

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us....

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,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and
daughters, that we may merit to enter into
the inheritance which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 18:6-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32:1.12.18-20.22

R. Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own. [R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. [R]

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:1-2.8-19 (Shorter form only)

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 12. 32 - 48 (*Shorter form 12:35-40)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Jesus said to his disciples:* 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth

destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

***See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.*'*

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns.

But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him; a great deal will be demanded of him, when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

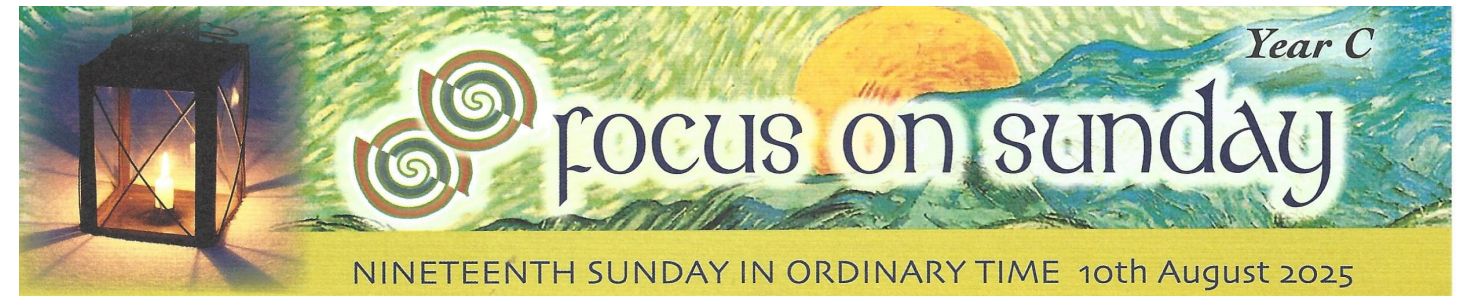
*The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.
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 bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth.
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.

We are invited to be ready for God always in our lives: his love and his call are present at every moment.

**When he comes and knocks,
be ready to open the door.**



You hear people saying about someone who works for them – he/she a real treasure. Or we treasure a family heirloom. Something valued even not gold and silver. We will do anything to keep our treasures safe.

What is my treasure? What is really big in your heart?

Your spouse; your children – how we spend our day looking at a new infant. You spend time with your treasure.

What we talk about. Memories are treasures. Like a goal in the all-Ireland; a football medal; loes in our lives.

In my bag is a rosary I got in Bethlehem. On my wall is an ornament from my grandmother's house. I treasure my grandfather's pocket watch. My mother always wore her mother's wedding brooch.

Then the treasure of faith ---- we are children of God. We were children of God before being children even of our parents. We were brothers and sisters to the world before our siblings!

Another treasure – faith and Church. Passing by Westland row church where I was baptised I make a prayer of thanks. Somehow my faith with its doubts and weaknesses is a treasure. It gives a lot of joy; and strength in bad times.

Faith in God and in the Church. Even in times of bad news in the Church, I know has given me faith, prayer, worship, a meaning to life, a way of giving something to the common good and of doing something good with my life. Christ is another treasure as are family and friends. Can we look at the good we get from our faith?

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

John loved his farm. He wanted to bring two fistfuls of earth to Heaven. Peter met him at the gate of Heaven, and said "Welcome John." Peter explained that you can't have closed fists in Heaven. We must have open hands to receive all God's Blessings. John wouldn't open his hands, and lose his farm earth. He had a little grandchild who died, and was an angel in Heaven. When John saw his little angel, he gave her a big hug, and all the earth fell out of his hands.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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MASSSES:

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 11th—16th AUGUST 2025

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

Triona Morley Smith, Dublin & Knox St.
Paddy & Bridie Brennan, Upper Main St.
John, Ann, Annie & Donal Rogers, Ballybeg & Rita McLaughlin
Bill O’Boyle, Carrowkeel
Patrick, Anne & John Gibbons, late of Partry
Edward, Mary, Lilian & Noreen Brennan, Kiltiboe
Mary McGuire, Johnstown & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family
Chris Mannion, Drimbane
John, Margaret & Paddy Lyons, Redford
Michael Griffin, Johnstown & Manchester

SUNDAY 17th AUGUST— MONTH’S MIND

Geraldine Waldron, Knock Road

11th-17th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Margaret Tarpey
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne
Sunday 10am	Julia Kelly	Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin

All weekday and weekend Masses 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 10th, 17th & 31st August will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM.

PPC NEWSLETTER: The Parish Pastoral Council newsletter from January to June 2025 is now available in the Church porch. Please take a copy home, as the newsletter contains articles & photos of events that took place in our parish in the first half of the year.

MARY’S MEALS: The annual “Step by Step for Mary’s Meals” walks from Limerick, Kilkenny, Thurles & Dublin to Knock Shrine will arrive in Ballyhaunis next Thursday 14th August. Fr. Eamonn Kelly, National Chaplain to Mary’s Meals, will celebrate Mass on Thursday evening at 6.30pm here in our church— everyone welcome. The walkers will then enjoy some refreshments in the Communal House, Clare Court before setting off for Knock on Friday morning 15th August. Mary’s Meals feeds hungry children in their place of education in 16 of the world’s poorest countries. Just €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. To make a donation, visit www.marysmeals.ie

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: Next Friday 15th August marks the Feast of the Assumption. Mass will be celebrated at 10am.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK 2025 takes place from next Wednesday 13th to Thursday 21st August. In this special Jubilee Year, the theme of the Novena is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and throughout the nine days, inspiring guest speakers will reflect on how hope has revealed itself in their lives and work. The Novena ceremonies take place at 3pm & 8pm daily in the Basilica, with workshops at 12.45 in St. John’s Welcome Centre. The full list of guest speakers is as follows:

Wed. 13th August at 3pm & 8pm: Fr. Kevin Kiernan OFM Cap. & Director of the Capuchin Day Centre for the Homeless in Dublin speaks on “Life Without a Home– Restoring Hope”.

Thursday 14th at 3 & 8pm: Myriam Wijlens, Dutch theologian & Professor of Canon Law: “Synod-Hope for the Church?”

Friday 15th at 3pm & 8pm: Ita Lohan, prison chaplain: “By a lonely prison wall”.

Sat. 16th at 3pm: Msgr. Kevin Gillespie, Adm. Of Raphoe Diocese: “Mary, Mother of the Seeds of Hope”.

8pm: Rev. Julian Drapiewski, permanent deacon of the Tuam Archdiocese: “My journey of faith in the Church today”.

Sun. 17th, Family Day at 3pm: Bishop of Elphin & Achonry Kevin Doran: “Family: The first place of accompaniment”.

8pm: John Farrelly, Prayer Guidance Coordinator at Knock Shrine: “Prayer: A Silent Doorway to Hope”.

Monday 18th at 3pm & 8pm: Eileen Dunne, former RTE newsreader & journalist: “Beyond the Headlines”.

Tuesday 19th at 3pm & 8pm: Fr. Niall Leahy, SJ : “Our Place in the Garden: Living with Humility in Creation”.

Wed. 20th at 3pm & 8pm: Breda Casserly, former Chaplain in the Galway Hospice: “Be not afraid: Finding peace in illness”.

Thursday 21st at 3pm: Claire Kilroy of the Le Chéile Schools Trust: “Living Faith: How young people are shaping the future”.

8pm: Fr. Richard Gibbons, Parish Priest & Rector of Knock Shrine will lead this special evening to celebrate the anniversary of the Knock Apparition on 21st August 1879. The evening ceremony follows the Witness Walk, and Fr. Richard will speak on the topic “Hope is faith with its sleeves rolled up”.

Family Day takes place on Sunday 17th August, starting with a special blessing for families in the Apparition Chapel at 11am and continuing until 3pm in the Shrine gardens. Children of all ages can participate in fun activities, games & workshops.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Naoise Cillian Keary, Brussels;
David Slat, The Maples;
Luka Slat, The Maples

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will take place this Sunday 10th August in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6pm.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: The Tuam & Killala Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, takes place from 29th August. 6 nights with direct flights from Knock, hotel accommodation & full board, and a full religious programme. For further information contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie

ACN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 30th August to highlight the plight of Christians who suffer persecution for their faith in many parts of the world. Anointing of the Sick and Mass in the Basilica at 3pm, all welcome. More information available on www.acnireland.org

JUBILEE YEAR AT LOUGH DERG: Three-day pilgrimages to Lough Derg, Co. Donegal continue until 15th August. One-day retreats are also available on various dates throughout August & September.

National Sacred Heart Crusade: A Sacred Heart statue blessed by Pope Francis will be present for the day retreats on 23rd, 24th & 25th August.

Canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis on Sunday 7th Sept: Special devotions & blessing with Carlo Acutis Relic. Advance booking essential by calling 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org

Thursday 21st August: To mark National Heritage Week, Lough Derg offers a day to immerse yourself in the story and heritage of the ancient Sanctuary. Guided tour of Station Island and boat trip at 11am & 2.30pm. Advance booking essential.

Sunday 31st Aug: Pilgrim Path Lakeshore Pilgrimage. Guided 8km and 12km walk options available. Booking essential.

Friday 12th Sept: Quiet Day Retreat. More details are available on www.loughderg.org

HERITAGE WEEK 2025 takes place from 16th to 24th Aug. Celebrate Heritage Week in Ballyhaunis Community Hall.

Sunday 17th Aug: Wool Craft Day from 10am: “From Fleece to Garment”-A Foundation of Slow Fashion”. Knitting, weaving, spinning and crochet workshops, a children’s weaving workshop and talks on the Foxford Woollen Mills.

Offertory Collection
Sun. 3rd August 2025
€1,815

Saturday 23rd August: 6pm to 10pm: Multimedia exhibition on forged wrought iron gates , and an audiovisual presentation on high nelly bikes. If you have a photo of your forged farm gate or high nelly bike you would like included, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Also, an exhibition of photos taken by the late Henry Madden over the years. Free admission, donations to the Hall renovation fund accepted. All welcome.

HERITAGE WEEK BAT WALK: Join Mayo Biodiversity Officer & Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns for a bat walk in the Friary grounds next Friday night 15th August from 9pm to 10.30pm. Learn all about bats in Ireland, their lives and their importance to biodiversity. The event is weather-dependent; please wear warm clothing & strong footwear and bring a torch. Booking is required. Email biodiversity@mayococo.ie to book a place.

ABBEY PATTERN: This year’s Abbey Pattern takes place on Sunday 31st August in the Friary Field, starting at 2pm. Preparations are now underway, and the organising committee are currently looking for volunteers to help organise the event and to help out on the day. If you or your group would like to assist, contact the Ballyhaunis Sports Hub Coordinator Tracy Cunnane at the Family Resource Centre at 086 0618126.