

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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

Almighty ever-living God,
whose will is to restore all things in your
beloved Son, the King of the universe,
grant, we pray,
that the whole creation, set free from
slavery, may render your majesty service
and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 5:1-3

A reading from the second book of Samuel.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. ‘Look’ they said, ‘we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, “You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people, Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.” ‘ So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord and they anointed David king of Israel.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 121: 1-5

R. I rejoiced when I heard them say ‘Let us go to God’s house.’

- I rejoiced when I heard them say: ‘Let us go to God’s house.’
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **[R]**
- Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. **[R]**
- For Israel’s law it is there to praise the Lord’s name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **[R]**

SECOND READING Colossians 1:12 - 20

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

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers - all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 23:35 - 43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The people stayed there before the Cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. ‘He saved others,’ they said, ‘let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.’ The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, ‘If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.’ Above him there was an inscription: ‘This is the King of the Jews.’ One of the criminals hanging there

abused him. ‘Are you not the Christ?’ he said. ‘Save yourself and us as well.’ But the other spoke up and rebuked him. ‘Have you no fear of God at all?’ he said. ‘You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,’ he said, ‘remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ ‘Indeed, I promise you,’ he replied, ‘today you will be with me in paradise.’

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.**



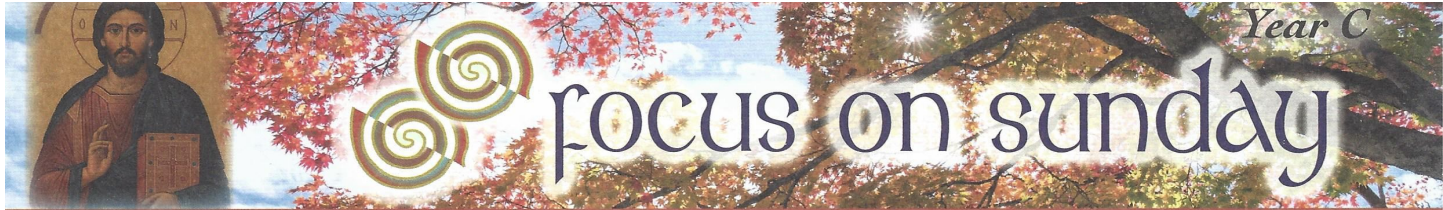
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray, that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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.

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

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you. **Amen.**

May he nourish you always with the teachings of the faith and make you persevere in holy deeds. **Amen.**

May he turn your steps towards himself and show you the path of charity and peace. **Amen.**

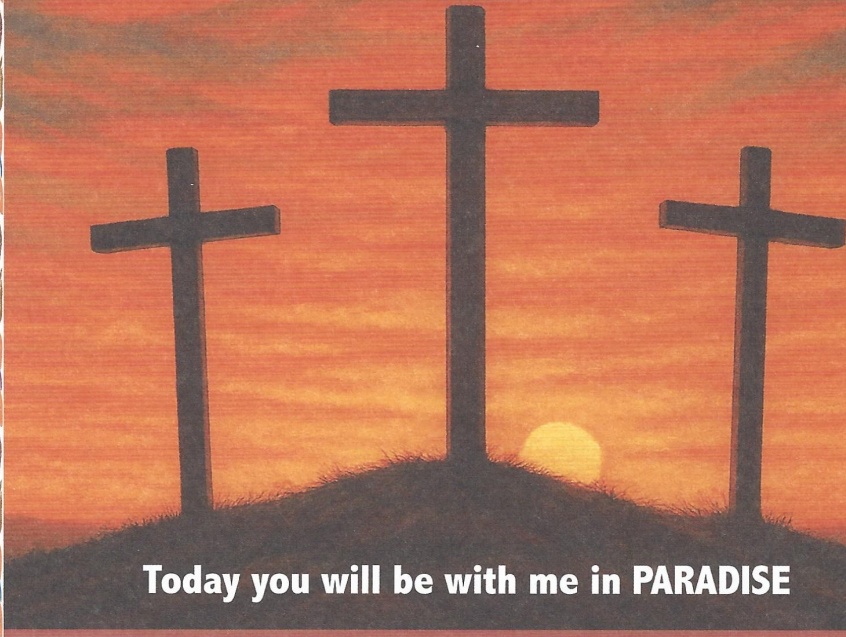
And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.



The Cross is a Throne and the Man hanging there is a King! That is the Christ who turns all earthly values upside down. He is a king, not through wealth or reputation, but because he is a Man of compassion and of mercy, of justice brought to death. He is King of Creation and Son of God.



The idea of a universal king in today’s fractured world seems like a very remote concept. In our readings we see a sweeping panorama of salvation history. The first reading places Jesus in the line of King David, while the second reading brings us from the dawn of creation to the

second coming of the Messiah, all accomplished through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The responsorial psalm is exuberantly joyful, in marked contrast to the Gospel, where Jesus’s entry into Jerusalem leads him to his suffering on the cross.

This Gospel passage, chosen for today’s solemnity, focusses on the taunting and mockery of Jesus on the cross. We usually regard kings as important personages afforded obedience, respect, and servitude. Yet here we are told that Jesus is jeered, mocked, abused, and rebuked. What kind of a king is this?

One whose obedience is to the divine values of faith, hope, and love; one who respects those who are pure in heart, rather than powerful in public; one who believes leadership is to serve, not to be served. This is a mandate for our leaders today, if we wish to achieve unity and healing in our world. This is a commission for our ecclesial authorities, as we collaborate to keep our faith alive, active, and true. And this is a confirmation of our baptism, in which we are all anointed as priests, prophets, and kings with Christ.

Dr Giovanna Feeley, DCU School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music

Jesus’ Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Even when Jesus was in pain on the Cross, He blessed the thief who was in pain beside him, and promised him the happiness of Heaven. God The Father, through Jesus, is embracing the world with Love. The eyes of Jesus are open with blessing for everyone, and His hands are outstretched in generosity.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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MASSES:

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 24th - 29th NOVEMBER 2025

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

Katie & Kieran Webb, Tooraree & Brickens
Decd. of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families, Derrynacong, Dublin & Dundalk
Tommy Ronayne, Clagnagh & Teresa Ronayne, Tuam
Tom & Winifred Egan, Aghamore & daughters Marian (Ballina) & Anna (Upper
Main St. & New York)
Anne & Larry Lynch & decd. of the Grogan family, Holywell
Alec Greene, Main St.
Walter & Josephine Healy, Frenchpark
Mary Connolly, Lecarrow
Jim Healy, Johnstown & decd. of the Healy & Fitzgerald families
Mary, Kate & Mercy Flatley, Main St. & Sydney
Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St. & Dermot Winston, Carrick, Ballinlough
Stephen & Lena Caffrey, Tooreen
Dom, Tom, Celia & John Murphy, Brackloon
Padraig Murphy, Ballyveal; Patrick & Mary Hosty, Logboy
Alfred Webb (Jnr.), Tooraree
Thomas & Nora Greene & decd. Knox St.
Bridget Mary & Jack Halpin, Main St.
Pat, Kathleen, Patrick & Mary Ellen Regan, Derrynacong
Sean, Bridie, Patrick & Catherine Regan, Killinaugher
Decd. of the Waldron & Grogan families, Derrynacong & Waldron family, Coogue Nth.
Geraldine Hunt & Joe Fahey, Lecarrow
Fintan Lynch, Ennis & formerly Main St.

SUNDAY 30th NOVEMBER– MONTH’S MIND: Theresa Thomas, Bohogue

24th-30th NOV.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Friday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Mary Murphy, Eileen Lynch
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Eileen Donnellan, Mary Sykes, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS takes place this Saturday 22nd
Nov. at 7.30pm. remembering in a special way parishioners who have died
over the past year, and all whose names are included in the November lists.

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

Offertory
Collection

16th Nov. 2025
€1,435

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 Dennedy, a special Mass will be held in St. Patrick’s
Church, Ballyhaunis next Friday evening 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 in the parish.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY takes place at the 10am Mass next
Sunday 30th November. Children aged 4-8 are invited into the
Sacristy during Mass to hear and discuss the day’s Scripture
readings through activities like worksheets and storytelling, in a
manner appropriate for their age and understanding, and will
return to their family after Communion.

PPC MEETING: The Parish Pastoral Council monthly meeting
takes place this Monday 24th November at 8.30pm in the
Community Hall.

ANNAGH 2025 will be on sale in all the usual outlets from next
weekend 29/30 Nov. This is the forty-eight edition of the annual
parish magazine and this year runs to 200 pages of articles, re-
ports and photographs documenting Ballyhaunis and the parish
of Annagh, past and present. It retails at the usual price of €12
and will be in plenty of time for posting abroad. The Annagh
Magazine Society would like to thank all its contributors, patrons
and readers.

INTRODUCTION TO SCRIPTURE: Fr. Benny McHale will
provide a four-night introduction to the gospel for next year, St.
Matthew’s Gospel. Takes place over 4 Tuesday nights starting
on Tuesday 25th November, 7.30 - 9.30pm. in the Prayer Centre,
Knock Shrine. Booking is recommended, contact Nicola at
faithrenewal@shrine.ie Visit www.knockshrine.ie

SILENT RETREAT: The Foyer of Charity Silent Retreat takes
place from 24th - 30th Nov. in St. Mary’s Accommodation,
Knock on the theme “If you but knew the gift of God...”.
Preached by Fr. Kilian Byrne (Foyer of Charity) with daily
Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer, teachings & silence
Contact Helen at 086 1678027 or Kay at 089 4348901.

BOOK LAUNCH: The launch of Haulie Grady’s autobiography
“I Wonder if I had Turned Right” takes place in Gorthaganny
Hall on Friday 28th November from 7.30 to 10pm. All welcome.

‘LIGHT THE FIRE’ prayer meeting takes place on Tuesday 25th
Nov. at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Chapel at the HUB, Knock Shrine. Tea/
coffee & biscuits available afterwards. Everyone is welcome!

FILM NIGHT: 'The White House Effect' - a gripping documentary
that explores how the plans of the US government in the 1990s to
tackle global warming were derailed by the intervention of the ener-
gy industry and how the resulting fallout reverberates today. Wed.
26th Nov.at 7.30pm. in the Community Hall. Followed by tea/
coffee/chat. All are welcome.

CHURCH GATES: The gates at St. Patrick’s Church will be
automated in the coming weeks, those using the carpark should
note that the gates will open at 8am each morning and 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.

Kenneth Dennedy was appointed
principal of Scoil Íosa N.S. in September
2009. After 16 years of sterling service
he has decided now is the right time to
retire. He leaves a legacy defined by
kindness, leadership, and unwavering
dedication to the children and families of
Ballyhaunis.



From the moment he first stepped
through the doors of Scoil Íosa, Kenneth
brought with him a kindness that put children instantly at ease
and an approachability that made every parent feel supported and
heard.

Kenneth’s leadership has been exceptional. He has guided his
staff with respect, encouragement, and genuine care, creating a
working environment where everyone could flourish. His steady
presence and thoughtful direction helped the school navigate
challenges and embrace opportunities with ease.
One of his most visible achievements has been his commitment
to improving the physical environment of Scoil Íosa. Through
his drive and determination, the school has seen extensive build-
ing and refurbishment - transformations that now provide the
children of the parish with brighter, safer, and more modern
facilities. These improvements stand as a lasting testament to his
vision and tireless effort.

Equally important has been his dedication to the Catholic ethos
of the school. Kenneth has nurtured the spiritual life of Scoil Íosa
with sincerity and conviction. His presence at parish celebrations
- First Confessions, First Eucharist, and Confirmation - has
always been a reassuring one. He stood not only as principal, but
as a true partner in the faith journey of each child.
As Kenneth steps into retirement, we celebrate a career marked
by compassion, integrity, and service. His influence will contin-
ue to echo in the hallways, classrooms, and hearts of all who
have been part of Scoil Íosa during the past sixteen years.

Congratulations to Kevin Henry on his appointment as
Principal of Scoil Íosa - we wish him every blessing as he takes
up this new role in our community.

Have Your Say on the Future of Catholic Education in
your School: The current Department of Education survey on
the future of patronage in the primary schools will determine
what schools will divest.

It is important that those who wish for a change in patronage
would have their voices heard. It is equally important that those
who are already satisfied with the current patronage model and
who wish for a Catholic Education for their children, including
sacramental preparation within school, would have their voices
heard also.

For these reasons, and to ensure that an accurate picture emerges,
you are invited to participate in this survey if you are a parent,
guardian or a prospective parent of a primary school student.
Decisions on what schools will retain or lose their Catholic pat-
ronage will be influenced by the expressed opinions of those
who participate in this survey. Therefore, your opinion and the
values you hold dear are important, and your voice needs to be
heard about your local school. Please take a few minutes to
complete the survey. The closing date is 16th December 2025.

The survey may be accessed at
www.gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey
Archbishop Francis Duffy, Patron