11am.

**PPC MEETING:** The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place this Monday night 23rd Sept. at 8.30pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall.

**BI-CENTENARY SERVICE:** Kiltullagh Church of Ireland, Ballinlough 200th anniversary service takes place this Sunday 22nd Sept. at 3.30pm. Refreshments afterwards in Michael Glavey's Community Centre. All welcome.

**WELCOME TO THE FAMILY** - Exploring the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation: A series of talks by Fr. Eugene Duffy exploring the meaning and importance of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation will take place in Knock Prayer Centre on Monday evenings from 7th October to 2nd December from 8pm to 9.15pm. This series will be of particular interest to parents preparing children for these sacraments, for parish teams and for those who wish to better understand the reasons why these Sacraments are central elements to our lives as Catholics. For more information and free booking, contact Knock Shrine at 094 9388100 or email [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

### COFFEE DAYS FOR HOSPICE:

- Ballyhaunis Active Retirement will host a Tea/ Coffee Afternoon in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice in the Communal Centre, Clare Court this Wednesday 25th September from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Tea, coffee, cakes & live music. All welcome to attend this fundraising event.
- Tea/Coffee Day in Cloonfad Resource Centre next Saturday 28th Sept. from 11am to 2pm in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

**CONCERT:** Gerry Carney & a band of musicians from around the country will hold a fundraising concert in The Friary next Friday 27th Sept. to help finance the initial stages of an Air Ambulance Base for Ballyhaunis. Tickets available locally from The Gem, or on Eventbrite.ie

**SACRISTAN REQUIRED** for St. Patrick's Church, Cloonfad. If interested, contact Fr Stephen on 087 9210305.

**ANNAGH MAGAZINE:** The deadline is approaching for submitting articles, photos and reports for the 2024 edition. Photographs & articles can be emailed by the first week of October 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 London, Noreen Dalton-Ruane, Mike Griffin or Gabriel Smith.

**ABIDE IN HIS LOVE: WOMEN'S CONFERENCE** takes place from 15th to 17th November in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal. The conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today, with a number of guest speakers taking part. To register, visit [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) and search for “Abide in His Love”.

**2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY:** The Archdiocese of Tuam Italian Shrines Pilgrimage takes place from 27th June to 3rd July 2025. Six nights (3 in Rome, 3 in Assisi) with Spiritual Director, ex Dublin Airport. Early booking is advised as 2025 is a Jubilee (Holy Year) in Rome, which will mean high demand for accommodation. For details, contact 01 2410800.

**SOCIAL NIGHT:** Monthly social nights continue in the Community Hall on Sat. 28th Sept from 8pm to 10pm. Music, dancing and open mic for anyone who wants to sing a song, play a tune or recite a poem. All welcome. Admission €5, proceeds go to the Ballyhaunis Community Hall gallery refurbishment fund.

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

**MARKET AT THE PLAZA:** Knock outdoor market takes place this Sunday 22nd Sept. at Pope Francis Plaza from 10am to 3pm offering home-produced crafts made by local crafters & artists.

**NATIONAL WALKING DAY:** Join us at 7pm on Tuesday 24th Sept. at the Friary House. Walk suitable for all ages and fitness levels. Promoting diversity, equality & inclusivity. Refreshments afterwards in the Friary House. Enquiries to Tracy Cunnane, or email [ballyhaunissportshub@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhaunissportshub@gmail.com)

### FIND IT! FIX IT! FLOG IT! UPCYCLING CHALLENGE:

Source an item of furniture to upcycle. Develop design skills and collect tips on upcycling with the guidance of an experienced mentor. Return your item for auction on 29th October. Proceeds go to the Community Hall gallery refurbishment fund. Launch of upcycling challenge takes place next Wed. 25th Sept. at 8.30pm in the Community Hall. Enquiries to [ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

**CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF CLASSES:** Clinical Somatics uses slow gentle exercise to relieve pain, reduce stress and improve posture & movement. Classes on Wednesdays at 6.45pm in Claremorris Family Resource Centre. €50 for 5 weeks. For details, contact John Roe at 087 7495573.

**DRAMA:** The Harvest Moon Theatre Group will perform their heartwarming play “Now and Then” in Claremorris Town Hall on Friday 27th Sept. at 8pm as a fundraiser for the Claremorris & District Lions Club, to support local charities and causes. The play is suitable for all ages. Tickets from Claremorris Town Hall.

**BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS:** Next meeting is at 8pm on Wednesday 25th September at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members always welcome.

**NATURE TIP FROM BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS:** We love seeing birds such as robins, tits, blackbirds and chaffinches visit out gardens. The best way to encourage healthy bird populations and reduce the chance of spreading diseases is to provide natural habitats and sources of food: dense shrubberies, ivy and bramble provide shelter, berries and a range of insects. Birds should only have to rely on shop-bought seeds and fatballs during the Winter.