

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **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

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 have prepared for those
who love you good things which no eye
can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the
warmth of your love, so that, loving you
in all things and above all things, we may
attain your promises, which surpass every
human desire.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The king's leading men spoke to the
king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he
is unquestionably disheartening the
remaining soldiers in the city, and all the

people too, by talking like this. The fellow
does not have the welfare of this people
at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in
your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah
answered 'for the king is powerless
against you.' So they took Jeremiah and
threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah
in the Court of the Guard, letting him down
with ropes. There was no water in the
well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah
sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace
and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he
said 'these men have done a wicked thing
by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this:
they have thrown him into the well where
he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-
melech the Cushite the following order:
'Take three men with you from here and
pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well
before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 39:2-4.18

R. Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

[R]

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

[R]

3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

[R]

4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

[R]

SECOND READING Hebrews 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

With so many witnesses in a great cloud
on every side of us, we too, then, should
throw off everything that hinders us,
especially the sin that clings so easily, and
keep running steadily in the race we have
started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus,
who leads us in our faith and brings it to
perfection: for the sake of the joy which
was still in the future, he endured the
cross, disregarding the shamefulness of
it, and from now on has taken his place at
the right of God's throne.

Think of the way he stood such opposition
from sinners and then you will not give up
for want of courage. In the fight against
sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting
to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the
words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 12:49 - 53

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Luke.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come
to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it
were blazing already! There is a baptism
I must still receive, and how great is my
distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring
peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather
division. For from now on a household
of five will be divided: three against two
and two against three; the father divided
against the son, son against father,
mother against daughter, daughter
against mother, mother-in-law against
daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against
mother-in-law.'

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

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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,.....

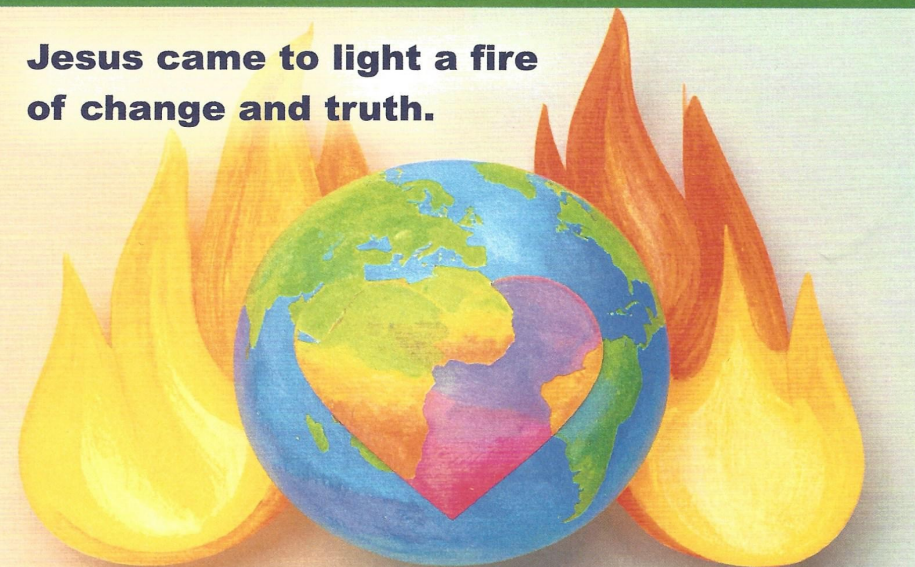
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your
hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all his
holy Church.

focus on sunday

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 17th August 2025

The word of Christ will often make demands of honesty and truth;
our stand for him will sometimes bring us into opposition with others.

Jesus came to light a fire of change and truth.



The gospel today presents Jesus as a troublemaker. The fire
of his message and love will divide people. Even in families, as
the early community well knew. Maybe it was like the civil war
in any country which pits brothers against brothers, and family
members against each other.

Religion, even the following of Jesus, has divided people. In our own Ireland, wars
raged for many years. No doubt there was a mixture of politics, greed and religion
involved, but our religious sense was not strong enough to make peace for many
years. In the modern world we see Christian values being portrayed as "too woke"
by one side and too conservative by the other.

There is opposition to the values of Jesus in situations like abortion, euthanasia,
sexuality, family, migration and asylum seekers, and others. People have put
themselves in danger in many countries for these, and for the right to religious
freedom. There have been more martyrs for Christian faith in the last 100 years
than in the history of the church. Jesus causes trouble, not because he wants to,
but because his message threatens their safety and security.

Jesus causes division too within us. There are the desires in us for all the good
ideas and values of Jesus, and desires that are opposite. St Ignatius highlights
that wealth, honour and pride often deflect us off the path of Jesus. Don't we know
this well?

Jesus knew the joy of following through on what is right and loving, even to death.
This is the call and the joy of the follower of Jesus. Knowing that we are forgiven
for all by an understanding God.

Give me the strength of your good Spirit O Lord, to live according to your gospel.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that God's Love is like fire. Without fire there would be no light,
and how could we cook food, or travel in cars, and airplanes, or find new
things in space? With fire too, we can hurt people, and destroy countries and
property. We ask God to help us to use the blessing of fire to make a better
world, to care, to share, to love God's people and enjoy God's creation.



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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 18th—23rd AUGUST 2025

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

Bill & Maureen Comer, Killinaugher
Luke, May, Séan & Gerry Greally & decd, Birmingham & Drimbane
Nuala Kenny, Abbeyquarter & Kiltimagh
John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & Josephine Feeney, Dublin
Terence & Kathleen McHugh, Main St.
John Gerard Brady, Knox St. & Cavan
Séan & Maura Griffin, Clare St, decd. of the Griffin & O’Reilly families & Mike Freeley
Paddy & Kathleen Morley, Woodpark
Eugene Morley, St. Gerald’s Crescent & Howard Morley, Derrymore
Michael & Julia McCarthy, Beechpark
Mary Caulfield, Carrowkeel
Sarah Frances & Tom Halpenny, Barrack St, Louth & London
Mary & Stephen Griffin, Tavnaghmore & John Mullen
Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St.
Dermot Winston, Ballinlough
Tom, Delia, Joe & John Stenson
Michael Patrick O’Connor, London & Crimlin
Eileen, Joe & John-Joseph Keigher, Devlis & decd. of the Keigher & McCormack families
Frank & Damien Webb, Devlis
James & Bridget Costello and Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue
Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. of the Roddy & Duddy families
Kate, John, Noel, J.J. & Patrick Goulding & Anne Joyce
Moir, Jackie, Andrew & Ciara Gallagher
Oliver Levins, Clare St.
Vinnie & Josie Healy, Ballindrehid

SUNDAY 24th AUGUST— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Bill Comer, Killinaugher

18th-24th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Mary Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Marion Regan, Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Daniela Balbino Romao, Patricia Plunkett, Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass takes place in the Friary on Sunday 21st September at 1pm. All welcome.

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 17th & 31st August will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM.

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK 2025 continues daily until Thursday 21st Aug. In this special Jubilee Year, the theme of the Novena is “Pilgrims of Hope”, and each day, 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, offering participants an opportunity to explore the day’s theme more fully.
Sun. 17th August is Family Day at Knock Shrine, beginning with a special blessing for families at 11am in the Apparition Chapel. Family activities, games & workshops will then take place on the Shrine grounds until 3pm. All activities are free of charge and open to families of all ages.
3pm: The afternoon Novena speaker is Bishop of Elphin & Achonry Kevin Doran on the theme: “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 news anchor & 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”.
6.45pm: The annual Witness Walk will begin at the Chapel of Reconciliation and participants will journey in the footsteps of the 15 local visitors who witnessed the Apparition.
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. Fr. Richard will speak on the topic “Hope is faith with its sleeves rolled up”. Confessions are available from 10.30am to 5.30pm during the National Novena.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Philippa Laura Richardson, Queensland, Australia

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP: Men of St. Joseph is a new monthly meeting for men in the Archdiocese of Tuam which will have at its core Faith, Formation and Fraternity. The group will meet one Sunday a month at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam for prayer & talks, followed by social time. This is an opportunity to grow deeper into your faith and build support and brotherhood with other Christian men. For more details, call Fr. Mark on 093 24250 or email frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com
LEAVING CERT RESULTS We pray for students who will receive their Leaving Cert results next Friday 22nd August. May God guide them as they make important decisions in the coming weeks on college courses, apprenticeships and future careers.

SAMARITANS: Castlebar Samaritans are looking for new volunteers to keep their vital services running 356 days a year. By volunteering a few hours per week, you could help change someone’s life forever. As a listening volunteer, you will be there for people who need someone to talk to. No previous experience or qualifications necessary as full training will be provided, but you need to be non-judgemental and accepting of others. If you’re interested, come to an information meeting on Saturday 23rd August at 12pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. For more information, email recruitment@galwaysamaritans.ie or call 086 2468203.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: Mayo/Roscommon Hospice are looking for people to host a coffee morning or evening with family, friends or work colleagues on National Coffee Morning for Hospice on Thursday 25th September, or any date that suits. Register online for your free pack at www.hospice.ie/coffee, email info@hospice.ie or call 094 9388666. Please support.

JUBILEE YEAR AT LOUGH DERG: One-day retreats are 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.
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: On Saturday 23rd August from 6pm to 10pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall, enjoy a multimedia exhibition on forged wrought iron gates, and an audiovisual presentation on high nelly bikes. 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 HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR: A historical walking tour of Ballyhaunis Town will take place next Sunday 24th August, led by local historian Paul Waldron. Assemble at the Friary at 3pm, and the tour will take approx. one and a half hours. Free admission. Wear sensible footwear!

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.

SOCIAL DANCING with Harmony on Sunday 24th August from 3pm to 5pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Admission €8 including ticket for a draw. Tea & coffee served. Proceeds to Hall Renovation Fund. All welcome.

Offertory Collection
Sun. 10th August 2025
€1,900