TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st September 2025

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

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 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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Amos 8: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money and the needy for a

the sweepings of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 112: 1 - 2. 4 - 8 R. Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

- 1. Praise, O servants of the Lord. praise the name of the Lord! May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!
- 2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down to look down upon heaven and earth?
- 3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes. yes, with the princes of his people. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving - and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our Saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and - I am telling the truth and no lie - a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

no anger or argument.

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 16.1-13

(Shorter form in italics *16: 10 - 13*) A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

*Jesus said to his disciples: * 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with

his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward

pair of sandals, and get a price even for any longer. "Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

'Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do vou owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat," was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. *The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of

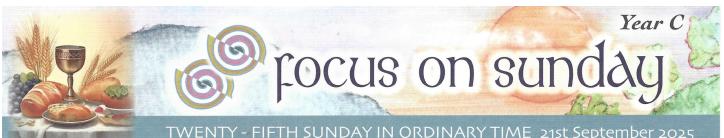
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.

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.

SANCTUS

It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts...... AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come

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 laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.



The prophet Amos reminds us of our duty not to exploit the poor and needy while in today's Gospel St. Luke tells us that we cannot serve both God and money. If we serve God, then, we will not forget today's victims of poverty.





Kingdom economics

If you think that all the parables Jesus told were pleasant stories about people of integrity, then today's Gospel might make you think again. The manager has been given notice by his CEO and decides to even up the tables, while he still can, for those who

are struggling to pay their debts to the company. He is happy to let debt go and redistribute the finances. The only value the money really has is in the way it is used. The manager is free-spirited, a bit of a scoundrel yes, but Jesus liked scoundrels, once their efforts were put to good use. The manager uses the power he still has now to change the future for himself and for others.

Change is urgently needed at political levels, when it comes to the reality of climate change. The science is clear; our world is warming due to human activity giving rise to drought, famine, devastating wildfires, extreme weather events, sea level rise and the displacement of millions of people. Climate change is one of the biggest challenges facing our world today and has grave implications for many aspects of our lives: environmental, social, economic and political. We know that just 100 fossil fuel companies are responsible for 70 per cent of the carbon emissions which drive this crisis. These corporations care little for future generations. Young people are standing up to such systems, calling them to account, engaging in political action and challenging all of us to raise our voices for our common home. They say, "Change is coming whether you like it or not!" Today's parable invites us, like the manager, to "holy mischief".

"What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us. to children who are now growing up?... We may well be leaving to coming generations debris, desolation and filth." (Laudato Si' §160-161)

Eco-Congregation Ireland is an example of a faith-based organisation (in Ireland and the UK) encouraging Christian communities to become eco-parishes, shining as examples of what is possible in order to address this crisis. Can you consider aettina involved?

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

Money is important for family and country, and a blessing. Jesus tells us that it is the wrong use of money that makes us selfish and unhappy, and can bring pain, hurt and sadness to the world. Young people who do charity walks and collect money to help others, make money a servant, not a master, and so taste happiness. May our hearts enliven our hands to be generous in giving and sharing.

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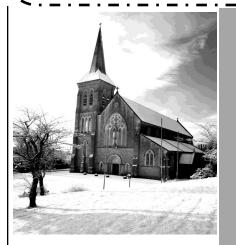
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MASSES:

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

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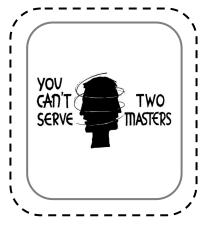
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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 22nd-27th SEPTEMBER 2025

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

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

Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.
Mícheál & Kathleen Waldron, Johnstown
Kathleen, William & Ger Lyons, Knockbrack
Norma & Míchéal Lyons, Brickens
Edward, Margaret & Colin Egan, Clagnaugh
Bridie & Johnny Lyons & decd. Upper Main St & decd. of the Fleming &
Caulfield families

Michael, Mary, Joe & Josie Rattigan, Lecarrow Patrick, Nora & Michael Cleary, Johnstown Joe Greally & decd. of the Greally family, Annagh

22-28th SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Irene Healy
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Mary Sykes
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Lorraine Waldron, Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis
Sunday 10am	Lauren Feeney	Bernie Quinn, Daniela Balbino Romao, Patricia Plunkett, Willie Broderick

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

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

PADRE PIO ANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place this Sunday 21st September, with Rosary at 2pm, Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Concelebrated Mass at 3pm, with Chief Celebrant Fr. Richard Hendrick OFM Cap.

DOWN SYNDROME IRELAND would like to thank all who supported the recent Church Gate collection in Ballyhaunis which raised over €750.

JUBILEE EVENT: All are welcome to join Kilvine Parish for a special Jubilee Year evening of prayer, readings, hymns & psalms with guest singer James Kilbane in St. Joseph's Church, Ballindine next Friday 26th September at 8pm The event is free, but donations will be accepted to cover costs.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers: Anne Marrinan, Knock Road

Offertory Collection Sun. 14th Sept. 2025 €1,940 **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** The September meeting of the PPC takes place this Monday evening 22nd at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM takes place on Wednesday 24th Sept. at 8pm in the Community Hall. All are welcome to review the work of the Council, its projects and activities over the year.

SUPPORTING ANXIOUS CHILDREN & TEENAGERS:

Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre will host Dr. Mary O'Kane on Wednesday evening 24th Sept. from 6.30pm to 8.30pm in Clare Court. This talk will give parents practical tips on how to support children & teens through difficult times, how to manage their fears and find their bravery. To book a place, call Geraldine on 086 0470587.

HOSPICE TEA / COFFEE MORNINGS:

- Ballyhaunis Active Retirement will host a Tea /Coffee
 Afternoon in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice in the
 Communal House, Clare Court on Wednesday 24th Sept.
 from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Tea, coffee, cakes and live music. All
 welcome to attend.
- Hospice Coffee Day at Homecare Medical shop, Tooraree on Thursday 25th Sept. from 9.30am to 5.30pm.
- Cill Tulach ICA will host a Coffee Morning & Cake Sale of Sunday 28th Sept. from 11.30am to 2.30pm in Granlahan Community Centre, in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice and Cancer Care West.

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH takes place from 1st to 31st October. For further information, log onto www.breastcancerireland.com

TUAM CANCER CARE are hosting a talk on cancer-related lymphoedema on Tuesday 7th October at 7pm in the Ard Rí Hotel, Tuam. The talk will be given by Elaine Grehan, registered MLD therapist. Booking for this free talk is essential as places are limited. Contact 093 28522.

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting is on Thursday 25th Sept. at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Open to all who have a stoma or care for them. To book a place text 087 6275766

ENGLISH CLASSES: Weekly registration in person for all levels of English classes at Ballyhaunis Enterprise Centre, Clare Road on Mondays from 3pm to 7pm, Wed. & Thursdays 10am to 11am. More details from MSLETB on 094 9362762.

ANNAGH 2025: Work is continuing on compiling Annagh 2025, the 48th edition of the parish magazine, and the editorial committee is accepting articles, club reports & photographs to b 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 Lundon, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith or Paul Waldron. Deadline for receipt of material is Friday 10th October—less than three weeks away.

KNOCK COUNSELLING CENTRE is running a "Calming Your Anxiety" programme to support participants to better understand and manage their anxiety. The programme starts on Tuesday 23rd Sept from 6pm to 8pm and runs for six Tuesday evenings. For more details or to register, call 094 9375032.

BALLYHAUNIS GOLF CLUB CENTENARY: The history project on the Golf Club, founded in 1927, is well underway. The Club is inviting members & staff, past & present, families of deceased members & staff, friends and the public to share stories, memories, articles, photos & memorabilia to assist in this exciting project. All enquiries and material for consideration can be sent to bgclubhistory@gmail.com, or call Mary H. Morris on 086 9887840 or Kevin Henry on 087 2243836

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.

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

AGE STRONG, LIVE LONG EVENT: Celebrate International Day of Older Persons at a free event in Breaffy GAA Clubhouse, Castlebar on Wednesday 1st October from 1.30pm. A day dedicated to promoting healthy aging and longevity, organised by the Mayo Integrated Care Programme for Older People, featuring a panel of expert speakers ready to answer questions on all aspects of ageing and living well in Mayo. Phone 094 9049291 to register, or get your free ticket on www.eventbrite.ie

CONFERENCE ON THE FAMILY: The European Institute of Family Life Education in conjunction with the Natural Family Planning Teachers' Association of Ireland will host their annual conference: "Family, Life, Education; Our Hope for the Future" in Knock House Hotel on 4th October from 9.30am to 3.30pm with a number of guest speakers on the day. Tickets available on Eventbrite. For details, visit ww.naturalfamilyplanningireland.ie

AUTUMN GENEALOGY COURSE continues on Wednesday 24th Sept. from 8pm to 10pm in the Community Hall with a talk by Seamus Birmingham of the Mayo Genealogy Group.

"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.

HAVE YOUR SAY: Mayo PPN & Mayo County Council invite you to an Online Policy Development Forum to identify key community issues across the county. Your voice matters—help shape the future of your community. Online meeting takes place on Monday 22nd September at 7pm. To register, email mayoppn@mayococo.ie

BINGO starting in Aghamore Community Centre on Wednesday 1st October at 8.30pm. All welcome.