

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.  
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**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**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** *Isaiah 58: 7-10*  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;

call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps. 111: 4 - 9*

**R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright or Alleluia!**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. [R]
2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. [R]
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. [R]

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

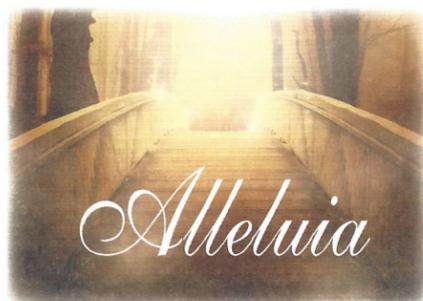
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL** *Matthew 5:13 - 16*  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

**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, 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.**



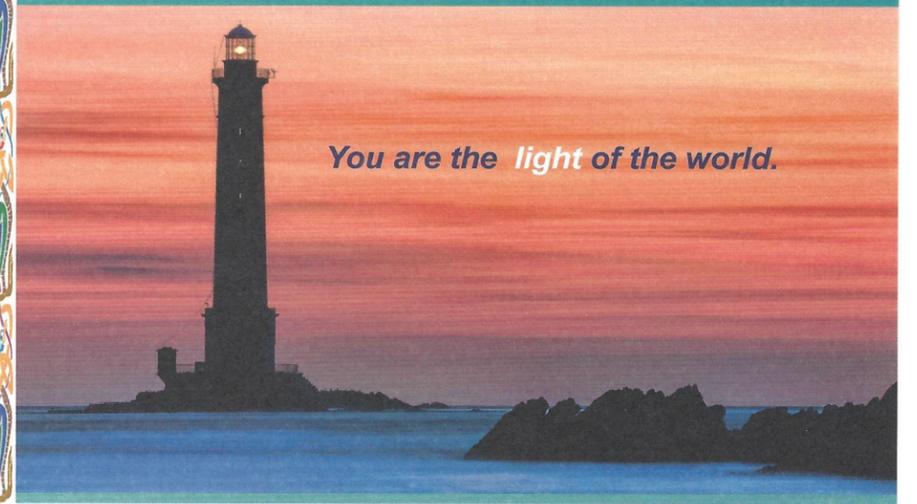
**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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.

focus on sunday

*International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking*

The followers of Jesus are the "light of the world" if they are seen to care for the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless. When such care is shown then the light of Christ is seen in our world.



You are the light of the world.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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.*  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**THE SIGN OF PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

**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**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.**  
**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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.



'Pass the salt please' – how often we say that. While not a food, it is an essential ingredient of our food.

'Make sure the lights are off' – we heard so often at home growing up, before we left lights on like we do

now! Jesus talks of 'spiritual light.' 'The light shines in the darkness but darkness cannot overcome it.

Jesus uses these ordinary things of life to talk of the depth of his message. The gospel must be linked to our life.

The Eucharist needs salt --- the salt of our lives, that we live out the gospel. Without our working with Jesus, the salt is missing, and the lights are out! The Eucharist we celebrate must also be linked to our life.

We all have a bit of salt and a bit of light that gives flavour to the gospel as we bring the gospel in our own way in a life of truth, love, compassion, work for justice. And we shine our own light. This little light of mine... I have salt and a light that none other has, of generosity, care, sensitivity, prayer. If we feed, shelter, clothe and help our neighbour, we are 'the light that rises in the darkness'.

Maybe this week Recall when you were the light for others, in whatever way you have cared for others over this time. Many are helped in ways only you can help with your cluster of gifts and talents. As you sprinkle salt and turn on a light, make a silent prayer for those who may need your prayers!

**Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)**

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked talking about "Light." God is full of light. We light a candle to pray. At the candle shrine there was a Jesus Story about a man, who was robbed and hurt. Two men passed by. A third man stopped, helped to lift up the man, and bandage his wounds. God is full of kindness for everyone. God's light is in our hearts to help others at home, at work, in our travelling.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th FEBRUARY 2026

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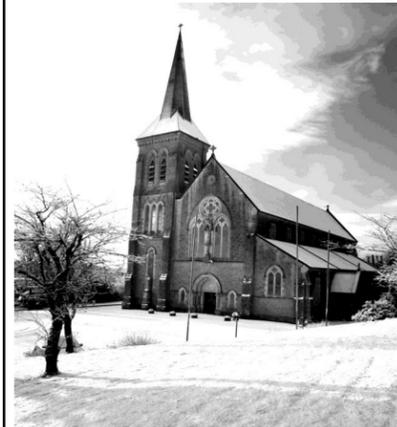
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Began: 094-9313937



### MASSSES:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

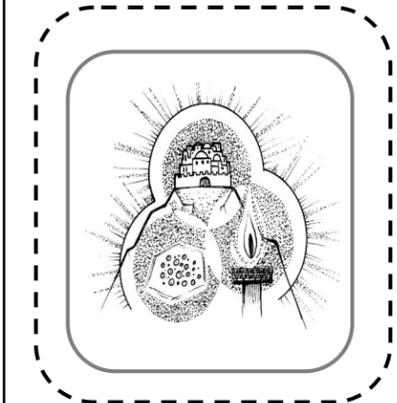
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### 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 10th-14th FEBRUARY 2026

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

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Kathleen & William Smyth, Clare St.

John A. Murphy & decd.; St. John's, Lecarrow

Paddy McDonagh, Cloonfad

William & Mary Kelly, Began

Tom Fitzmaurice & decd. Tullaghaune

Thomas Mitchell & decd. Irishtown & Pat Neary, Manchester

John & Mary Morley, Clagnagh

Tom & Margaret Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna

Mary & Johnny Higgins, Devlis; decd. of the Jordan family, Lower Aghamore &

Higgins family, Ballyheane

Breda Kennedy, Gurteenmore & Dublin

Patrick & Margaret Phillips & decd. of Phillips family, Main St.

### SUNDAY 15th FEB.- FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Milo Henry, Upper Main St.

9th-15th FEB.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Marie Brennan, Irene Healy
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Marion Regan
Saturday 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Kevin Henry	Bernie Quinn, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett, Breege Halpin

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)

The 10am Mass on Sundays 8th & 15th February will also be broadcast on Midwest Radio 96.1FM

**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, but will not incur any additional cost for you.

### Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Bridie Martin née Moran, Yonkers, New York & formerly Bracklaghboy—  
sister of John Moran, Bracklaghboy

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at the 10am Mass next Sunday 15th February. Children aged 4 to 8 are invited into the Sacristy during Mass and will learn about St. Valentine.

**"LIGHT THE FIRE"** prayer meeting takes place this Tuesday 10th February at 7pm in St. Joseph's Chapel at the HUB, Knock Shrine. Everyone welcome.

**"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)

**LENTEN MISSION:** Athenry Parish will hold a Lenten Mission from Monday 23rd to Wed. 25th February in the Church of the Assumption, Athenry from 7pm to 9.30 each evening on the theme "Keeping Hope Alive". Includes Mass, confessions, reflections, adoration, music, anointing of the sick and prayer for healing. All welcome. More details on [www.athenryparish.ie](http://www.athenryparish.ie)

**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](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

**LAETARE VIGIL:** Join lay women of all ages, married and single, to unite in a day of prayer with Sisters & Nuns from over a dozen religious orders at the Holy Family Mission, Glencomeragh House, Kilsheelan, Tipperary on Saturday 14th March. Spaces limited. Register on Eventbrite.

### Offertory Collection

1st Feb 2026

€2,225

**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. For details, call Nicola on 087 9622800.

**BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT:** The group's AGM will take place this Wednesday 11th February at 1.30pm in Clare County Community Room. This is an important meeting as several of the committee officers are retiring after many years of dedicated service, and volunteer replacements are urgently needed to ensure the group continues to function. If you are retired with a few hours to spare every two weeks, please come along on 11th Feb. to join the group, meet other retirees and join our Wednesday activities.

**PICKING UP MY PEN: Finding God in Writing:** A 2-day retreat at Knock Shrine on 21st & 22nd February with Sr. Moira McDowell and Deirdre Rowe. No previous experience of writing or journalling is needed, just a willingness to pick up a pen and be open to what happens next. For details, contact Nicola on 094 9388100 or email [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

**BALLYHAUNIS AUTISM FRIENDLY TOWN:** The official launch, in association with AsIAm, will take place in the Community Hall, Ballyhaunis on Wednesday 25th February at 7pm. Through this project, the aim is to make our town more inclusive for people with autism through community training, sensory-friendly events, resources & support. Come along to learn about this exciting initiative. Admission free, but please register on Eventbrite.com

**WORLD DAY OF THE SICK 2026** takes place on Wednesday next 11th February. For the 34th World Day of the Sick, Pope Leo has chosen the theme "The compassion of the Samaritan: loving by bearing the pain of the other", based on the Gospel story of the Samaritan who reached out in love by caring for the victim of a robbery. This is an opportunity for prayer & reflection for all of us who are called to recognise the face of Christ in the sick & vulnerable, and to pray also for their families and those who care for them.

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

**VOCATIONS MONSTRANCE:** This week at Knock Shrine, during their annual Spring retreat, the Bishops of Ireland formally launched a new monstrance, which was blessed by Pope Leo, and will be used to gather the faithful for Eucharistic Adoration for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The Vocations Monstrance will be brought to dioceses, parishes, schools and seminaries across the island of Ireland, providing opportunities for Eucharistic Adoration and focused prayer for vocations.

### 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.

**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 at 094-9375320.

**BALLYHAUNIS PARENT, BABY & TODDLER GROUP** meets every Wednesday during school term from 10am to 12pm in the Community Hall. €5 per family, includes tea/coffee & snacks.

**MARIAN SHRINES OF ITALY** with Marian Pilgrimages from 19th to 26th May. Return flights from Knock to Bergamo and 7 nights hotel accommodation. Full itinerary available at [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie) or call Christine Horkan on 087 9723641.

**DRAMA:** The Oranmore-based Bualadh Bos drama group will stage their play "From Under the Bed" by Seamus O'Rourke in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Saturday 14th February at 8.30pm. Tickets €15 available online at Ticket Tailor or contact [ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

**COLLECTION FOR UGANDA:** If you have unwanted items of clothing, shoes, reading glasses, face masks, disposable gloves, schoolbags, pens, pencils etc, please contact Patricia Plunkett at 087 7573737. The items will be collected and sent to people in need in Uganda.

**GAMES EVENING:** All welcome to our next Games Evening next Sunday 15th February from 4pm to 6pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Board games e.g. draughts, backgammon, chess, ludo and cards. Beginners and experienced players welcome. Free admission, refreshments served.