

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

GREETING

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy.....
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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21 - 23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says.
Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured
wisely, skilfully and successfully must
leave what is his own to someone who
has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is
vanity and great injustice; for what does
he gain for all the toil and strain that he
has undergone under the sun? What of all
his laborious days, his cares of office, his
restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S.94: 1-2. 6-9

**R. O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **[R]**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **[R]**
3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' **[R]**

SECOND READING Colossians 3: 1-5. 9-11

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to
the Colossians**

Since you have been brought back to
true life with Christ, you must look for the
things that are in heaven, where Christ
is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your
thoughts be on heavenly things, not on
the things that are on the earth, because
you have died, and now the life you have
is hidden with Christ in God. But when
Christ is revealed - and he is your life -
you too will be revealed in all your glory
with him.

That is why you must kill everything
in you that belongs only to earthly life:
fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil
desires and especially greed, which is
the same thing as worshipping a false
god; and never tell each other lies. You
have stripped off your old behaviour with
your old self, and you have put on a new
self which will progress towards true
knowledge the more it is renewed in the
image of its creator; and in that image
there is no room for distinction between
Greek and Jew, between the circumcised
or the uncircumcised, or between
barbarian and Scythian, slave and free
man. There is only Christ: he is everything
and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 12: 13 - 21

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

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master,
tell my brother to give me a share of our
inheritance,' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who
appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator
of your claims?' Then he said to them,
'Watch, and be on your guard against
avarice of any kind, for a man's life is
not made secure by what he owns, even
when he has more than he needs.'

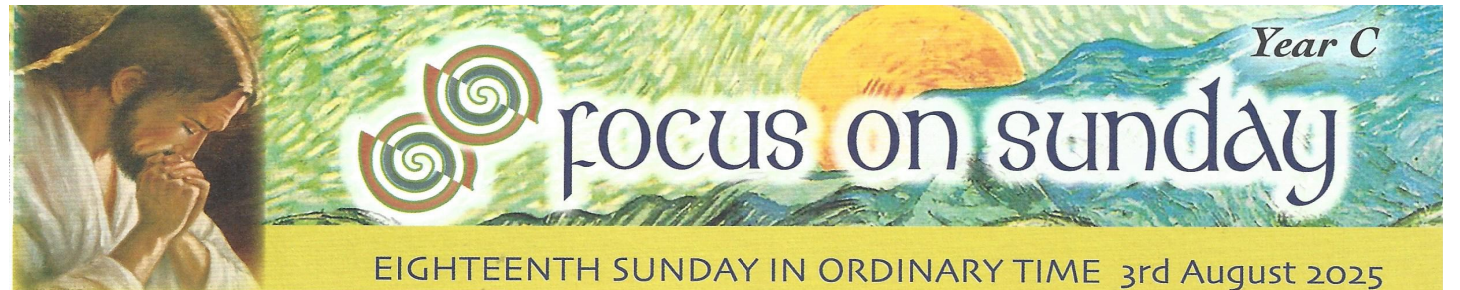
Then he told them a parable: 'There
was once a rich man who, having had a
good harvest from his land, thought to
himself, "What am I to do? I have not
enough room to store my crops." Then he
said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down
my barns and build bigger ones, and store
all my grain and my goods in them, and
I will say to my soul: My soul, you have
plenty of good things laid by for many
years to come; take things easy, eat,
drink, have a good time." But God said
to him, "Fool! This very night the demand
will be made for your soul; and this hoard
of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is
when a man stores up treasure for himself
in place of making himself rich in the sight
of God.'

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering to you.
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.

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,
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

**You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord, those you renew with these
heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing
care for them, make them worthy of eternal
redemption. 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 warned today against falling into the trap of greed.
We are urged to become rich, not in the goods of this
world but in the sight of God.**



Profit and loss



There is an phrase which goes, 'You never see a trailer being
pulled after a hearse.' This would be a good way to sum up
today's parable. Jesus tells us about a rich fool with a storage
problem. He places his sense of security in storing up more and
more wealth, so much so that he needs to build bigger barns to store his grain.
For all his wealth, he does not realise his life is about to end. Nothing is more
destructive to the human spirit than a preoccupation with accumulating more and
more 'wealth'. Driven most likely by a lack of peace, we try to constantly fill a gap
which can only be filled by God. A preoccupation with "storing up" stuff also affects
our relationships with the world, especially with the poor. For example, globally,
one-third of all food, is wasted. It is a lie to say that we do not have enough for
everyone. Mahatma Gandhi famously said, "The world has enough for everyone's
need, but not enough for everyone's greed."

Humanity is at a crossroads where over-consumption is concerned in our world.
We now know that the Earth and her ecosystems are at breaking point due to
the continued exploitation of minerals and resources that are needed to feed our
consumption habits. According to scientists, we would need three planet Earths to
maintain our current rates of production. The parable today is urging us to focus
on what is truly important. We start with ourselves.
"When nature is viewed solely as a source of profit and gain, this has serious
consequences for society. This...has engendered immense inequality, injustice
and acts of violence against the majority of humanity... Completely at odds with
this model are the ideals of harmony, justice, fraternity and peace as proposed by
Jesus." (Laudato Si', 82).

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A poor man begged on the street. He said to people passing, "Give me some
help, and God bless you." A man in bad humour said to him, "God didn't bless you
much did He?" "Oh, He did sir," the beggar said. "God gave the money to others
for me, but they forgot to share." God is Love, and always shares. Sharing makes
us happy. God likes us to share our blessings and be happy.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd AUGUST 2025

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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 4th—9th AUGUST 2025

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

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree
Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree & Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe
Gerry Cribben & decd. Tooraree
Steve R. Wascow, U.S.A.
Edward Judge & decd. Agloragh
Noel Patterson, Knock Road
Frank Loughran, Upper Main St.
Ann (née Connell) & Patrick O’Brien, Gurrane & Beech Park
Bridget Hinchcliffe (née Healy), London & formerly Annagh & her
sister Mary Ellen Monaghan, USA & Annagh
Declan Shields, Devlis & decd. of the Shields family, Galway &
Ryan family, Castlebar
Patrick, Sarah, Michael & Tom Waldron, Cave
Patricia Naughton, Leeds & Cave & Jim McLoughlin, Carrowreagh
Reuben Sykes, Leeds & Cave
Luke & Lillie Lyons, Gurteenmore & decd. of the Lyons & Morley families
John, Richard & Val Lyons & decd. Arderry
Brendan & Tommie Hopkins, Larganboy & John Larkin, Cork

SUNDAY 10th AUGUST— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Dolly Fitzmaurice, Spaddagh

4th-10th AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Mary Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Breege Halpin, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Marie Jordan	Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Marion Regan
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne
COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST		
Sat. 7.30pm	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Gabriel Smith, Vincent Higgins, Jaroslav Drannik, Mike Griffin	

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.

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 3rd, 10th, 17th & 31st August will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM.

REEK SUNDAY 2025: Thousands of people climbed Croagh Patrick last Sunday for the annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage. Mass took place hourly at the summit between 8am and 2pm, with Fr. Stephen celebrating the 9am Mass, while at 10.30am, a Church of Ireland priest led an ecumenical service for the first time in the history of the pilgrimage. As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, people who climb Croagh Patrick and visit Knock Shrine and Lough Derg in 2025 will receive a stamped “pilgrim passport,” to signify their completion of all three pilgrimages, and will receive a commemorative Jubilee Year medal.

MÁMÉAN PILGRIMAGE: The annual August pilgrimage to Mámeán takes place this Sunday 3rd August. Turas na Croise at 3pm followed by Mass.

MARY’S MEALS: The annual Mary’s Meals Walks from Limerick, Kilkenny, Thurles & Dublin to Knock Shrine will arrive in Ballyhaunis on Thursday 14th August, and the walkers will set off again on Friday 15th for Knock. 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

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK 2025 takes place from 13th to 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. A full list of speakers is available on www.knockshrine.ie
The Novena ceremonies take place at 3pm & 8pm daily in the Basilica, with workshops at 12.45 in St. John’s Welcome Centre. **Family Day** takes place on Sunday 17th August from 11am to 3pm in the Shrine gardens.

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

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED IRELAND will have its first National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on Saturday 30th August. The pilgrimage will celebrate the work carried out by ACN and the generosity of its benefactors. The pilgrimage will include Anointing of the Sick and Mass at 3pm in the Basilica.

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

PALESTINE SOLIDARITY GROUP BALLYHAUNIS would like to thank all who supported the recent Coffee Morning which raised over €3,160. The funds raised will go to Gaza to help starving children & adults, specifically the family of Salma, a woman from Gaza who’s currently staying in Ballyhaunis.

FR.ARUL would like to express his gratitude to Fr. Stephen and all the parishioners in Ballyhaunis for the warm welcome he has received again this Summer. “It has been a time of grace, learning and deep spiritual enrichment. Your warm welcome and generous support have meant so much to me. While here in Ballyhaunis, I truly felt at home, Your kindness, hospitality and prayerful presence have left a lasting impression on my heart. A special word of thanks to Fr. Stephen for his guidance and encouragement, to Irene the sacristan and to the parish secretary Paula for their constant assistance. I wish to thank each member of the parish community for your prayers, conversations and smiles which have contributed to making this Summer a memorable experience. Please be assured of my prayers, and I ask you to continue praying for me as I continue my studies in Rome”.
(Fr. Arul will be assisting in Knock for the months of August & September before returning to Rome to continue his studies).



FILM NIGHT on Saturday 9th August from 8pm to 10pm in the Community Hall. We continue our journey down memory lane with a selection of short films and footage from the Irish Film Institute archives featuring Irish life in the 1950’s & 60’s. Free admission, donations to the Hall fund accepted. All welcome.

Offertory Collection
Sun. 27th July 2025
€2,090

AGRICULTURAL SHOW: The 105th Claremorris Agri Show takes place this Sunday 3rd August. Huge variety of attractions for all age. Free shuttle bus from Claremorris town centre all day. Gates open at 10am.

ABBEY PATTERN: The long tradition of the Ballyhaunis Abbey Pattern continues, with the family event taking place on Sunday 31st August in the Friary Field from 2 to 5pm. More details to follow.

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 led by fiber artists, a children’s weaving workshop and talks on the Foxford Woollen Mills.
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 in the slide show, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

HERITAGE WEEK BAT WALK: Join Mayo Biodiversity Officer & Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns for a bat walk in the Friary grounds on Friday 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.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter can be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com