

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18th January 2026

ENTRANCE ANTIphon

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy.

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, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 49: 3. 5-6*

A reading from the prophet *Isaiah*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10*

R. *Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. [R]

2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. [R]

3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. [R]

4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. [R]

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul's to the *Corinthians*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!



GOSPEL *John 1:29-34*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John

said, 'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

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

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

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Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Catholic Schools Week begins

The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.

BEHOLD,
THE LAMB OF GOD

When Jesus realised he was being followed, he got curious. To the two who would later be apostles he presumed nothing, but asked them 'what are you looking for? Or 'What do you want?'

Something had made them curious about Jesus too and they wanted to know about him. Asking him where he stayed was really asking, 'who are you really?', what makes you 'tick' in your life? or 'what keeps you going?' He would ask each of us the same. Jesus' first words to people were questions about themselves. He had an innate interest in each of us, and he had learned that from his Father who has a continuous caring interest in us.

We have many requests of the Lord in prayer. We may not get what we want but we always are gifted in prayer with the presence and grace of the Holy Spirit. This is the answer of Jesus: 'Ask and you shall receive the Holy Spirit'. With the Spirit come the gifts of the Spirit like peace, joy, compassion, forgiveness, endurance

All prayer gives us the realisation of the Spirit for God working within us. With the Spirit comes the divine fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness (Galatians 5:22).

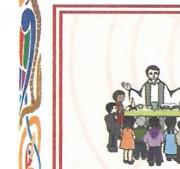
What kept Jesus going was wanting to share these gifts with us. He asks of us to do the same.

Donal Neary SJ
Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

John The Baptist was a good man. He praised Jesus. He asked the people to follow Jesus. John put other people first. At Mass we praise God too. We say thanks for all our blessings. We ask God to help us to put other people first.



Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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MASSES:

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

CONFESIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCARISTIC 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.



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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 19th-24th JANUARY 2026

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

Robert & Phil Fox, Carrowreagh
Noreen, Michael & Annie Morley, Knox St.
Martin & Kathleen Cunnane, Knox St.
Anthony Waldron, Clagnagh
Val & Olive Waldron, Cave & Matthew Barnaville, London
Richard Grogan, Devlis
Ann Hunt O'Sullivan & decd.
Jack & Maureen Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo
Decd. members of the Flanagan & Grogan families, Spaddagh
Pierce Higgins, Esker Pines
Mary & Peter Gallagher, Derrintogher & Bridie Goldstein, USA
Michael & Kitty Nolan, Erritt, Castlerea
Ann & Charlie Doherty, Knox St. & Clonmany
Rita & Raymond Prendergast, Ballindine

SUNDAY 25th JANUARY - MONTH'S MIND

Mary Duffy, Mountain, Forthill

19th-25th JAN.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch

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 this Sunday 18th January at 10am Mass. Children aged 4 to 8 are invited into the Sacristy during Mass, and will learn about Jesus the Lamb of God, who loves and cares for us.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Kathleen Diskin née McManus, Hollymount & formerly Churchpark, Ballyhaunis
-sister of Jim McManus, Holywell

CHANGE TO WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: From the start of February, the 10am Mass on Mondays in St. Patrick's Church will be a "Missa Pro Populo"— Mass for the People. This is a weekly Mass offered for the well-being of the people of the parish. From that date, Anniversary Masses for the deceased will be offered from Tuesday to Saturday each week -the 10am Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays and the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2026 runs from 18th to 24th January and will focus on doing ordinary things well, with faith & kindness. The theme this year is "Catholic Schools-Normal Lives, Called to Holiness". As Pope Francis said: "Holiness does not mean performing extraordinary things, but doing ordinary things with faith and love".

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils in Scoil Íosa Primary School, Ballyhaunis for the 2026-2027 school year is now open. Application forms are available from the school, ring 094 30310, or from the website www.iosaballyhaunis.com Closing date for enrolment is 30th April 2026.

TRADITION, TRANSITION OR TRANSFORMATION? What is the future for Catholic Schools in Ireland? A discussion and Q & A with an expert panel will take place on St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine on Friday 30th January at 7.30pm. For more details, email catechismcafe@gmail.com or call Fr. Mark on 093 24250

2026 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY takes place from 18th to 25th January on the theme "One Body, One Spirit", based on Ephesians 4. The theme reminds us that the call to unity is a call to work for peace for all people, everywhere. Let us unite in prayer this week, calling for an end to violence and the restoration of peace.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday of each month. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine 094-9375320.

PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their Christmas envelopes. Your ongoing support & generosity is much appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office. For those wishing to make an online donation, the IBAN is **IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54**.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Over the past week, a number of parishioners will have received letters in the post, as their 5-year CHY3 certificate has now expired. Please complete the green cert and return it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope, or drop it into the Parish Office or the Sacristy. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. It will not place any additional cost on you, but is an important part of the parish income stream. Please return the completed certificate as soon as possible. If you receive a cert and are NOT eligible for tax, please sign the relevant section at the bottom of the letter, and return it to the Parish Office so we can update our records.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass takes place on Sunday 8th February at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 21st Jan. at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: The Poor Clares Galway will host a half-day retreat for women aged 18 to 40 with Beth Davis of Blessed Is She Ministries on Sunday 1st February from 2pm to 6pm. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer & communication with God. Registration is on Eventbrite.ie

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis.

AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House. Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa.

More information on www.al-anon.org

THE WAY: The Irish Bishops' Conference has launched a new multimedia platform "The Way" designed to help people to discover, live and pass on the Catholic faith. Visit the website – theway.ie - for inspiring news articles and videos to support your faith journey. You can also follow on Instagram, Facebook, Spotify & YouTube. Check out the new digital platform for news, interviews, programmes, short films and podcasts.

GENEALOGY & HERITAGE MEETING: Local historian

Billy Lyons will give a talk and answer questions on how to

research your family or townland

history in Ballyhaunis

Community Hall on Tuesday 20th

Jan. at 7.30pm. Refreshments

served, all welcome.

Offertory Collection

11th Jan. 2026

€1,750

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND takes place in St. Mary's Retreat Centre, Knock from 20th-22nd March. Marriage Enrichment supports married couples by offering them a sacred space to deepen their relationship, renew their commitment and grow together through reflection, prayer & dialogue. For more details, visit www.marriageencounter.ie

"IRELAND WEST CAMINO: A PILGRIMAGE REBORN" is a new feature-length documentary celebrating the revival of the Tóchar Phádraig, the ancient pilgrim path from Rathcroghan to Croagh Patrick. A series of pre-premiere screenings will take place as follows:

Thursday 22nd Jan. at 6.30pm: Mayo Movie World, Castlebar.

Saturday 24th Jan. at 2pm: Rathcroghan Visitors Centre

Sunday 25th Jan. at 6.30pm: Knock House Hotel

Monday 26th Jan. at 6.30pm: Ballintubber Abbey.

Admission free, donations welcome via the Ballintubber Abbey website.

BALLYHAUNIS AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Family Resource Centre (Friary House). Come along this Wednesday 14th Jan. for a cuppa & chat with people who understand your family life. Parents, carers & grandparents are all welcome.

GAMES EVENING: All welcome to join our Games Evening this Sunday 18th January from 4pm to 6pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Board games e.g. chess, ludo, backgammon etc. and cards. Beginners & experienced players welcome. Admission is free, refreshments served.