

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 3.17-20.28-29

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's

malady,

since an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on

parables,

an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 67:4-7.10-11

R. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,

they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his

name;

rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

[R]

2. Father of the orphan, defender of the

widow,

such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;

he leads the prisoners forth into

freedom.

[R]

3. You poured down, O God, a generous

rain:

when your people were starved you

gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a

home,

prepared in your goodness, O God,

for the poor.

[R]

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12:18-19. 22-24.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'firstborn son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shoulder my yoke and learn from me,

for I am gentle and humble in heart.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 14:1.7-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When

someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

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.

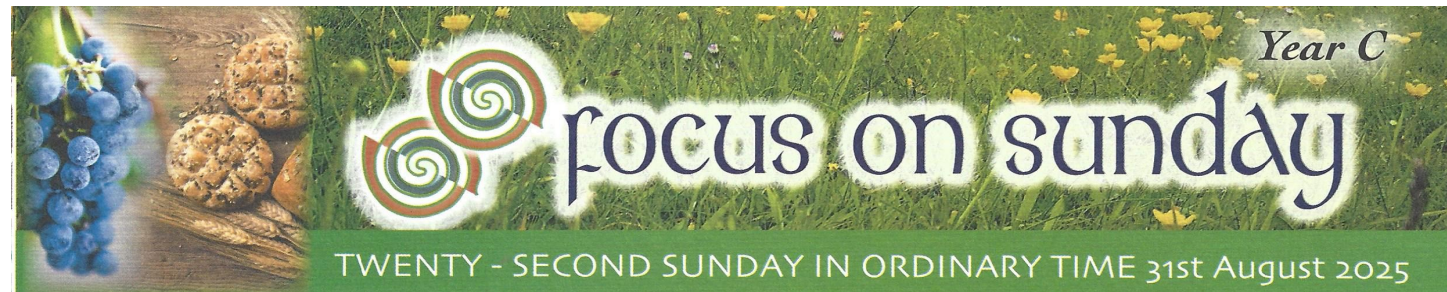
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

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

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. **Thanks be to God.**



The love of the gospel is for everyone; Christ's call is that his followers be open hearted to as many as possible, especially the poor.



Love for everyone



"Ask and you shall receive." The problem is that most of the time when we ask for something, we don't receive it. We may ask for healing for a close friend or relative, and the person may die. Or we may ask for success in a job

interview and we get rejected. Or like the person who came to me and said that they had a lot of financial problems and would I pray that they would win the lotto! I suspect that their prayer went unanswered. Sometimes we try to make a deal with God: "if you grant me this, I'll go to Mass every Sunday without fail!" But God is not a politician, God doesn't do deals! When we ask God for something, we are expressing our total dependence on a loving and caring God who has only our best interests in mind. And so our requests must always be conditional and accompanied by the Ignatian phrase, "if it is to the glory of God and the good of my soul." The prayer of petition is our way of throwing ourselves into the hands of God, trusting that God is always close to us, even if it doesn't seem like it at the time. We may not receive what we ask for, but God will always respond to our petition in the most loving and caring way. When we knock, God will always open the door, and when we seek, God will always be found.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

The King asked an artist to paint a picture of Jesus and his friends, at the party meal called 'The Last Supper.' The artist painted a big table, with Jesus sitting in the middle, and a whole lot of people around Him, poor people, beggars, lonely men and women. The King did not like the picture. The painter explained. That is my idea of Holy Communion and The Last Supper. God Our Father welcoming all his children, who are weak, weary and worn out.

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:

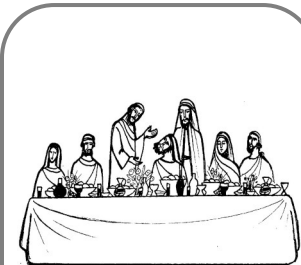
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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 1st-6th SEPTEMBER 2025

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

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & Josephine Feeney, Dublin

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree

Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree & Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Tom Eagney & decd. Coolnaha

James & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

Fr. Joe Cooney, former P.P. Ballyhaunis

Teofile Brusokiene & decd.

Vidutis Vaitulevicius & decd.

Martin & Margaret Finnegan & decd. Bohogue

Michael Freeley, Gurteen & Manchester

SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Catherine Waldron, Holywell

Paddy Fitzmaurice, Abbeyquarter

Margaret Lyons, Leow

1st-7th SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Breege Halpin, Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan
COLLECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER		
Sat. 7.30pm	Oliver Cribbin, Kieran Connolly, Gabrielle Lyons, Peter McCafferty	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Michael J. Walsh, Carlos Balbino Romao	
MASS SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team A: Niamh Conlon, Eva Grace Kilcourse, Peter Gallagher, Phoebe McNamara, Sonny Kelly	
Sunday 10am	Team B: Ben Jordan, Jonathon Powers, Sara Romaric, Matthew Jordan	

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

SEASON OF CREATION 2025 runs from 1st September to 4th October, and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme this year is “Peace with Creation”. As the Church prepares to mark the 10th World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on Monday 1st September, Pope Leo XIV’s message urges Christians and all people of goodwill to recognise the urgent need for environmental and social justice in a world increasingly scarred by climate change, conflict and inequality. Encouraging concrete action, Pope Leo calls for perseverance and love in sowing “seeds of justice” that will, in time, bear the fruits of peace.

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS: An important pastoral message from the Irish Bishops’ Conference entitled “Why Sunday Matters” is being launched this weekend. As we continue our journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Bishops invite all Catholics to reflect deeply on the central place of Sunday Mass in our lives, and for those who no longer attend, to return with renewed joy to the celebration of the Eucharist. The full pastoral message is available on www.catholicbishops.ie

ABBEY PATTERN: The 2025 Abbey Pattern takes place this 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. All welcome.

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.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Lily Caitlín Lyons, New Zealand

CHILDREN’S ROSARY on Friday 5th September at 4.45pm in the Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine. Suitable for children and teenagers (children must be accompanied by a parent /guardian). Bring your prayer intentions for the petitions box. For more details, visit www.childrensrosary.org or call 087 2299623.

HOLY MASS followed by the veneration of first-class relics of Blessed Carlo Acutis will take place in Ballindine Parish Church at 5pm next Sunday 7th September. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbanus.

VIGIL FOR GAZA: A peaceful vigil for Gaza takes place in The Square, Ballyhaunis every Friday evening from 5pm to 6pm. This is a time for people to pause and remember the suffering being endured by the people of Gaza. All welcome.

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

MEMORY WALK: The Mayo branch of the Alzheimers Society of Ireland will hold a memory walk on Sunday 21st Sept. around Lough Lannagh, Castlebar, meeting at the Leisure Complex (F23 A257) at 12 noon. Register on www.alzheimer.ie

LATIN MASS PILGRIMAGE: The Latin Mass Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 6th Sept. commencing with a Missa Cantata at 2pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

INFORMATION DAY: Mayo’s Older People’s Council invites you to attend their AGM/ Information Day on Monday 15th September in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar from 10am to 2pm. Special guests on the day will deliver presentations on Age Friendly Ireland, HSE Integrated Care for Older People, crime prevention & safety in the home etc. Information stands also on various supports and services available to the older population in Mayo. This event is free of charge. For more details, call 094 9064111 or email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT based at Rock Rose House in Castlebar is organising a fundraising Abseil Challenge in Croke Park on 10th October to raise funds for the Community Cancer Support Service. Thank you to those who have registered to take part. We would ask that you support the participants through encouragement or sponsorship. For more details, search for “Brace the Drop-Mayo Cancer Support Croke Park Abseil Challenge” on www.eventmaster.ie

DROP-IN LISTENING SERVICE: Do you need to talk to someone? At Knock Counselling Centre (next to the Chapel of Reconciliation), we offer a confidential one-to-one listening service on Thursdays & Sundays from 11am to 3pm. No appointment needed. For further information, call 094 9375032 or email counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: Work is underway on putting together Annagh 2025: the 48th edition of the annual Ballyhaunis parish magazine. The editorial committee is accepting articles, club reports & photographs to be considered for inclusion. Secretaries and PROs of local clubs should ensure reports are submitted in good time. Material can be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or given to committee members: Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, John Kilduff, Eddie Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Jim Lundon, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith or Paul Waldron. The deadline for the receipt of material is Friday 10th October—just 6 weeks away.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: Next meeting is on Wednesday 10th September at 1.30pm in the Community Room, Clare Court. A warm welcome to all.

LITTLE SACRED SPACE: A corner at the back of St. Patrick’s Church has been designated as a Little Sacred Space for children (and the young at heart!) as we endeavour to make our church a more welcoming & informative place for children, and to help develop their relationship with God. The theme will change regularly, and a children’s newsletter /worksheet will be available every weekend from 7th September, based on the Gospel. Please feel free to take home a newsletter, along with other little treats, for any young people in your home.