

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

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

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....
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 willed that your Only Begotten Son should undergo the Cross to save the human race, grant, we pray, that we, who have known his mystery on earth, may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD**FIRST READING Numbers 21:4-9**

A reading from the book of Numbers.

On the way through the wilderness the people lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For their is neither bread nor water here: we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against

you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 77: 1-2 34-38

R. Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **[R]**
2. When he slew them then they would
seek him,
return and seek him in earnest.
They would remember that God was
their rock,
God the Most High their redeemer **[R]**
3. But the words they spoke were mere
flattery;
they lied to him with their lips.
For their hearts were not truly with him;
they were not faithful to his covenant. **[R]**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion
forgave their sin and spared them.
So often he held back his anger
when he might have stirred up his rage. **[R]**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:6-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Philippians.

The state of Jesus Christ was divine,

yet he did not cling

to his equality with

God but emptied

himself to assume

the condition of a

slave, and became

as men are;

and being as all

men are, he was

humbler yet, even

to accepting death,

death on a cross

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth

and in the underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ and we bless you; because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 3:13-17

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

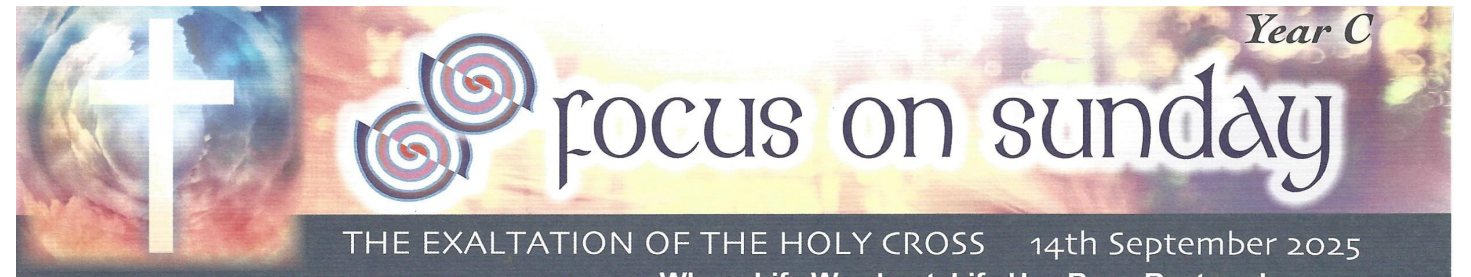
The Gospel of the Lord.

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 oblation, O Lord,
which on the altar of the Cross
cancelled the offence of the whole world,
cleanse us, we pray, of all our sins.
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

**When I am lifted up from the earth, I will
draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having been nourished by your holy
banquet, we beseech you, Lord Jesus
Christ, to bring those you have redeemed
by the wood of your life-giving Cross
to the glory of the resurrection.
Who live and reign for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

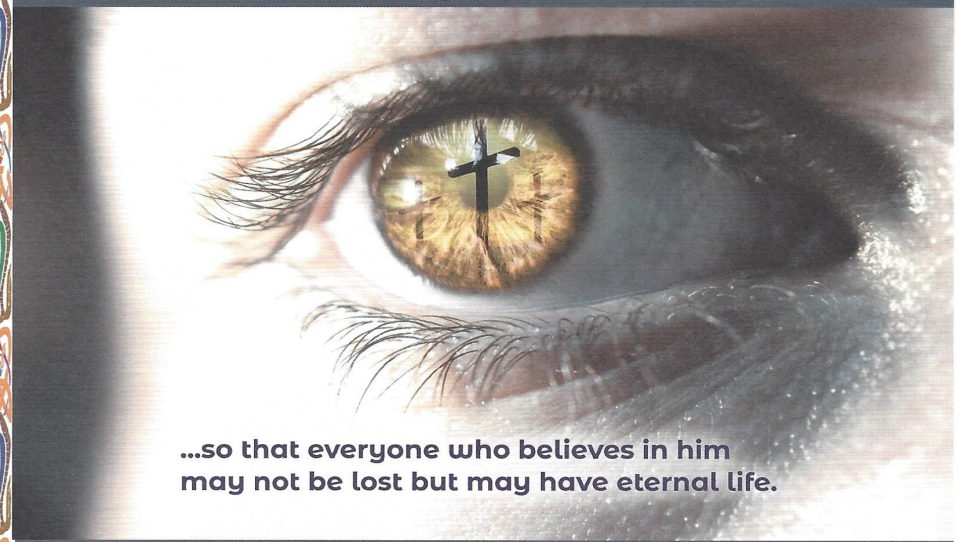
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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..**

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Where Life Was Lost, Life Has Been Restored.
The cross looked like a tragedy, with everything ended by death.
But it was really a triumph, a victory over sin and death
confirmed by the resurrection.



**...so that everyone who believes in him
may not be lost but may have eternal life.**

**Come to our senses**

In the parables of things lost and found we hear of God's celebration when the lost are returned to the community. In the third parable we hear that the younger brother eventually "came to himself" or came to his senses. He realised that he had made wrong choices, he entered into a greater awareness and had a change of heart. We might focus today on the aspects of our lives in which we too must come to our senses, especially during this Season of Creation.

We lament the destruction of God's creation, the loss of biodiversity due to human activity. God's creatures are disappearing from the Earth at a rate we can scarcely comprehend. In 2020 the Living Planet report stated that 68 per cent of wildlife had disappeared in the period from 1970-2016. We are living through the sixth mass extinction of life in our planet's history, driven by human over-consumption. For example, the destruction of our great rainforests destroys trees but also the habitats of insects, mammals, plants and creatures which will never be seen again. In Laudato Si', Pope Francis invited us to "feel the desertification of the soil almost as a physical ailment and the extinction of a species as a painful disfigurement" (LS, 89). We are part of, and dependent on, complex and delicate ecosystems which make up the web of life. This web is now unravelling and we know that humans cannot be healthy on a planet that is not healthy.

As we come to this awareness, this crisis can seem so overwhelming. Yet, hope is found in action. We are capable of choosing again what is good, like the Lost Son, coming to our senses, and making a new start. As with all significant change, this begins at the grassroots. The Irish Bishops have invited parishes to return 30% of Church grounds back to nature. How might your parish get involved?

"Because all creatures are connected, each must be cherished with love and respect, for all of us as living creatures are dependent on one another." (Laudato Si', 44)

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

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary our Mother to pray for us.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th SEPTEMBER 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



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 15th-20th SEPTEMBER 2025

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

John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

Fr. Joe Cooney, former P.P. Ballyhaunis

Teresa & Frank Connolly, Devlis

Michael Curley, Crossbeg

Marion Summerton, Birmingham & Began

Séan Biesty, Carrowkeel & decd. of the Biesty family

15th-21st SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Marion Regan, Anne Carney
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Mary Murphy, Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin, Deirdre Browne

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

CHILDREN’S LITURGY at 10am Mass this Sunday 14th September. Children aged 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion. This Sunday, Fr. Stephen will also bless the new Little Sacred Space which has been set up at the back of the church as a welcoming & informative place for children, to help develop their relationship with God. A Children’s Newsletter will be available every weekend to take away for any young people at home.

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass takes place in the Friary next Sunday 21st September at 1pm. All welcome. Music & singing by the Abbey Male Choir.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH is a new monthly meeting for men of all ages in the Archdiocese of Tuam which will have at its core Faith, Formation & Fraternity. The first meeting takes place next Sunday 21st Sept. at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam and will include prayer, talks and social time. This is an opportunity to grow deeper into your faith and build support and brotherhood with other Christian men. For further information, contact Fr. Mark on 093 24250 or email fmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

STATIONS: Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October or November can contact the Parish Office at 094 9630006 to arrange.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the church porch at a cost of €3. Please place money in candelabra coinbox.

SEASON OF CREATION 2025 continues until 4th October, inviting Christians around the world to reflect, pray and act for the protection of our common home. The theme this year “Peace with Creation” calls us to restore harmony between humanity and the natural world. At Knock, visitors are encouraged to experience this message through the Creation Walk– a reflective woodland trail with over 30 contemplative stations that blend scripture, ecology and spiritual insight. Throughout the month of September, the Wednesday afternoon guided prayer sessions will celebrate the Season of Creation. Starting at 4.15pm with a short prayer reflection at the Prayer Centre, and including a walk along the pathways of the Creation Walk.

SEASON OF CREATION EVENT: “Raising Hope for Our Common Home”- a special day that will focus on caring for our environment & promoting sustainability with talks from Éanna Ní Lamhna, Jane Mellett & Dr. Brendan O’Keefe takes place at Knock House Hotel on Saturday 20th Sept. from 10am to 3pm. To book a place, email nicola at faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

HOSPICE COFFEE DAY in memory of the late Gerry Lyons will take place in the family home, Knockbrack (F35 EW44) on Saturday next 20th September from 10am to 4pm. All welcome.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Anthony Gael da Silva, Upper Main St.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT will host a Tea / Coffee Afternoon in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice in the Communal House, Clare Court on Wednesday 24th September from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and live music. All welcome to attend this fundraising event.

TUAM CANCER CARE are running a 6-week CLIMB programme for children aged 6-12 years who are experiencing the impact of a parent’s cancer diagnosis. Starting on Tuesday 16th September from 5pm to 6.30pm. Contact the centre for details on 093 28522.

MAYO CULTURE NIGHT on Friday 19th September. Free art & craft workshops at Ballyhaunis FRC, The Friary. Hand Craft Workshop from 5pm to 7pm, and Arts/Crafts Workshop from 7pm to 9pm. Places limited, first come first served.

AUTUMN GENEALOGY COURSE: A series of talks by historians on how they researched local history, what sources they used etc. will commence this Monday 15th September at 8pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Run in conjunction with the Mayo Genealogy Group and MSLETB, the first lecturer is Michael Kelly, author of a well-received book on the landed estates of Mayo, focusing on the Nolan Farrell estate in Logboy. His talk is entitled “Researching your townland; the building block for local history”. Seamus Birmingham from the Mayo Genealogy Group will deliver three of the talks, and on October 6th, historian Patrick C. Jordan from the U.S. will speak about researching the history of the Jordan clan in Co. Mayo from Norman times. €5 registration fee for the course. To book a place, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

ANNAGH 2025: Work is underway on putting together Annagh 2025, the 48th edition of the parish magazine, and the editorial committee is accepting articles, club reports & photographs to be considered for inclusion. A special appeal is made to secretaries and PROs of local clubs & organisations to ensure reports are submitted in good time. Thanks to those who have already sent material. Items can be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or given to committee members: Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, John Kilduff, Eddie Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Jim London, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith or Paul Waldron. Deadline for receipt of material is Friday 10th October, less than 4 weeks away.

BALLYHAUNIS BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge resumes next Thursday 18th Sept. at 7.30pm in Clare Court. New members welcome.

ABBEY PATTERN: The Abbey Pattern has been rescheduled for Sunday 28th September in the Friary Field, starting at 2pm, with children’s races, novelty events, face painting, bouncy castles and dog show. All welcome.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The monthly bike repair clinic takes place on Saturday 20th Sept. from 9.30am to 12.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall.

Offertory Collection
Sun. 7th Sept. 2025
€1,775

ACTIVATOR POLES WALKING & EXERCISE CLASS takes place on Fridays at 10.40am outdoors in Clare Court. Walking using poles and gentle exercises. Improves posture, mobility and overall health. Free of charge, poles provided. For more details, contact Tracy Cunnane on 086 0618126

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tulach ICA takes place on Thursday 18th Sept. at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome, membership now half-price till end of 2025. Enquiries to Christine at 083 1182338.

“HOME IS THE HERO”, a powerful Irish stage play by Walter Macken will be staged by Claremorris Drama Group on Friday 26th & Saturday 27th Sept. at 8pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Tickets €15, available at the door. Friday’s proceeds go to Brickens Meals on Wheels, and Saturday’s proceeds go to the Community Hall Renovation Fund.

QUIZ: Claremorris & District Lions Club will host their annual Trivia Table Quiz on Friday 19th Sept. in the Dalton Inn at 8pm. Proceeds will support the Dance Memory Club held every Wed. morning in the Curam Centre, which provides social connection through music, song & dance for people living with dementia & Alzheimers.

DANCE CONCEPTS: Something new is coming to town! Dance Concepts brings Jazz & Contemporary classes to children aged 3 to 12 in Ballyhaunis Community Hall every Thursday evening. A fun way to build confidence & coordination and make new friendships. Beginners welcome. Book at www.danceconceptseu.com or WhatsApp 085 1815237

SMART PHONE CLASSES: Free smart phone classes in Ballyhaunis Enterprise Centre starting on 17th & 18th Sept. Morning & afternoon classes available, funded by MSLETB. For details, call 087 6548881.