

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

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

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....



LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3:19 - 20

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:5 - 9

R. The Lord comes to rule the peoples with fairness.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music. With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. [R]
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples. Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. [R]
3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 3: 7 - 12

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow. We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 21: 5 - 19

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now - the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something

that must happen but the end is not so soon. 'Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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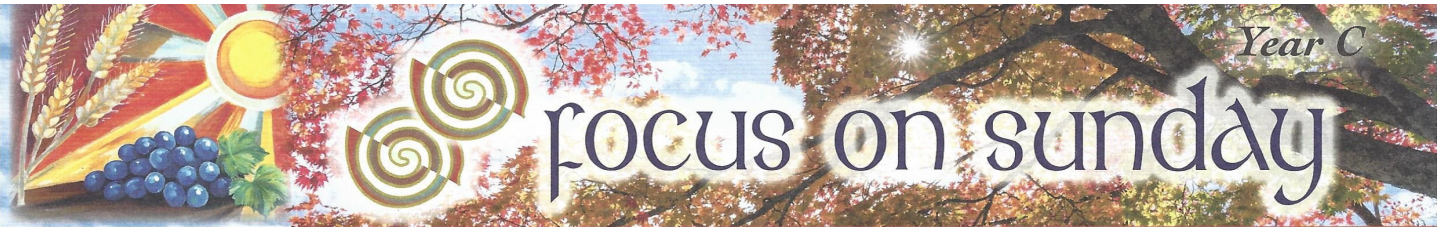
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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.

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. 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.



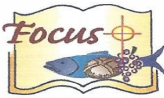
World Day of the Poor

The Mass today reminds us that in all despair and evils of life, the resurrection of Christ is a saving promise.

Nothing can shake the certainty that Jesus has been raised and that God's goodness can overcome every injustice and evil.

You will call upon me.

I WILL ANSWER



To understand poverty, we have to analyse wealth. The primary cause of poverty, in Ireland and elsewhere, is that too few have accumulated too much, leaving others with too little. But our western culture seeks to persuade us that we who have too much have earned it, by being responsible and working hard (which is sometimes true.) And those who are poor are lazy, irresponsible and happy to live off the rest of us (which is also sometimes true). We all need enough to feed our families and pay the bills. But "enough" is never enough. Even some billionaires have been prosecuted for tax evasion! We are led to believe that the only security in life is financial security (despite the experience of the financial crash in 2008!) and therefore we owe it to our family's security to accumulate as much as we can. We are also told that what we have legally earned is ours and we have a right to do with it whatever we want. But that is not the message of Jesus. His message was one of caring and sharing, in solidarity with those in need. He told his followers to "give all that you have to the poor." That was possible in the early Christian communities which lived together and shared all they had. But today, that would mean becoming poor and seeking a bed from a homeless charity! But our caring and sharing is the only hope of reducing poverty. Perhaps Jesus' message today to those of us who have more than we need, would be "live simply, share generously."

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus tells us that sad things happen in the world. People hurt each other. There are earthquakes, fires, storms and accidents, but God Our Father has a special plan, to make everything into a new heaven and a new earth.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th NOVEMBER 2025

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MASSSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

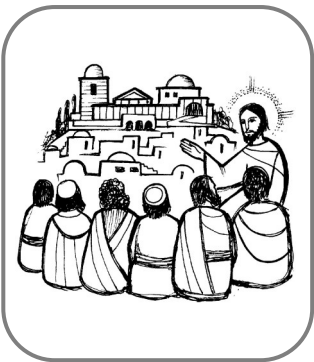
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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 17th-22nd NOVEMBER 2025

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

J.J. & Gretta O’Reilly, Glenamaddy
Agnes & Charlie O’Reilly, Holywell
Jim Maher, Mullingar & his parents Mícheál & Mary Maher, Thurles
Kathleen Egan & Jack Dempsey
Paddy & Mary Freeley, Main St. & Abbeyquarter
Bill & Rosaleen Eagney, Clare St.
James & Agnes Caulfield, Bohogue
Mae & Ned Carroll, Drimbane
Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. of the Roddy & Duddy families
Kate, John, Noel, JJ & Patrick Goulding & Anne Joyce
Moir, Jackie, Andrew & Ciara Gallagher, Andy Killeen & Brian Hassall
Michael Murray & decd. Doctor’s Road
Anthony & Séan Coyne & decd.
Freddie O’Brien & decd. Upper Main St.
Phil Heffernan, Manor Brook
Ted, Delia, Michael, Etta, Kieran & Siobhan Healy, Holywell
John & Delia Regan & decd. Carrowkeel

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER– MONTH’S MIND

David Cleary, Cherryfield
Anne Kelly, Island
Joe Rochford, Gurteen

17th-23rd NOV.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves

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

CHURCH GATES: The gates at St. Patrick’s Church will be automated in the coming weeks, and those using the carpark should note that the gates will open at 8am each morning and will close at 11.00pm. We would ask that, on days when funerals or weddings are taking place, the carpark would be reserved for families & friends attending.

GROW IN LOVE: The preparation programme for children receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion next year continues at 7.30pm Mass this Saturday evening 15th November. Our focus this month is on introducing them to the different ways in which our parish family remembers and prays during the month of November for those who have died.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS: The annual Remembrance Mass takes place next Saturday 22nd Nov. at 7.30pm. We will remember in a special way parishioners who have died over the past year, as well as praying for all whose names are included in the November lists of the deceased. Members of families who have been recently bereaved are invited to attend.

FUNERAL MINISTRY: Initial training for the new Funeral Ministry teams has now been completed. Over 40 volunteers from a number of parishes in the Claremorris & Dunmore Deaneries have been trained to assist priests in leading the prayers at a Funeral Home, or in the home of the deceased person. In Ballyhaunis parish, our Funeral Ministry team will include Willie Broderick, Mike Byrne, Christina Concannon, Paula Donnellan, Mary Donnelly, Martin Fitzmaurice, Martina Gavin & Mary Murphy. These individuals were nominated by parishioners earlier this year, and have made themselves available for this new Ministry, to assist families at the time of a bereavement , and to assist priests at a time when fewer priests are available to cover wider areas. The Funeral Ministry team will receive a special blessing at weekend Masses on the 29th/30th November, the first Sunday of Advent, and will begin to accompany Fr. Stephen to funerals from then on. We ask God’s blessing on these volunteers, as they take another step in their new pastoral service in our parish.

BOARDS OF MANAGEMENT 50th ANNIVERSARY: To celebrate 50 years since the establishment of Boards of Management in our Catholic primary schools in Ireland, and to mark the upcoming retirement of the Scoil Íosa Principal Kenneth Denney, a special Mass will be held in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyhaunis on Friday 28th November at 7.30pm, with refreshments afterwards in the Community Hall. A number of choirs, including the Scoil Íosa children’s choir, Parish Choir & Abbey Male Choir will be participating in the Mass. All are welcome to attend this special event.

PRAYER SERVICE: The Family Centre in Castlebar will hold its annual Ecumenical Prayer Service for people bereaved by suicide next Friday 21st November at 7.30pm in the Church of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar. Anyone who has lost a loved one to suicide is welcome to attend, or view the service on the church webcam.

INSTRUCTION IN THE FAITH: If you would like to undergo instruction in the Catholic faith, e.g. adults preparing for Baptism or to be received into the Church, please contact the Parish Office at 094 96 30006.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE: Would you like to better understand the scriptures when they’re read at Mass? To help you get a better grasp on how they might speak to us in our daily lives, Fr. Benny McHale will provide a four-night introduction to St. Matthew’s Gospel, starting on Tuesday 25th November.

WEEK OF WITNESS: The Catholic charity Aid to the Church in Need begins a “Week of Witness” from this Sunday 16th Nov. highlighting the plight of those persecuted for their faith. Some 413 million Christians live in countries where religious freedom is seriously violated, and 220 million of these live in countries where they are directly exposed to persecution. ACN Ireland is asking us to pray this week for all those who are suffering for their faith in various parts of the world, and to remember the martyrs of yesterday and today.

THE WAY: The Irish Bishops’ Conference has launched a new multimedia platform “The Way” dedicated to sharing the Good News and the witness of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Way.ie is designed to guide us towards a deeper encounter with Christ. Archbishop Eamon Martin says “Our vision is that The Way will be a national online network, helping people to discover the faith, live the faith and pass on the faith”. Alongside the website –theway.ie - there are also the digital and social media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, Spotify & YouTube. Check out the new digital platform for news, interviews, programmes, short films and podcasts.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY: The Ballyhaunis Golden Years/ Senior Citizen’s Christmas Party will take place in Clare Court on Sunday 7th December, starting at 1.30pm. Christmas dinner, drinks, music & fun. If you would like to attend, please take a form from the church porch, fill it out and return it to the box provided.

HANDEL’S MESSIAH IN KNOCK: The RTE Concert Orchestra returns to Knock Shrine with Handel’s Messiah on Saturday 22nd November at 7.30pm. Tickets now available on Eventbrite or from the Information Office at Knock Shrine.

Offertory Collection
Sun. 9th Nov. 2025
€1,870

BAKE SALE: The Knock Cooking Club will hold a Bake Sale this Sunday 16th Nov. from 10am to 3pm in St. John’s Welcome Centre to raise funds for a local child (Éabha Duggan) who recently underwent a lifesaving bone marrow transplant. All funds raised will go towards her continued treatment & care. All baked goods & raffle prizes welcome. Your support would be appreciated.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Monthly meeting takes place next Wednesday 19th Nov. in the Community Hall at 7.30pm. New members welcome.

CONCERT: Chloe & David Agnew will perform live in concert at St. Anne’s Church, Belcarra on Sunday 30th Nov. at 8pm. Also featuring performances from the Vocalessence Ladies Choir and Mayo Concert Orchestra in an uplifting programme of sacred, classical and seasonal favourites. Tickets €25 available on Eventbrite.

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tulach ICA takes place on Thursday 20th November at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome.

CHRISTMAS FAIR in Granlahan Community Centre on Sunday 30th November from 11.30am to 2.30pm. Crafts, cake sale, raffles, tombola & refreshments. All welcome.