

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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

Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 2: 18 - 24

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The

man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127

R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **[R]**
- Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **[R]**
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! **[R]**

SECOND READING Hebrews 2: 9-11

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 10: 2-16
(*Shorter form 10: 2-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

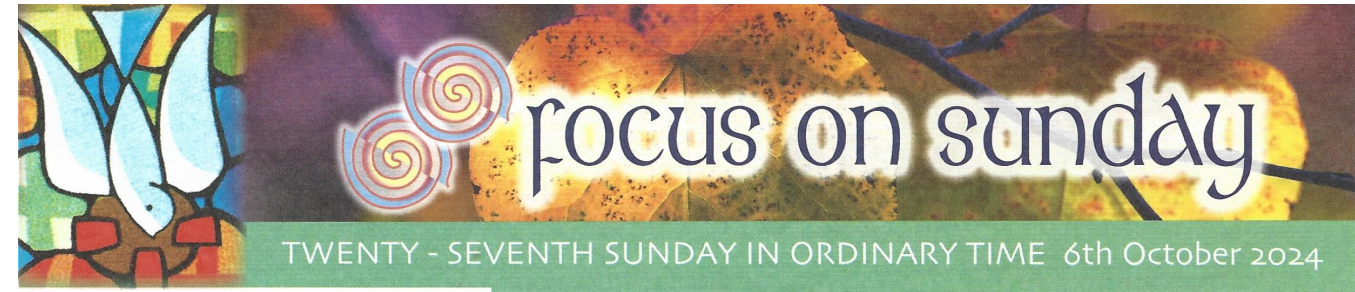
Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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.



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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us.
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.
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

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

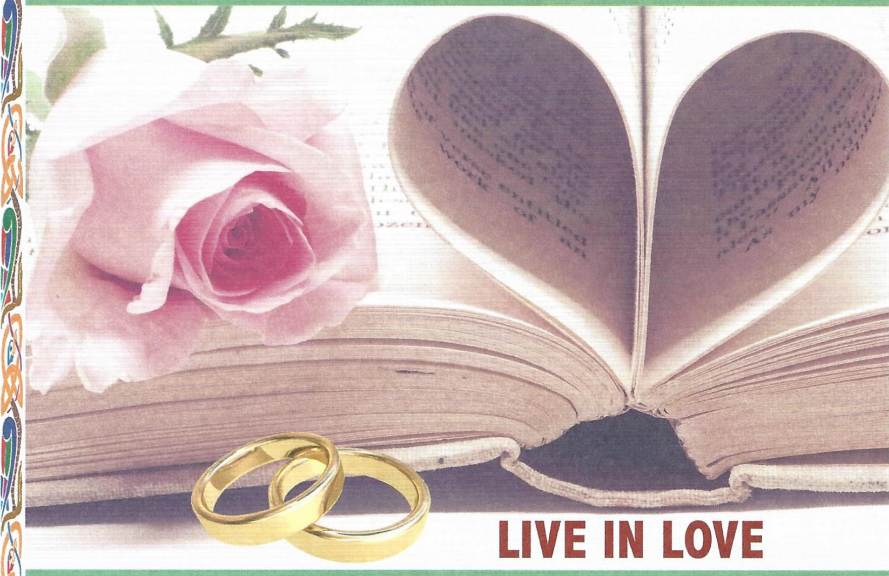
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume.
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.**

God has created us to live in love with and for each other. We pray today for a strengthening in our society of the value of the bond of marriage and family.



LIVE IN LOVE



Today's Gospel will be received differently by many in our community. For some, it speaks of the joyful unity of marriage. For others, it communicates exclusion, rigidity, lack of compassion, and all that seems outdated about the Catholic Church today. Yet the Gospel is concerned with Jesus's core teaching and the foundation of our Christianity: love.

The passage paints a familiar Biblical picture of Jesus being tested by his detractors in an attempt to discredit him. Jesus' way of responding is characteristic, as ever, of his understanding of the deeper issues in life. And so, the passage continues with Jesus's treatment of the little children, a powerful depiction of divine compassion. He is clear that the kingdom of God belongs to those who seek a genuine welcome, who seek acceptance, belonging, and love. Isn't that all of us?

Today's Liturgy of the Word asserts the good of marriage as a lifelong commitment, mirroring God's lifelong commitment to us. In 'Amoris Laetitia', Pope Francis invites Christian families "to be a sign of mercy and closeness wherever family life remains imperfect". Those of us who are joined in one body in marriage and one body in the church are called to acceptance and love of each other.

Giovanna Feeley

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God Our Father made a beautiful world first. Then, God made man to enjoy the world, but the man wasn't happy. He longed for a companion. God gave him a companion. Her name was woman. That was the first Marriage in all the world. We thank God for the great blessing, of love.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 7th-12th OCT. 2024

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

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & Josephine Feeney, Dublin

Una Phillips, Main St.

Waldemar Manke & decd.

Mariana & Henryk Krzeminznik

Vidutis Vaitulevicius & decd.

Teofile Brusokiene & decd.

Fr. Des Fahey, Lavallyroe

John Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

Annie Freeley & her brother Jimmy, Upper Main St.

SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER-MONTH'S MIND:

Margaret Lyons, Leow



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.



7th-13th OCT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Francis Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn
Sunday 10am	Sophia Balbino	Breege Halpin, Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne

COLLECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Ann Curley, Pat Devine
Sunday 10am	Willie Broderick, Mike Griffin, Kieran Fitzmaurice, Seamus Coffey

MASS SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Team C- Kleber Lucas, Silmara Da Silva Nunes, Joao Miguel De Oliveira Guerra, Luis Philipe Da Cruz
Sunday 10am	Team D- Hazel Murphy, Fionn Finnegan, Natalie Dosek, Tjasa Barcanec

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 will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 6th, 13th & 20th Oct.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

James Daniels, Swinefield, Cloonfad;
Harry Fagan, Lavallyroe, Cloonfad

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: The "Grow In Love" enrolment Mass takes place next Saturday evening 12th October at 7.30pm. All children preparing for First Holy Communion are expected to attend. As October is the month of the Rosary, we help the children to understand the Rosary as a special prayer said by the parish family, in which we recall events in the life of Jesus and his mother Mary. We can all make a special effort to say the Rosary, or part of it, during the month of October.

CONFIRMATION 2025: The Confirmation ceremony in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis will take place on Thursday 13th March 2025 for 5th & 6th class pupils.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 29th Sept. 2024
€1,675

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, starting this Mon. 7th October through 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

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes for the Autumn Collection. Your ongoing generosity & support is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office or Sacristy. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54. BIC: AIBKIE 2D

EXPLORING PRIESTHOOD: If you are a Catholic man aged over 18 and would like to find out more about being a diocesan priest, come along to an Open Day on Saturday 26th October in NUI Galway. Further details on www.vocations.ie/exploring

SURVIVORS' CELEBRATION WALK: Tuam Cancer Care will host the 2024 Survivors' Celebration Walk in the Palace Grounds, Tuam on Sunday 20th October at 2pm. This walk is an opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors and their families and friends in a lively atmosphere with music & entertainment., while raising funds for the centre. The event is also open to the general public. To participate, register by Tuesday 15th October at www.tuamcancercare.ie

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT is looking for volunteers to help with their annual Flag Day in Ballyhaunis on Saturday 12th Oct. Anyone who can volunteer for a couple of hours on the day can contact Rose at 094 9038407. Mayo Cancer Support offers a range of supports to people with cancer and their families.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will take place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock on Sun. 13th Oct. at 6pm.

YOUTH 2000: The Youth 2000 Connacht Autumn Retreat takes place in the College of the Immaculate Conception, Summerhill, Sligo from 8th to 10th November. Anyone aged 16 to 35 is welcome for a weekend of talks, testimonies & workshops. For more information, visit www.youth2000.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: The monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 9th October at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members always welcome.

FORÓIGE LEADERSHIP INFORMATION NIGHT takes place in Claremorris Family Resource Centre on Wednesday 9th Oct from 8pm to 9.30. Parents and young people from the East Mayo area are welcome to come for a chat and a cup of tea/ coffee. For more details, contact Brian on 086 1764075.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION: Next meeting is on Wednesday 16th October in the Communal House, Clare Court at 1.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all members on the day to plan activities for the remainder of the year. The Active Retirement Association will also like to thank all who supported the recent Hospice Tea Day which raised €1,510 for Mayo Roscommon Hospice. Thanks also to the bakers, musicians and donors.

CILL TULACH ICA will host a coffee morning and cake sale in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice on Sunday 13th October in Granlahan Community Centre from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Please support this worthy cause.

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.

SILENT RETREAT: The Foyer of Charity will hold a silent retreat in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 14th to 20th October on the theme: "If you but knew the gift of God..." Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne, Foyer of Charity. The retreat is a privileged time to leave noise and distractions behind and listen to the Spirit of God. Daily Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration. Enquiries to Helen Williams at 086 1678027 or visit the website www.foyerofcharity.ie

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis. AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House. Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa. More information on www.al-anon.org

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The next Marriage Enrichment Weekend takes place from 8th to 10th November at the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. For information and bookings, visit www.marriageencounter.ie

PARENT & TODDLER group meets every Wednesday from 10am to 12 noon in the Community Hall, Ballyhaunis. Open to all 0-3 year olds & their parents/guardians. All welcome.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are now on sale in the Church porch.. Cost €3, please place money in candelabra coinbox.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The monthly Bike Repair Clinic will be held next Saturday 12th October from 10am to 12 noon in the Community Hall. Volunteers will assist with basic cycle repairs. Book your bike in at ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter can be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com—notices should be submitted by Thursday for inclusion in that weekend's edition.