

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

GREETING

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

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God

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

O God, who by the mystery of today's great feast sanctify your whole Church in every people and nation, pour out, we pray, the gifts of the Holy Spirit across the face of the earth and, with the divine grace that was at work when the Gospel was first proclaimed, fill now once more the hearts of believers. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2: 1 - 11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven,

and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34

R. Send forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth. or Alleluia.

- Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R)
- You take back your, spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit,
they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. (R)
- May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 12:3-7.12-13

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

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

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Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE

Holy Spirit, Lord of light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure;
Come, thou light of all that live!



Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet;
Pleasant coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay;
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour thy dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die;
Give us life with thee on high;
Give us joys that never end.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

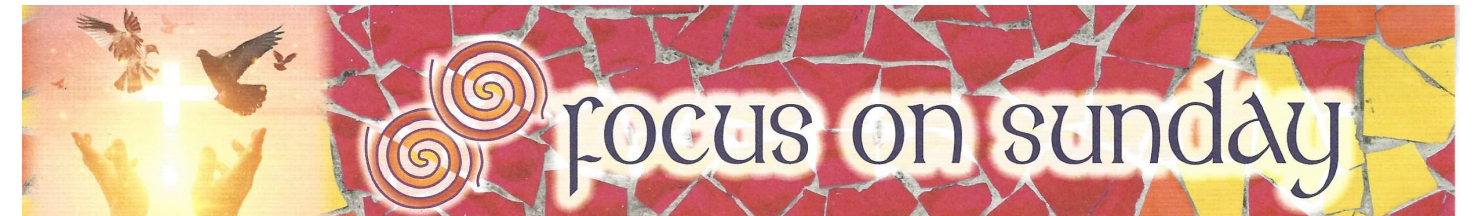
'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

**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



The coming of the Holy Spirit is a gift of God for all peoples: the sign of his presence is in the reconciliation, justice and peace we create among people. The feast today is both a gift and a call: a call to be the ones who make the Holy Spirit present among God's people everywhere.

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, as promised by your Son, the Holy Spirit may reveal to us more abundantly the hidden mystery of this sacrifice and graciously lead us into all truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who bestow heavenly gifts upon your Church, safeguard, we pray, the grace you have given, that the gift of the Holy Spirit poured out upon her may retain all its force and that this spiritual food may gain her abundance of eternal redemption. 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. Go in peace, alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Pentecost was the moment which changed the lives of Jesus' disciples for ever. They were filled with the Holy Spirit, the experience of God's love. They realised that nothing, henceforth, can separate them from God's love.

Even when they were being arrested, imprisoned, threatened with death, they recalled the words of St. Paul: "I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell - can separate us from God's love. Indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." Amidst the ups and downs of our own lives, the disappointments, the tragedies, the times our lives seem to be falling apart, the times we are tempted to believe that God has abandoned us, the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, given to us in its fullness at our Confirmation, is God's promise that His love is still accompanying us. Everything in this world is constantly changing, the weather, the seasons, even our moods, but the only thing that never changes is the love that God has for us. Not even our sins can diminish God's love for us in the slightest way. God's love does not shield us from difficulties in life, but our belief in that love residing within us promises to shield us from despair, or anger, or the temptation to give up. In prayer, we deepen our faith in that love. There is nothing more practical than prayer.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 26th-30th MAY 2026

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

Tom Hopkins, Upper Main St.

Dora & Tom Forde, The Square

John & Sighle Forde, Clare St. & The Square

Jim Culliney, Johnstown & decd. of the Culliney family

Jackie Walsh & decd. of the Walsh & Fitzmaurice families

Kathleen Cogan, Sligo

Damien Webb, Devlis

Val & Anne Byrne, Main St.

Andrew & Philomena Ryan & decd. of the Ryan & Darcy families

Decd. members of the Grogan & Garvey families & Conor Dempsey

Séan Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel

Patricia Naughton, Leeds & Cave

Jack & Bridget Mary Halpin, Main St.

Maria & John Evangelidou, London

Tom & Lily Moran, Main St.

Jackie, Rita, Donal & Brendan Tolan, Knockanara

Dan Finn & decd. Erriff

SUNDAY 31st MAY – FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary Elwood, Devlis & Gorthaganny

25th-31st MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
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	Alex Eaton	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Dympna Grealley

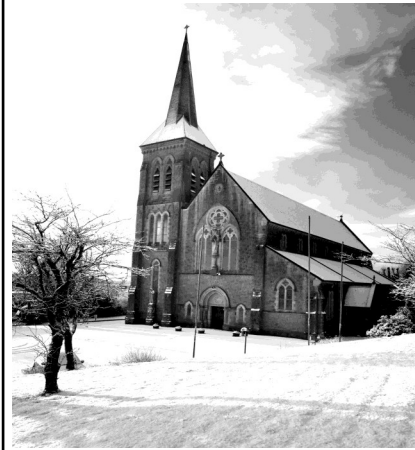
All weekday and weekend Masses continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on our website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the church porch at a cost of €3. Please place money in the candelabra coinbox.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Ricardas Belickas, Aisling Drive & Lithuania;

Frances Hopkins, Galway & formerly Larganboy



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

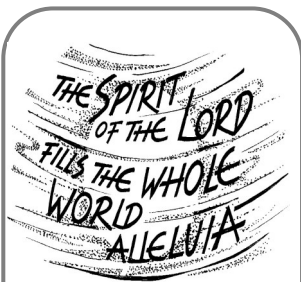
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



Congratulations to the 23 children from Scoil Íosa N.S. who received their First Holy Communion last weekend:

Faith Connery

David Daly

Samuel Gibala

Rory Jordan

Amelia Kelly

Anna Kinsella

Milana Kowalska

Ariyas Kujalis

Daniele Kuyalyte

Maria Eduarda Santos Lima

Matthew Maughan

Charlie McDonagh

Eloa Da Silva Nunes

Anna Clara Garcia Pereira

Luka Pasukeviciute

Martin Pihik

Isabelly Medina Sandrini

Samuel Scaszni

Arthur Henrique de Souza Silva

Kristian Strempek

Lenka Vichtova

Lorcan Waldron

Davi Silva Xavier

Thanks to the teachers who prepared the children for Holy Communion, as well as their parents & families. Thanks also to the school choir, those who prepared the Church & grounds and the PPC members who provided refreshments in the Community Hall.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

takes place at the 10am Mass this Sunday 24th May. As May is the month of Our Lady, the focus will be on stories of Mary, along with prayers and songs. All children aged from 4 to 8 are welcome into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their families after Communion.

CEMETERY COLLECTION:

The annual Cemetery Collection takes place at Masses this weekend. The envelopes are included in the yearly box of Church envelopes, and spare envelopes are available in the church porch. Please return them at weekend Masses or to the parish office. All donations received go directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of the local cemetery, ensuring it is a fitting resting place for all our deceased.

EXAM MASS

for all Leaving & Junior Cert students takes place in Knock Basilica on Monday 1st June at 7.30pm. Students and their families are invited to attend this special evening or prayer & reflection before the start of the exams.

ROSARY RALLY:

The 41st All Ireland Rosary Rally will take place at Knock Shrine on Saturday 6th June, with a focus on Peace in the World and Renewal of Faith in Ireland. Over 10,000 pilgrims are expected to attend, with a number of speakers led by Archbishop Eamon Martin. See allirelandrosaryrally.com

SUNFLOWER DAYS:

Mayo/ Roscommon Hospice would appreciate your assistance in helping them raise funds on National Sunflower Days for Hospice on Friday & Saturday 12th & 13th June. Sunflowers will be on sale in local stores, and if you can volunteer for a couple of hours, please contact 094 9388666 or email info@hospice.ie

LATIN MASS:

The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 14th June at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

GENEALOGY GROUP:

Next meeting is on Tuesday 26th May at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. The group is working on a research project on rural shops in the Ballyhaunis area, and anyone with an interest in or information on local rural shops is welcome. Email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com for further information.

DEMENTIA SURVEY:

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland is seeking to understand what life with dementia is like in Ireland today. People living with dementia, family carers and supporters are invited to take part in a new Experience of Dementia in Ireland survey. By sharing your experience, we can build a clearer picture of what is working well and where change is needed. Your voice matters, and your insights will shape future services, advocacy, research and policy in Ireland. For more information, or to take part in the survey, visit www.alzheimer.ie or call the helpline on 1800 341 341.

UPDATE FROM THE IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY:

As the Church in Ireland prepares for our national assembly in October, the National Synodal Pathway has reached an important moment in its journey. Currently, the working groups are meeting periodically to explore more deeply the seven priorities identified by the Catholic Church in discerning what God is asking of the Church in Ireland today. To learn more about this journey, visit www.theway.ie or scan the QR code opposite.



BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL

runs over the June Bank Holiday weekend. Starting with Crazy Bingo in the Rugby Club on Wed. 27th May, with Pub Quiz night on Thursday 28th. A Festival Family Night takes place in the Community Hall from 5pm on Friday 29th May – see below for more details. On Saturday 30th, the Mayo Motor Meets Show takes place at Knox St. & Main St. car parks. Kiddies Fun Day is on Sunday 31st May on Main Street from 12.30 to 4pm, followed that evening by the Ballyhaunis Music Festival from 6pm to midnight. A new feature this year is Paint & Sip at Delaney's Pub on Sunday 31st from 7pm to 9pm. Book at ruralirishartists@gmail.com

Offertory Collection

Sunday 17th May 2026

€1,610

FESTIVAL COMMUNITY EVENING:

In conjunction with the Summer Festival, Ballyhaunis Community Council is hosting a variety of events on Friday 29th May in the Community Hall:

Children's Open Mic Music Party: From 5pm to 7pm, a fun music event for children to perform at. Free admission, pizza & treats. Children must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian.

Genealogy Clinic: From 5pm to 7pm with the Mayo Genealogy Group and Ballyhaunis Genealogy & Heritage Group. Drop in to find out more about researching your family history.

Cupán Tae agus Gaeilge: From 5pm to 6pm, drop in for a cuppa and a chat "as Gaeilge".

Festival Line Dancing Hoedown: From 8pm to 11pm.

Admission €12 includes refreshments & raffle. All welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY GARDEN:

To celebrate Biodiversity Week, joins us on Saturday 30th May from 10am to 1pm for a "Gardening for Nature" workshop, and from 1pm to 3pm for a Garden Meet Up at the Community Garden in the Friary Grounds F35 PF60.

CRAFT, CUISINE GROUP

gathering at the Family Resource Centre, Ballyhaunis on Monday 25th May from 5pm to 6.30pm. Hand craft demonstration. Under 18's must be supervised by an adult.