

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body
and blood:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

MAY ALMIGHTY GOD HAVE MERCY
ON US..... AMEN.

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 cause the minds of the
faithful to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 66:18-21*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather
the nations of every language. They shall
come to witness my glory. I will give them
a sign and send some of their survivors
to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud,
Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the
distant islands that have never heard of
me or seen my glory. They will proclaim
my glory to the nations. As an offering to
the Lord they will bring all your brothers,
on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules,
on dromedaries, from all the nations to
my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the
Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in

clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord.
And of some of them I will make priests
and Levites, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *P.S. 116*

R. Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News.

- O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **[R]**
- Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Hebrews 12:5-7.11-13*

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text
in which you are addressed as sons? My
son, when the Lord corrects you, do not
treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged
when he reprimands you. For the Lord
trains the ones that he loves and he
punishes all those that he acknowledges
as his sons. Suffering is part of your
training; God is treating you as his sons.
Has there ever been any son whose
father did not train him? Of course, any
punishment is most painful at the time,
and far from pleasant; but later, in those
on whom it has been used, it bears fruit
in peace and goodness. So hold up your
limp arms and steady your trembling
knees and smooth out the path you tread;
then the injured limb will not be wrenched,
it will grow strong again.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,
says the Lord; no one can come to
the Father except through me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 13.22-30*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Through towns and villages Jesus went
teaching, making his way to Jerusalem.
Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be
only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try
your best to enter by the narrow door,
because, I tell you, many will try to enter
and will not succeed.
'Once the master of the house has got up
and locked the door, you may find yourself
knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open
to us" but he will answer, "I do not know
where you come from." Then you will
find yourself saying, "We once ate and
drank in your company; you taught in our
streets" but he will reply, "I do not know
where you come from. Away from me, all
you wicked men!"
'Then there will be weeping and grinding
of teeth, when you see Abraham and
Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets
in the kingdom of God, and yourselves
turned outside. And men from east and

west, from north and south, will come
to take their places at the feast in the
kingdom of God.
'Yes, there are those now last who will be
first, and those now first who will be last.'

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

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all, bestow graciously on
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church. 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.
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

**Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy. **Amen.**

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace. **Amen.**

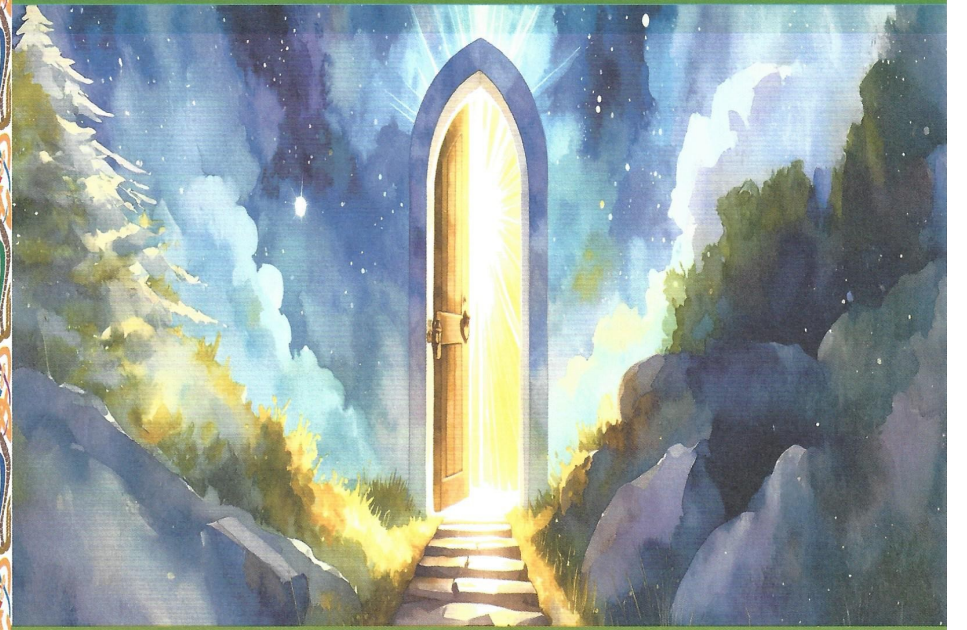
May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy. **Amen.**

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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.

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The message of God's Kingdom is offered to people of every race.
However, only those who follow the path of Jesus will
enjoy the reward of God's Kingdom.



These Sundays until the end of November give us glimpses
of Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross. Such
glimpses offer us rich insight into the person of Jesus, his
God, his mind and thinking, his values and preferences, his
dreams for people and for all humanity. Isaiah paints a picture
of hope today. It's a raising of the corner of the veil and offers us a symbolic
glimpse of the huge hope for us that is in the heart of God despite the mess
our world is in.

Various people approach Jesus in this Gospel and ask about the afterlife.
Jesus came to preach the kingdom of God, which is not the same thing as
the afterlife – heaven, the piece of real estate out there in space somewhere.
In fact, he hadn't much to say about what many call heaven and hell. On the
other hand, he had an awful lot to say about who he is, why he came on earth
and what his kingdom is all about.

The kingdom of God is a spiritual reality, not a material kingdom or construct.
It is something deeply personal between God and us his people. It is the web
of personal encounter between God and all believers. It is not an institution, a
church or an organisation, but the filament of personal relationships between
God, Christ, humanity and all created things. All people, whether from east,
west, north or south are invited "to take their places at the feast in the kingdom
of God."

Fr. Joe Walsh

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus was a carpenter. He liked making doors. An open door means
welcome. A closed door means protection, and sometimes 'not welcome.'
God's Love is always an open door of friendship and welcome. God never
refuses anyone. Our human hearts can be like open doors of welcome, and
sometimes, like doors of no welcome. There are three special blessings
each day, the good word, the fair word, the welcoming word.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th AUGUST 2025

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ASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am. Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESIONS:

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 25th-30th AUGUST 2025

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

Peter Meenan, Aisling Drive
Deirdre Denny, Knock & Abbeyquarter
Ann & David Fitzmaurice & decd. Forthill & Mountain
John & Agnes Freyne & decd., Clare St.
Fr. Bart Delaney, O.S.A.
Patrick & Catherine Quinn & decd. Classaroe
Mary & Patrick Waldron, Holywell

SUNDAY 31st AUGUST— MONTH’S MIND

Veronica Freyne, Clare St.

25th-31st AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Mary Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Margaret Byrne, Mary T. Griffin, Eileen Jordan, Jacinta Flynn
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Bernie Quinn, Margaret Tarpey, Aileen Burke, Marie Brennan

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

LEAVING CERT RESULTS: We pray for students who received their Leaving Cert results on Friday. May God guide them as they make important decisions in the coming weeks on college courses, apprenticeships and future careers.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL welcomed 1st Year students on Friday 22nd.

The school will reopen as follows this week:
Monday 25th August: 3rd Years, 6th Years, LCA 2
Wed. 27th August: 2nd Years, 5th Years, LCA 1
Friday 29th August: Transition Year students.

SCOIL ÍOSA REOPENING: Wed. 27th Aug: Junior Infants
Thursday 28th August: Senior infants to 6th class.
Friday 29th August: Special class

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Jane Tshiwela Mphaphulil (Lilian) Upper Main St. & The Old Convent.
May she rest in peace.

Offertory Collection
Fri. 15th August 2025 €635
Sun. 17th August 2025 €1,800

DAY OF PRAYER & REFLECTION FOR GAZA-SUNDAY 24TH AUGUST: PASTORAL MESSAGE

The Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy has issued a pastoral message this weekend, in which he joins with Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh in calling for this Sunday 24th August to be a day of prayer and reflection for the suffering people of Gaza, and for all who are the innocent victims of this terrifying & protracted war. The Irish Bishops’ statement in June was clear that the deaths of tens of thousands of non-combatants, many of them women and children, “is unconscionable and disproportionate. It is immoral for world leaders to stand by inactively in the face of this outrageous tragedy for humanity”.

Archbishop Francis is encouraging people to show solidarity, in any way you can, for the plight of the people of Gaza and in the land of the Lord’s birth, by supporting humanitarian aid, and by praying for peace, a ceasefire, justice and a return of all hostages. He’s asking us to join people all over Ireland this Sunday in praying for peace and for the necessary humanitarian aid to reach those who are in need. He says “may our prayer be a light in the darkness for those who suffer and may Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for all who long for lasting peace”. (Copies of the Pastoral Message are available in the church porch, and it can also be viewed on our website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)
At our 10am Mass this Sunday, Salma Alsharqawi from Gaza, who’s living now in Ballyhaunis, will address the congregation about the extent of the devastation in her homeland, and will explain how this Day of Prayer & Reflection for Gaza means so much to her & her family.

A Holy Hour of Prayer for the people of Gaza will take place here in St. Patrick’s Church from 2pm to 3pm this Sunday.

COLLECTIVE CALL TO PRAYER: Ballyhaunis Community Hall next Saturday 30th August at 8.15pm, organised by Craftivism for Palestine. People of all faiths are invited to join us in prayer for Gaza, praying for peace and for those suffering in the present conflict and for all who face atrocities in this world.

ACN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Papal charity Aid to the Church in Need Ireland invites people to join their national pilgrimage to Knock Shrine next 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.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Stella Ihuoma Ibe, The Old Convent

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.

COFFEE CONNECT: A Coffee Connect morning, to welcome the public to the Mayo Hospice in Castlebar (F23 YY40) takes place on Monday 8th September from 10am to 12 noon in the restaurant area. Meet the team and learn about the work of the Mayo Hospice . For more details call 094 9005100.

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass takes place in the Friary on Sunday 21st September at 1pm with music provided by the Abbey Male Choir. All welcome.

ABBEY PATTERN: The 2025 Abbey Pattern takes place next Sunday 31st August in the Friary Field from 2pm to 5pm with children’s races and novelty events, bouncy castles, face painting and dog show. Volunteers are needed to help organise the event and assist 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.

MARY’S MEALS would like to thank all in Ballyhaunis who donated to their recent Walk to Knock. The charity currently feeds 2.4 million children everyday in their place of education in 18 of the world’s poorest countries. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a full school year. Thanks also to those who provided refreshments for the walkers at the Communal House in Clare Court. More information available at www.marysmeals.ie

JUBILEE YEAR AT LOUGH DERG: One-day retreats are available on various dates throughout August & September.
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

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT: A guided 3-day journey from 5th to 7th September of some of the most secret and sacred places in the Burren. Let the beauty of the landscape renew you in body & soul. Enquiries to Mary at 087 9701130.

MAYO RECOVERY COLLEGE: Autumn /Winter mental health and wellbeing modules take place as follows in September in the Atlantic Technological University in Castlebar, with online option also available:
Tuesday mornings 16th & 23rd at 10am: “Recovery, Let’s Talk”
Thursday evenings 18th & 25th at 5pm: “All About Stress”.
Everyone welcome. For more details or to register, call Karen at 086 0294901 or email karen@mentalhealthireland.ie

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme starts on Wednesday 17th September at 10.30am in Claremorris Primary Care Centre. The programme is delivered over 6 weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration required. For more details, call Liam Gildea at 086 0142675 or email lgildea@southmayo.com

HERITAGE WEEK HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR: An historical walking tour of Ballyhaunis Town will take place this Sunday afternoon 24th August, assembling at the Friary at 3pm, and the tour will take approx. one and a half hours. Admission is free. Sensible footwear and weather-appropriate clothing advised

SOCIAL DANCING with Harmony this 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.