

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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, by whom we are redeemed
and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved
sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 9:13-18*

A reading from the book of Wisdom
‘What man can know the intentions of God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord?
The reasonings of mortals are unsure
and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach;
who, then, can discover what is in the

heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened
and men been taught what pleases you,
and saved, by Wisdom.’

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14.17

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **[R]**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **[R]**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **[R]**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Philemon 9-10.12-17*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother, especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 14:25-33*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’

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

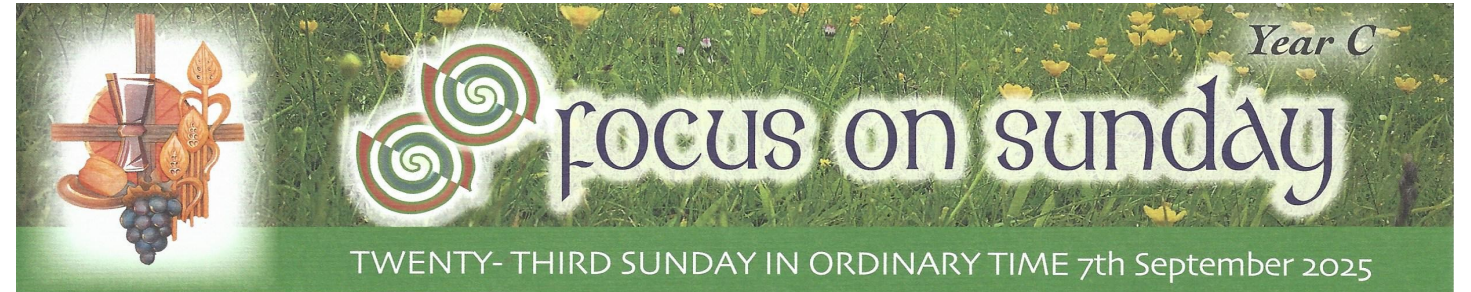
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God 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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace,
graciously grant that, through this offering,
we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
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.....

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord,
whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament,
may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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. Thanks be to God.

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.

“Anyone who does not carry his cross...”



The cost of discipleship

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Reflect back on a time when you gained a new insight.

When this happens, it often involves letting go of something we were attached to – the call to “hate” our family is not to be taken literally but perhaps we need to break free from a habit or relationship that is holding us back. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, this entails moving on from the comfortable and that can be painful.

In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis calls each of us to become “painfully aware” of what is happening to our world. We know that the past 200 years of ‘development’ has caused widespread destruction of our world, altering the very fabric of our ecosystems. We consider ‘development’ to be measured by infinite economic growth. This is simply not possible on a planet with finite resources. Levels of consumption by humans are out of control; we have not considered the full cost of the “tower” (Lk 14:28).

The Season of Creation is a time to reconnect with the beauty of God's creation so that we can set out on more sustainable paths. This involves breaking away from certain systems which we once depended on and embracing a more gentle way of walking on this earth. It requires a drastic change of heart so that we can set out on new paths as a global community.

“The ecological crisis is also a summons to profound interior conversion...Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience.” (Laudato Si', 217).

Perhaps this Season of Creation, you might read Pope Francis' Laudato Si' and invite some people to join you.

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

Jesus is always telling us that God is Love. Love is trying to put others first, and to care. Our parents put us first and cared for us when we were small. Often they had to stay awake at night if they worried about us. Often they had to do without things to save money for our care. Jesus says there is always a cross to carry, when we love and care. God helps us to grow in love. We need to ask all the time.

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 8th-13th SEPTEMBER 2025

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

Tina Waldron, Abbeyquarter
Decd. of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families of Derrynacong, Dublin & Dundalk
Pat Joe & Elizabeth Lyons, Holywell
Margaret Fahey & decd. Lecarrow
Thomas & Nora Moran, Carrownedan & decd. of the Lyons & Moran families
Eamon Burke, Devlis
James & Bridie Toolan, Devlis & decd. of the Toolan & Moran families
Marian, Delia & Tom Glynn, Upper Main St.
Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo
Alfred Webb Jnr. Tooraree
Michael Vincent Nolan, Tooreen & Clooncan
Séan & Bridget Carney, Tooreen & decd. of the Carney & Cosgrove families

8th-14th SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Frances Mulhern, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne
Sunday 10am	Mike Byrne	Helen Freeley, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves

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

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Joe Burke, Tullaghaune;
Cathal Freeley, Derrynacong & Galway.

May they rest in peace.

Offertory Collection

Sun. 31st August 2025
€1,855

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 next Sunday 14th Sept. Children aged 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion.

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

CANONISATIONS: This Sunday 7th Sept. from 10.15am, RTE One television will broadcast the Mass being celebrated by Pope Leo for the canonisations of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati from St. Peter’s Square, Rome.

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

WHY SUNDAY MATTERS: An invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass. As we journey through this Jubilee Year of Hope, the Irish Bishops have issued a pastoral message, inviting all Catholics to reflect on the central place of Sunday Mass in our lives, and for those who no longer attend, to consider returning to the celebration of the Eucharist. “From the beginning of our Christian faith, Sunday has been central to the life of the Church and remains at the heart of Christian practice... Since the Covid-19 pandemic, many Catholics have faced challenges attending Mass due to health concerns. For those still unable to attend, the Church offers Communion to the sick and housebound. For those who can, it’s time to return and celebrate the Eucharist together. While virtual options have helped, they can’t replace the in-person experience of communal worship”. The full pastoral message is available on www.catholicbishops.ie

LITTLE SACRED SPACE: A corner at the back of the 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 will be available every weekend, based on that Sunday’s Gospel. Please feel free to take home a newsletter and other little treats for any young people at home.

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: The weekly support group resumes at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine next Wed. morning 10th September at 11am. This meeting provides an opportunity for those who have lost a loved one to meet others who are bereaved, and to share their experience of loss as well as finding hope & healing in their lives. All welcome.

GAEILGE FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS: New term of weekly Irish language classes starts Tuesday 9th Sept. at 7pm in the Community Hall. €25 for 5 week-term including tea/coffee. Learn or improve your Irish in a fun atmosphere with Múinteóir Colm. Email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com to book a place or for more details.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS MEETING on Tuesday 9th Sept. at 7pm in the Community Hall. New members 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

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.

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

CANCELLATION: The Hospice Coffee Connect morning, due to take place in the Mayo Hospice, Castlebar this Monday 8th Sept. has been cancelled, and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Clodagh Sloyan, Tully, Carrowbehy & Alan Gilmartin, Sligo who recently married in St. Patrick’s Church.



“LIGHT THE FIRE” prayer meeting takes place this Tuesday 9th Sept. at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Chapel at the HUB, Knock Shrine followed by tea/coffee. All welcome.

NEEDLE FELTING WORKSHOP at Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre in The Friary. Five-week course on Thursday mornings 18th & 25th Sept, 2nd, 16th & 23rd November from 10am to 12 pm. Cost €25 including all materials. To book, call Tracey at 089 2371625 or email info@ballyhaunisfrc.ie

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: Work is underway on putting together Annagh 2025, and the editorial committee is accepting articles, club reports & photographs to be considered for inclusion. 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 London, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith or Paul Waldron. Deadline for receipt of material is Friday 10th October.

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.

CLINCIAL SOMATICS: Learn slow, gentle exercises to help relieve chronic shoulder, back and hip pain. Classes start in Claremorris FRC (F12 H2C2) on Monday 15th Sept. 12 to 1pm or 7 to 8pm. To book a place, call John Roe on 087 7495573.

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 starts Monday 15th Sept. in Ballyhaunis Community Hall with a talk by historian Michael Kelly on “Researching your townland: the building block for local history”. The programme will run over several months, designed to help people research their family or local history. Run in conjunction with Mayo Genealogy Group and MSLETB. To book, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com