

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father 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

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14-16*

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:
'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 24:4-5. 8-9,10,14
R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

- Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [R]
- The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

- His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2.
A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.
Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL *Luke 21:25-28.34-36*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

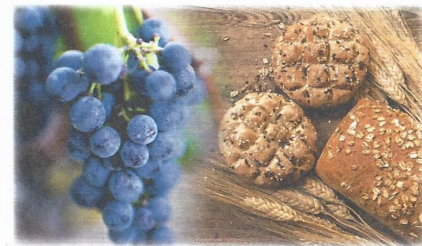
Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'
'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

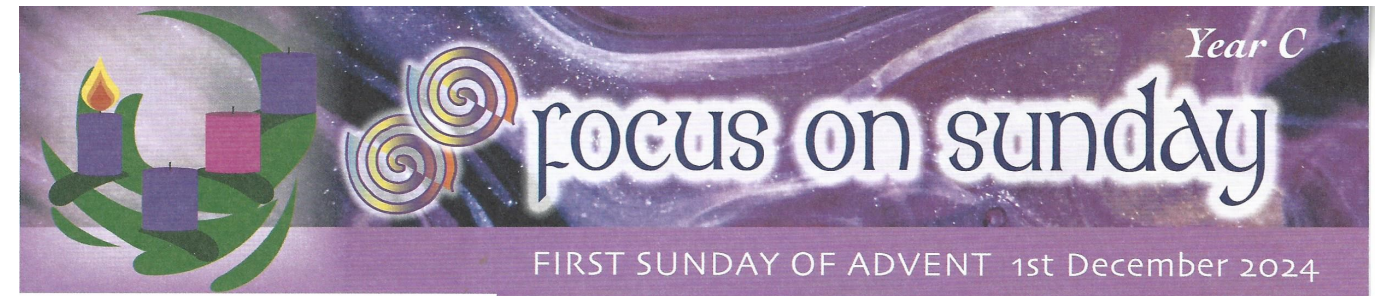
Pray brothers and sisters,.....
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

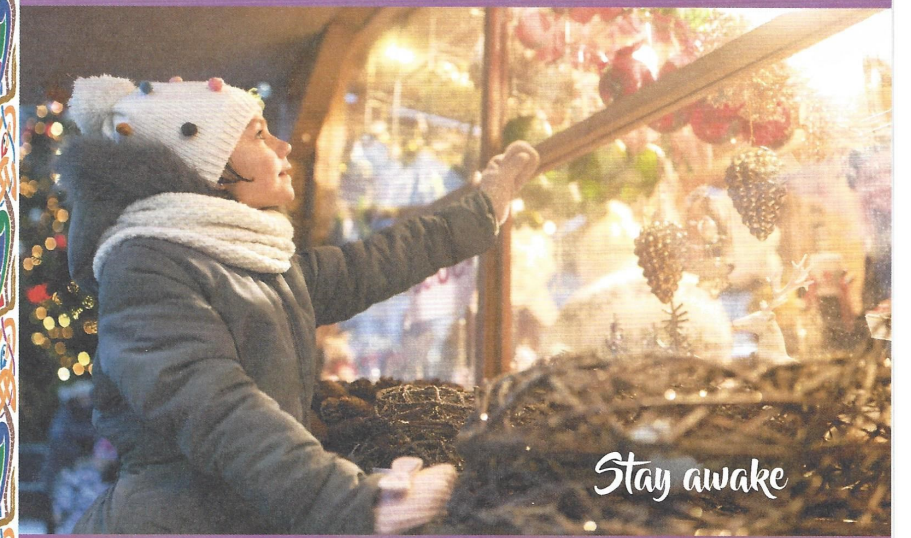
Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.



Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



Stay awake

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end.
The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin.
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.



As we take our first steps into Advent, the message is to stay awake! In today's Gospel we meet Jesus towards the end of his ministry, instructing the disciples to be aware of the signs of the times and to stay 'alert'. It is a message designed to keep his followers on their toes.

It can be easy for us to fall into a comfortable rut, not really engaging with the wider world. And when we do look up, we notice "the worries of this life": in the natural world, in troubled countries, in our church, even our own families. But what would happen if we were to truly wake up? We can think of many people who are awake to the problems in society. One person who embodies this spirit is climate activist Greta Thunberg. Her 'School Strike for Climate' began in 2018 with her sitting alone outside the Swedish Parliament, and has grown into a worldwide movement of young people calling for action to address climate change. People like this are 'awake' to the world around them – their eyes are open, they see the injustices and they have acted. They are forging a brighter future. Countless others are reaching out, speaking against injustice, working to heal wounds in the natural world, in communities and families. We can't afford to sleepwalk through life when the Gospel challenges us to be bearers of hope and good news. This Advent, we are called to be awake. As we begin this journey, think of a time when you felt truly 'awake' to events around you. Can you become more awake to the Gospel alive and active in the world?
Awakening to the realities of the world or even of our own lives can be a painful experience. As Greta says, hope is found in action, in small steps. What small step can you take this week?

Jane Mellett

Extract from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke by Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, Messenger Publications, Dublin 2021.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.

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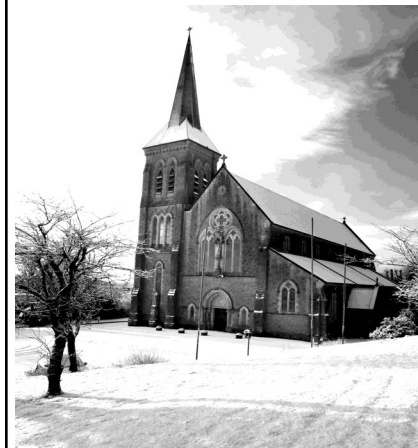
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MASSES:

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 2nd—7th DECEMBER 2024

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

Delia & John Culliney, Johnstown & Philadelphia
Denise & Michael Nolan, Togher & decd. of the Burton & Nolan families
Ellen & Ted Maughan, Cherryfield
Barry Butler, Doctor's Road
Decd. members of the Judge family, Ballinphuill
David & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. Forthill & Mountain
Pat & Margaret Byrne, Knox St.
Patrick & Annie May McDonagh & their grandson PJ Reilly, Lisbane
Tony Greene, Knox St. & USA; Thomas & Nora Greene, Knox St.
Vera Waldron & decd. of the Waldron & Geraghty families, Scrigg & Jason Killeen
Bridget Mary & Jack Halpin & their granddaughter Bridann
Mona Molloy, Gurrane
William & Bridget Curran, Doctor's Road

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER 2024- MONTH'S MIND:

Michael Egan, Knockbrack;
Maureen McCambridge, Clare Court & Arigna

2nd-8th Dec.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Sinead Lilly	Marion Regan, Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Margaret Tarpey, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves

COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER

Sat 7.30pm.	Pat Devine, Kieran Connolly, Oliver Cribben, Gideone. Alves da Silva
Sunday 10am.	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Anthony Plunkett

MASS SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Team A: Niamh Conlon, Eva Grace Kilcourse, Peter Gallagher, Phoebe McNamara, Sonny Kelly
Sunday 10am	Team B: Olivia Feeney, Ben Jordan, Jonathon Powers, Kevin Buliga, Sara Romaric

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Joe Rochford, Gurteen;
David Cleary, Cherryfield

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 1st, 8th, 15th & 29th December will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM, as well as the 10am Mass on Christmas Day.

ADVENT: This Sunday 1st December is the first Sunday of Advent, and marks the start of the Church Liturgical Year. Advent is a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Our Lord at Christmas. The themes of Advent: Hope, Peace, Joy and Love unfold over the four weeks.

“GROW IN LOVE”: The preparation programme for children who will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Holy Communion in 2025 continues at the 7.30pm Mass next Sat. evening 7th December. Our focus this month is on helping the children learn how to prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day. May we all try our best to keep our focus on Jesus as the “reason for the season” this Advent.

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL AT KNOCK SHRINE: The All-Night Vigil at Knock Basilica takes place on 7th/8th December. Confessions available on Saturday night 7th Dec. from 10pm to midnight. The vigil begins at midnight and includes Rosary, Stations of the Cross, Holy Hour and concludes with Mass at 4am. Guest speaker is Fr. Shaun Doherty.

“VIEWING & REFLECTING: Presentations on the Nativity in Art & Scripture” with Dr. Nora Donnelly & Fr. Eugene Duffy in Knock Prayer Centre on Sat. 7th December from 10am to 4pm. This explorative and reflective day looks at how artists have interpreted the Nativity through artistic works. For more details, visit www.knockshrine.ie

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Collection envelopes for the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul are available in the church porch and in local outlets. Envelopes with donations can be returned to the collection box in the church at Mass times, or to the parish office. Donations can also be made online to:

Account No: 55855348.

IBAN: IE96 BOFI 9037 2855 8553 48. BIC: BOFIE2D.

If you or your family are in need of help from St. Vincent de Paul this Christmas, please outline your specific needs in writing. Letters should be addressed to: Ballyhaunis SVP, The Friary House, Ballyhaunis.

EXTENDED ADVENT RETREAT: If you want an alternative to the commercialisation of the Christmas season, join us for silence & stillness and learn once again to hear the “tidings of great joy” at the Dominican Retreat Centre, Tallaght, Dublin D24 KA40 from Thursday 12th to Sunday 15th December. Email dominicanretreats@gmail.com or call 01 4048189 for more information.

SENIOR CITIZEN/GOLDEN YEARS CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual Christmas party will take place on Sunday 15th December in Clare Court Communal House. Forms available in the Church porch from this weekend. If you would like to attend, please fill in and return to the box in the porch by 8th December, as numbers are needed for catering.

BALLYHAUNIS CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON:

This Sunday 1st December will be an exciting day for all the family with a Kiddies Tractor Lights Run on Knox St. at 3.30pm, live music on the Square from 4pm, Blessing of the Crib at 4.30 and the switching-on of the lights at 5pm with a special visit from Santa. Market stalls on Knox St from 12 noon to 5pm. Knox St. will be closed to through traffic from 10am to 6pm on Sunday with local access. Come and enjoy the start of the Christmas Season in Ballyhaunis!

FESTIVE FAVOURITES AT THE FRIARY: The annual Carol Service in aid of the local branch of St. Vincent De Paul takes place in the historic Ballyhaunis Friary on Sunday 15th December at 7pm, featuring The Abbey Male Choir, Scoil Íosa Children's Choir, Le Cárde, Le Cárde Junior Group & the Parish Choir. All welcome.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will be celebrated in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock on Sun. 8th Dec. at 6pm.

TIDY TOWNS: To mark another successful year, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns would like to invite members, volunteers, supporters and sponsors to a social event in the Community Hall on Sat. 7th December from 7pm to 9pm. This is a family-friendly event with refreshments & music provided. Please RSVP to the Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns Volunteers Social Event Facebook page by this Monday 2nd Dec or email ballyhaunistidytowns@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EMIGRANTS: As in previous years, we will shortly be sending Christmas cards to Ballyhaunis people overseas. If you have family members or friends living abroad who you think would appreciate a card from the parish, please email their names and full postal addresses week to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com or drop them into the parish office postbox during this coming week.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 24th Nov. 2024
€2,195

MAYO PPN COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: Are you interested in highlighting the work of your community organisation? Mayo Public Participation Network is currently running a series called “Community Spotlight” which involves a weekly feature, highlighting groups' events & activities, and is showcased on the PPN website and social media platforms for one week. Send a short description of your group (150-250 words) and 3 or 4 photographs to mayoppn@mayococo.ie. To find out more about this project, or see some of the groups featured to date, visit www.mayoppn.ie

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2024: The 47th issue of the annual magazine is going on sale this weekend in all the usual outlets. This year's Annagh runs to 208 pages of articles, reports, poetry & photos, and the Annagh Magazine Society wishes to all its contributors, patrons & supporters.

CHIME: SERVICES FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING. Outreach clinic in the Old Health Centre, Vicar St. Tuam next Friday 6th December from 10am to 12.30. For more details or to make an appointment, contact Tony at 086 8341318 or email tony.dolan@chime.ie

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