

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
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, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.'

They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, or Alleluia!

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]
- You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]
- Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord; I know my own sheep
and my own know me. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

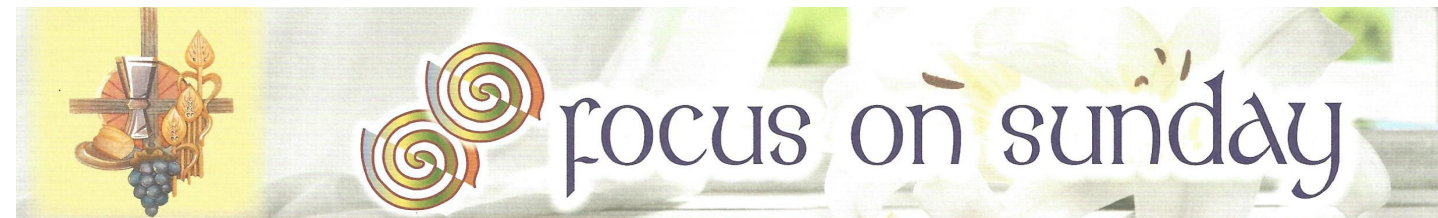
**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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 who 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, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

**The Good Shepherd has risen,
who laid down his life for his sheep
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

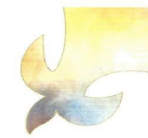
Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

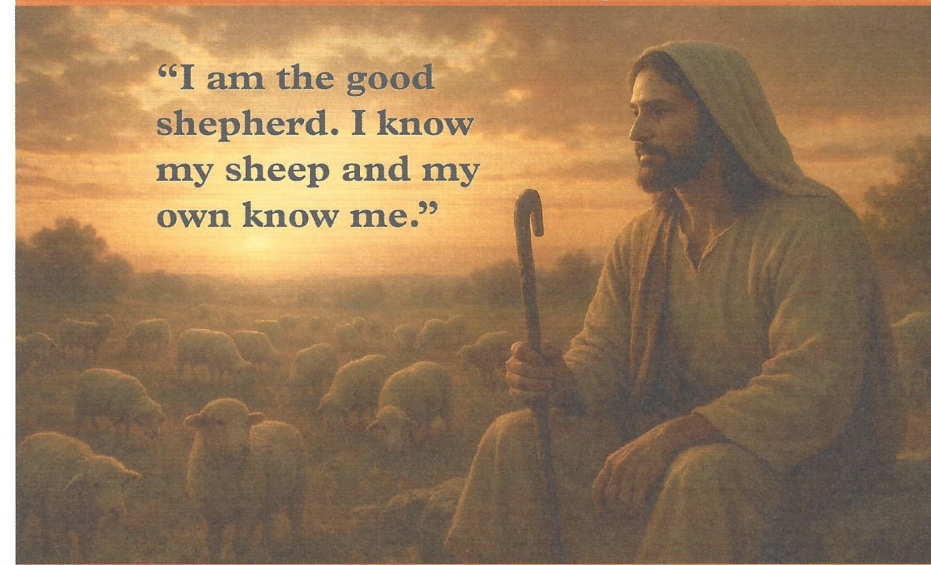
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

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.



We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious. Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may follow the Lord in this way.



"I am the good shepherd. I know my sheep and my own know me."



Listen, Discern, Live
In his talks on vocations Pope Francis highlighted three points of vocation in our Christian life.

In listening to the world, as in the cries of the poor, in the hopes for a better world, and other concerns, we get a sense of the world today. In listening to the Scriptures, especially the words of Jesus, we get a sense of how world and faith interact and can dialogue with each others. In listening to others who have taken into their lives the call of Jesus, our own call is strengthened.

What we hear from the Church, the world, and from others brings us to discernment. We may for example be in touch with people who have different ideas on spreading the gospel. We need to discern the good and maybe the not-so-good in these ideas and bring what we have 'heard' from the Lord to bear on our decisions.

We live the gospel – we put into practice what we have heard and discerned. Our faith community – in a parish, school, religious community, in what we read and tune into on social media can help us discern how to live.

We are helped by the example of family, friends, community, and the many others who help us live the gospel. I write this the day Sr Stan, the founder of Focus Ireland, died – a great woman who influenced in such a gentle way so many of us – a true guide in faith and Christian love.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares specially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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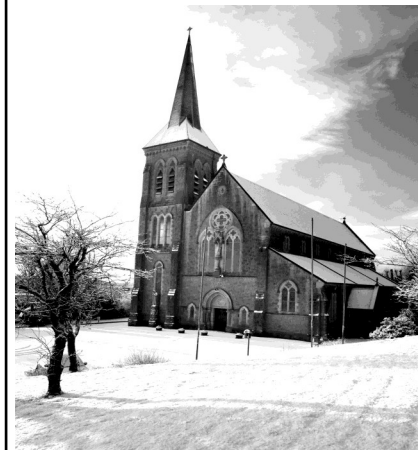
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 28th APRIL– 2nd MAY 2026

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

Séan, Luke, May & Gerry Greally, Birmingham & Drimbane

Della Finn, Drimbane & Aghamore

Decd. members of the Winston family, Carrick, Ballinlough

Declan Byrne, Gurteen

Paddy, Mary & Michael Diskin, Killinaugher

John Keane, USA & Knox St. & decd. of the Keane family

Joe & Stephen Waldron & decd. Knox St.

Rosana Costa & Laercio Costa, Brazil

Billy Rochford, Knock Road

Michael Cameron, Knockroe

27 APRIL–3 MAY	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, Mary Sykes
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Marie Jordan	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne
MASS SERVERS FOR MAY		
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	
COLLECTORS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Kieran Connolly, Gabrielle Lyons, Peter McCafferty, Ann Curley	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Eddie Mooney, Bernie Quinn	

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

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Kevin Durkin, Classaghroe;

Greg Caulfield, Carrowkeel & formerly Surrey, U.K.

Bridie Mannix née Curran, Dublin-sister of the late William Curran, Doctor's Road;

Declan Grant, New York- nephew of Hugh Rudden, Doctor's Road.

ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY will be installed as the Bishop of Killala this Sunday 26th April. The Installation Mass takes place in St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina at 3pm. The appointment was announced by Pope Leo in February, and means Archbishop Francis will minister simultaneously as Archbishop of Tuam and as Bishop of Killala. We wish him well in his new dual role.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place next Sunday 3rd May, led by Archbishop Francis. Commencing with the Sacrament of Anointing at 2.30pm with Concelebrated Mass at 3pm in the Basilica. It marks the official start of the Knock Pilgrimage Season, and this is a special year as it marks the 50th anniversary of the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. A special celebration of the 50th anniversary will take place on Saturday 18th July, with details to follow at a later date.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: The 10am Mass on Mondays in St. Patrick's Church is offered each week as a "Missa Pro Populo"- Mass for the People. This Mass is offered for the well-being of the people of the parish. Anniversary Masses for the deceased are offered from Tuesday to Saturday each week, including the 10am Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, and the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

PPC MEETING: The monthly meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday 27th April at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes for the Priests' Easter Collection. Your ongoing support is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office.

"**LIGHT THE FIRE**" prayer meeting takes place this Tuesday 28th April at 7pm in St. Joseph's Chapel at the Hub, Knock Shrine. Everyone welcome.

MONTHLY MINI VIGIL in Knock Parish Church next Friday 1st May from 9pm to midnight.

TRIP TO MEDJUGORJE: Fully escorted trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages from 21st to 28th October. Direct flights from Ireland West Airport Knock to Mostar with spiritual director Fr. Séan Sheehy. Contact Sharon on 086 0523014.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS at Knock Shrine on the last Sunday of every month at 12.30pm in the Prayer Centre. A special invitation is extended to any person with sensory issues. The Liturgy of the Mass does not include music, lighting is subdued and pictorial resources are available for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy e.g. noise-cancelling headphones, fidgets etc. All welcome.

LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE SEASON starts in May. Three-day pilgrimages are available from 29th May to 15th August. A series of one-day retreats will also take place in May, August & September, with Quiet Days on 22nd May & 11th September. For more details, contact 071 9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org

PILGRIMAGE TO LISIEUX from 18th to 21st September 2026. Flights ex-Dublin, hotel, full religious programme. For details, call 057 9355050 or email info@myriam.ie

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS takes place in Knock Basilica next Saturday 2nd May at 11am. Whether you're becoming a parent for the first time, or awaiting the arrival of a new member to your family, this blessing is a special time to pray for yourself & your family. All welcome.

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: From 5th August for 5 nights. Flight departing from Shannon Airport (with bus transfer from Knock Airport) and 5 nights full board in Hotel Agena. Cost €925 per person. For details, call Fr. Joe Delaney on 087 6660408

Offertory Collection
Sunday 12th April 2026
€2,165

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Ballyhaunis will host its sixth DIL Walk on Saturday morning 9th May at 4.15am. Come along and join us for the most important sunrise of the year, and help raise funds for suicide awareness. Walk starts from Ballyhaunis Community School gym on the Knock Road. Register online at www.darknessintolight.ie

KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:

Applications are now open for the upcoming Knock Youth Leadership Programme beginning in September. The closing date for applications is 22nd May. This two-year, part-time programme is designed for people who are interested in, or currently involved in youth ministry in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to journey with young people and support them as they explore their faith in a safe & welcoming environment. Delivered in partnership with Youth Link & Redemptorist Youth Ministry, the programme is accredited by Queen's University Belfast. For more details, call 094 9375321 or email youthministry@knockshrine.ie

ALONE is currently looking for new volunteers in Mayo and Roscommon. Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally for 1-2 hours per week? Volunteers are needed to visit an older person, or provide telephone support. Full training & support provided. If you're interested and are over 18, visit www.alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, call 0818 222024.

ST. PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, MAYNOOTH provides postgraduate Theology, Philosophy & ministries programmes suitable for those in parish roles. Applications for some programmes close from 30th April. Visit www.sppu.ie for more details.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: The AGM of the Annagh Magazine Society takes place in the Friary House on Tuesday 28th April at 8.30pm. New members welcome.

TUAM CANCER CARE will hold a fundraising tea party this Tuesday 28th April from 11am to 2pm in our centre in Tuam. All welcome. If you would like to host a Tea Party for Tuam Cancer Care during the month of May, please contact Eimear at 093 28522 or email fundraising@tuamcancercare.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY GARDEN is open to new members. If you enjoy growing flowers or vegetables, our communal growing space at the Friary grounds has something for everyone. Come along for tea & a chat, beginners welcome. Located behind the Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre.

