

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 25th January 2026

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
In his presence are majesty and  
splendour, strength and honour in his  
holy 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

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

Almighty ever-living God,  
direct our actions according to your good  
pleasure, that in the name of your beloved  
Son we may abound in good works.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3*A reading from the prophet *Isaiah*

In days past the Lord humbled the land  
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but  
in the days to come he will confer glory  
on the Way of the Sea on the far side of  
Jordan, province of the nations.  
The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep  
shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing  
the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 26:1.4.13-14*

*R. The Lord is my light and my help.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? **[R]**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,  
for this I long,  
to live in the house of the Lord,  
all the days of my life,  
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,  
to behold his temple. **[R]**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's  
goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! **[R]**

## SECOND READING

*1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17*

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

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of  
our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the  
differences between you, and instead  
of disagreeing among yourselves, to be  
united again in your belief and practice.  
From what Chloe's people have been  
telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear  
that there are serious differences among  
you. What I mean are all these slogans  
that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am  
for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for  
Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out?  
Was it Paul that was crucified for you?  
Were you baptised in the name of Paul?  
For Christ did not send me to baptise,  
but to preach the Good News, and not to  
preach that in the terms of philosophy in  
which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be  
expressed.

*The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus proclaimed the Good News of  
the kingdom and cured all kinds of  
sickness among the people.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-23 (or\* 4:12-17)*  
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew.

\*Hearing that John had been arrested  
Jesus went back to Galilee, and  
leaving Nazareth he went and settled  
in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the  
borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this  
way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be  
fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;

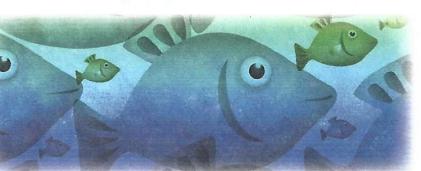
on those who dwell in the land and  
shadow of death a light has dawned.  
From that moment Jesus began his  
preaching with the message, 'Repent, for  
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.\*

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee  
he saw two brothers, Simon, who was  
called Peter, and his brother Andrew;  
they were making a cast in the lake with  
their net, for they were fishermen. And  
he said to them, 'Follow me and I will  
make you fishers of men.' And they left  
their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another  
pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee  
and his brother John; they were in their  
boat with their father Zebedee, mending  
their nets, and he called them. At once,  
leaving the boat and their father, they  
followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee  
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming  
the Good News of the kingdom and  
curing all kinds of diseases and sickness  
among the people.

*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.

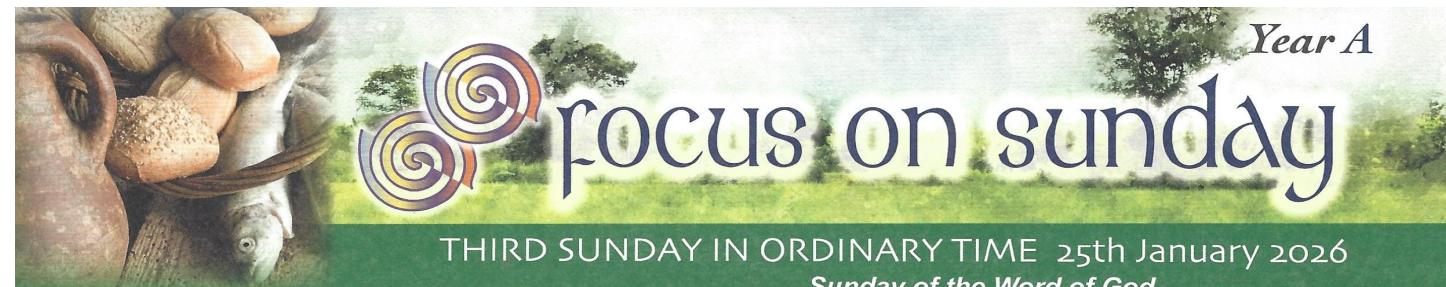
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.

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.

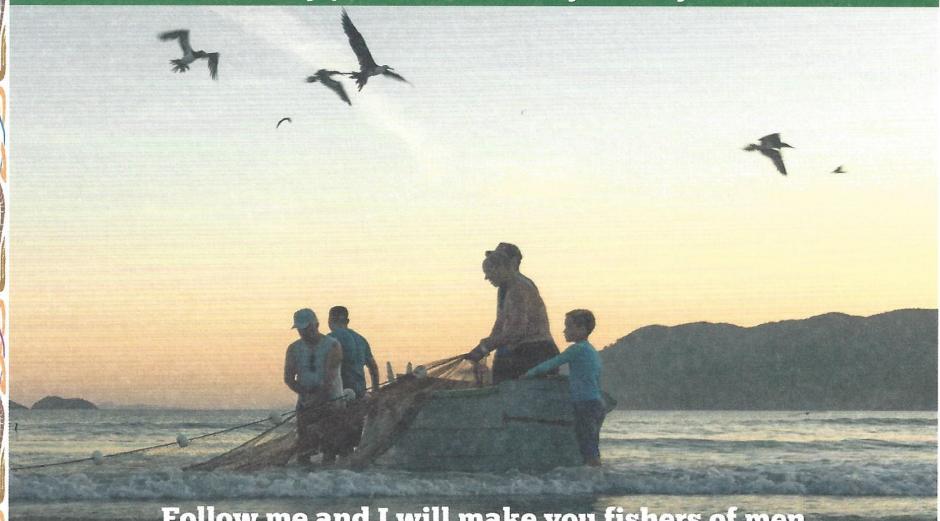
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness  
of sins and I look forward to the resurrection  
of the dead and the life of the world to come.  
Amen



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## Sunday of the Word of God

The gospel and the life of Jesus makes true the words: "The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light". Christian life is a calling that this may continue to happen in every age, every place and in every society.



## Follow me and I will make you fishers of men



Jesus begins selecting his apostles to join him in  
proclaiming the Kingdom of God. No employment  
agency would have recommended those he chose.

Many of them were fishermen, people of little  
education, of low standing in society, with no connections, and who  
lived precariously from day to day depending on how much fish  
they were able to catch. Another was a tax collector, despised by  
Israelites because he worked for the hated Roman occupiers, took  
taxes from the little people and often ripped them off to make himself  
rich. In fact the only one whom the employment agency might have  
recommended was Judas, who kept control of the money (little as  
it was) and possibly had some financial background! But what the  
apostles had was enthusiasm and loyalty; they were willing to learn  
and to work and suffer for their leader. We too are all called to make  
the Kingdom of God a reality in our midst. This is not just a task  
for priests and bishops. We may think we are unqualified, do not  
have any theological training, don't have access to people in power.  
But neither did the apostles. Their commitment ensured that their  
human powerlessness was replaced by God's power. Since God  
is compassion, those who live ordinary lives are uniquely placed to  
bring the Kingdom of God into our world, by being the compassion of  
God to those around us. In fact, those who are rich and powerful can  
only relate to the rich and powerful; it is the lives of ordinary people  
which can reveal God to both rich and poor alike.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

## Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling  
everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by  
name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and  
help each other.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th JANUARY 2026

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)



### MASSES:

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

### CONFESIONS:

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 parish office, 094-9630006.



## Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

## ANNIVERSARY MASSES 26th-31st JANUARY 2026

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

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Pat Donnellan, Clare St.

Maureen Comer, Killinaugher

Austin Biesty, Pattenspark & decd. of the Biesty & Conway families

Martin Gallagher, Drimbane

Paddy & Vera O'Connell, Drimbane

Josephine Feeney (née Fitzmaurice), Dublin & Derrynacong

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & Dermot Hegarty, Sutton

Decd. members of the Jordan & Guilfoyle families, Knox St. & Greenwood

Ann & Jim Brennan, Greenwood

James & Bridget Costello & Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue

Tom, Bridie & John Michael McGuire, Lisbane

Decd. members of the Maughan family, Lisbane

Mark & Eileen Fitzmaurice, Brackloon & decd. of the McGuire &

Fitzmaurice families

Peg & Bill O'Malley & decd. of the O'Malley & Maloney families, Castlebar

Ina Phillips, Main St. & Chicago

## SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY – FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Tom McGowan, Station Rise

26 JAN-1st FEB.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Marion Regan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves

## COLLECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Pat Devine, Gabrielle Lyons
Sunday 10am	Kieran Fitzmaurice, Richard Waldron, Mike Griffin, Jaroslav Drunnik

## MASS SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Team F: Liam & Matilda Thompson, Kyle Kilbane, David Gerard Ward, Ellie Higgins, Sophie Coen
Sunday 10am	Team E: Emily Lynch-Hussey, John Caulfield, Luke Marigliano, Natalie Dosek, Tjasa Barcanec

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers:  
Jaine Alves dos Santos, Brazil-niece of Irene Nunes, Knox St.;  
Mary Squires, Lavallyroe

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](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)

**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, including the 10am Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays and the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

**MEETING FOR PARENTS OF MASS SERVERS:** A Child Safeguarding training meeting will take place on Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall for parents / guardians of Altar Servers. Going forward, we hope to have at least one parent from each team of servers available to be in the Sacristy where the children get ready before & after Mass, in order to ensure best practice in protecting our children. Parents are asked to attend the training night, and consider putting their name forward to attend in the Sacristy when needed.

**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.iosablyhaunis.com](http://www.iosablyhaunis.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](mailto:catechismcafe@gmail.com) or call Fr. Mark on 093 24250

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:  
Conor Michael Kelly, Abbey St.;  
Michael Patrick Allen Crean, Kiltyboe

**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:** Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their CHY3 certificates. For those who received a certificate in the post recently and have not yet returned it, please complete the green form and post it back in the enclosed stamped & self-addressed envelope, or drop in the letterbox of the Parochial House as soon as possible. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Once completed, the CHY3 Cert is valid for 5 years.

**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 Feb. from 2pm to 6pm. An opportunity to encounter God's love and deepen your life of prayer & communication with God. Register on Eventbrite.ie

**LÁ FHÉILE BRÍDE:** A celebration of St. Brigid at Knock Shrine on Sunday 1st February. St. Brigid's Flame will be present at the Shrine on the day, courtesy of the Brigidine Sisters of Solas Bhride, Kildare. The celebration starts at 11am with guided prayer in the Apparition Chapel, and Mass at 12pm in Knock Parish Church, starting with a one-minute Pause for Peace at noon. The Pause for Peace movement invites people from around the world to stop and pause for one minute's silence & reflection on St. Brigid's Day. A special welcome is extended to all named in honour of St. Brigid, and a blessing will take place during the 12pm Mass.

## CONSIDERING A POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME?

Explore the wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning programmes from Diploma, Higher Diploma and Masters to Doctorate level in Theology, Philosophy, Healthcare Chaplaincy & Liturgical Music at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Visit [sppu.ie](http://sppu.ie) for more information.

### Offertory Collection

18th Jan. 2026

€1,940

**"WHISPER OF GOD"** silent residential retreat takes place in Knock Youth Village on Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th February. For more details, contact John Farrelly, Knock Shrine on 086 0108623 or email [prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie](mailto:prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie)

**LIGHT THE FIRE** prayer meeting takes place this Tuesday 27th January at 7pm in St. Joseph's Chapel at the Hub, Knock Shrine.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP:** Next meeting takes place on 29th January 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.

**CHURCH ACCOUNTS:** A summary of the 2025 accounts for the parish is now available to view on the notice board in the church porch. The accounts reflect the considerable funds spent on the Church restoration project, which is now almost complete. A new storage facility will be erected shortly next to the outside toilets and some improvements are planned for the Sacristy.

**CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS:** The deadline for nominations for the Cathaoirleach Awards has been extended to 6th February. Do you know a person or community group who deserves to see their efforts recognised at Mayo County Council's civic awards? Details of the awards and nomination forms are available at [www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2025](http://www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2025)

**BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT** will recommence meetings on Wed. next 28th January at 1.30pm in Clare Court Communal Hall. The AGM will take place in the same venue on 11th February at 1.30pm and all members are urged to attend.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE** with Spiritual Director Fr. John Mockler from 29th July to 5th August, including return flights from Dublin to Mostar, transfers and half-board accommodation. Book before 30th January to avail of discount. For details, call Nicola on 087 9622800.

**ST. BRIGID'S EVE CELEBRATION:** Country & Irish concert & dancing featuring Mark Finn & local talent in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Saturday 31st January. Free admission, donations to the local St. Vincent de Paul. Refreshments served and all welcome.