

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.



May almighty God have mercy on us.....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

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal
Mystery within us, that those you were
pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear
much fruit and come to the joys of life
eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
About this time, when the number of
disciples was increasing, the Hellenists
made a complaint against the Hebrews:
in the daily distribution their own widows
were being overlooked. So the Twelve
called a full meeting of the disciples and
addressed them, 'It would not be right for
us to neglect the word of God so as to
give out food; you, brothers, must select
from among yourselves seven men of
good reputation, filled with the Spirit and
with wisdom; we will hand over this duty
to them, and continue to devote ourselves
to prayer and to the service of the word.'
The whole assembly approved of this
proposal and elected Stephen, a man full
of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together
with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,

Parnenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a
convert to Judaism. They presented
these to the apostles, who prayed and
laid their hands on them.
The word of the Lord continued to spread:
the number of disciples in Jerusalem was
greatly increased, and a large group of
priests made their submission to the faith.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

**R. May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.
or Alleluia!**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **[R]**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **[R]**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **[R]**

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4 - 9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by
men but chosen by God and precious to
him; set yourselves close to him so that
you too, the holy priesthood that offers
the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ
has made acceptable to God, may be
living stones making a spiritual house. As
scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a
precious cornerstone that I have chosen
and the man who rests his trust on it will
not be disappointed. That means that for
you who are believers, it is precious; but
for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the
builders has proved to be the keystone,
a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring
men down. They stumble over it because
they do not believe in the word; it was the
fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal
priesthood, a consecrated nation, a
people set apart to sing the praises of
God who called you out of the darkness
into his wonderful light.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.'** Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:
'Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God still, and trust in me.
There are many rooms in my Father's
house; if there were not, I should have
told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for
you, and after I have gone and prepared
you a place, I shall return to take you with
me; so that where I am you may be too.
You know the way to the place where I
am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know
where you are going, so how can we
know the way?' Jesus said:
'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except
through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and
have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father
and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I
been with you all this time, Philip,' said
Jesus to him 'and you still do not know
me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the
Father, so how can you say, "Let us see
the Father"? Do you not believe that I am
in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as
from myself: it is the Father, living in me,
who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I
am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work,
if for no other reason.' I tell you most
solemnly, whoever believes in me will
perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

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

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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.

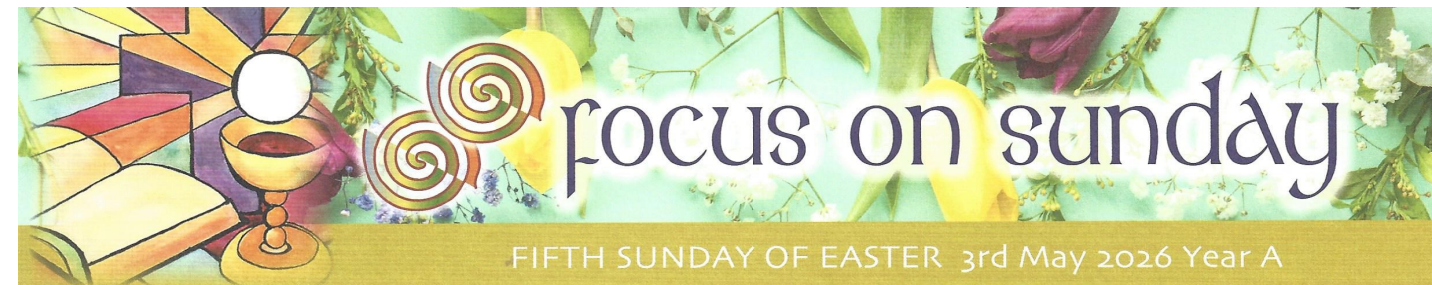
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

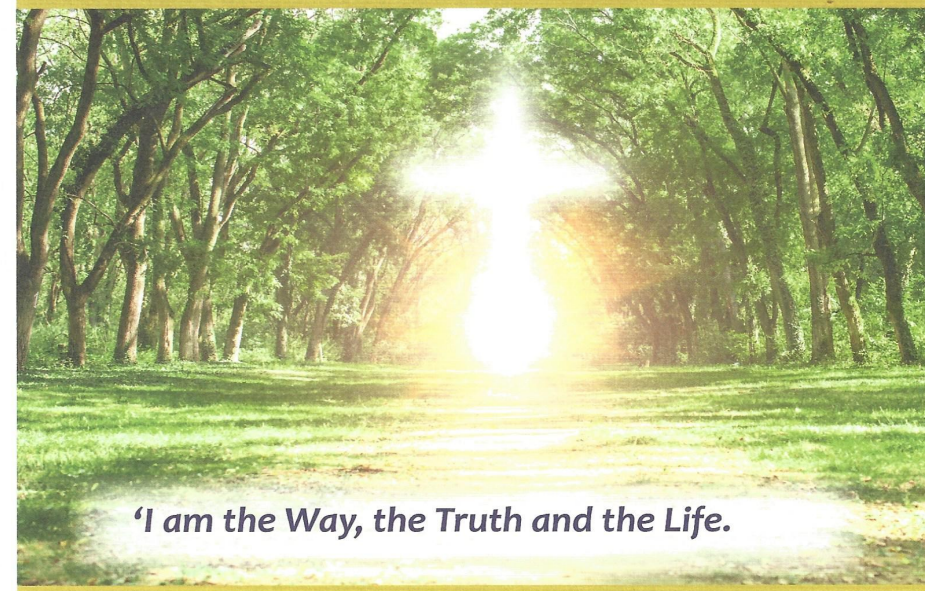
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.

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.



The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour,
but a Person whose love we receive and whose life we imitate.
Jesus is in this manner, "the way, the truth and the life."



'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.'

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

O God, who by the wonderful exchange
effected in this sacrifice have made us
partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray, that, as we have come to
know your truth, we may make it ours by a
worthy way of life. 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.
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

**I am the true vine and you are the
branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him,
bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people,
we pray, O Lord, and lead those you
have imbued with heavenly mysteries to
pass from former ways to newness of life.
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, **Thanks be to God.**



"I am the Way"
Philip and Thomas are desperate to understand more fully where
Jesus is going, how they can get there, what God is like and
how can they see God? Big questions which show their deep

desire to know God more intimately. Jesus urges the disciples to embrace the
journey, the Way that lies ahead of them rather than focusing on the destination.
For it is only in the light of the events that will happen to them (and us) that any
period of time can be fully understood. In the past, the phrase "I am the Way, the
Truth and the Life..." may have been used to exclude those who did not consider
themselves followers of Christ, but this is a distortion of a beautiful text. Jesus is
the Way because he models the Way for us and we are invited to follow.

We read throughout the Scriptures that people experienced God in different ways.
For Moses it was in a burning bush or a cloud; for Elijah it was a whisper; for
Solomon and Joseph it was in a dream. Philip wants to see God and the response
he receives is that God can be experienced in the here and now, for to know
Jesus is to know God (Jn 1: 1-18). Jesus, through his life, shows us what the
presence of God in this world looks like and, at the same time, what it means to
be fully human. Through him we see that God is love, inclusive, embracing of all
people, compassionate. Jesus invites us to contemplate this mystery of God's
presence in him, "I am in the Father and the Father is in me..." We are invited to
become more aware of this truth today, that the sacred is present in the material
universe, in human form, in created matter, and through Jesus we can come to
see this more deeply.

*"The Eternal Christ is thus revealed as the map, the blueprint, the promise, the
pledge, the guarantee of what is happening everywhere, all summed up in one
person so we can see it in personified form"* - Richard Rohr

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 5th-9th MAY 2026

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

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree

Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree & Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Gerry Cribben & decd. Tooraree

Patrick & Helen Gilmore, Johnstown

Madge, John & decd. of the Neary family, Knox St & Forde family, The Square

Fr. JJ Cribbin, P.P. Milltown & formerly Main St.

Tony, Maria & Tom Cribbin, Main St.

Brian & Mary Hunt, Derrynacong & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny families

Thomas, Delia, Jack & Bill Walsh & decd. of the Walsh & Cunnane families

James Patrick Cruise, Knockbrack

John & Peggy Cruise, Knockbrack & decd. of the Cruise & Dyer families

Kathleen & Vincent Caulfield, Upper Main St.

Frances & Brod Moran, Main St.

Mary Browne & decd. Coolnafarna

Tom Moran, Hazelhill & Maspeth, New York

Tom, Celia, Dom & John Murphy, Brackloon North

Ann & Patrick Keane & decd. Knox St.

Lawrence & Margaret Morris & decd. of Morris family, Brackloon

Michael & Brigid Ryan & decd. Derrylahan

Kate & Joe Dunleavy, Derrylahan

John, Mike & Paddy Ryan & decd. of Ryan family, Lecarrow, Gorthaganny

Patrick & Mary Ann Heneghan, Carrowreagh

Charlie & Agnes O'Reilly, Holywell & decd. of the O'Reilly family, Tulrahan

Teresa & Patrick Flanagan, Brenamore, Loughglynn

John, Maureen & Bob Ryan, Derrylahan

4th-10th MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Mary Freeley, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Lorraine Waldron, Joe Byrne, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne
COLLECTORS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Kieran Connolly, Gabrielle Lyons, P. McCafferty, Ann Curley	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Eddie Mooney, Bernie Quinn	



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

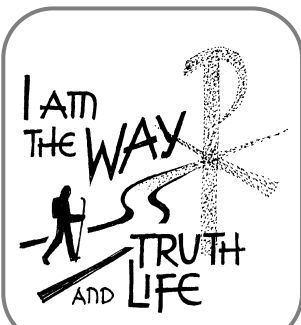
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



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

MASS SERVERS FOR MAY:

Saturday 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.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place this Sunday 3rd May, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy. Rosary at 2pm, Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and Concelebrated Mass at 3pm in the Basilica followed by Benediction and Rosary Procession. 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.

FAMILY CENTRE: The Church collection next weekend 9th/10th May is the annual collection for the Family Centre which serves people across Co. Mayo through offices in Claremorris, Swinford, Castlebar, Ballina & Achill. Services focus on supporting families, individuals and couples with counselling, bereavement support and a wide range of personal development and wellbeing programmes. As demand continues to grow, we rely on the support of local communities to help people across Mayo who are experiencing real difficulty and distress. For more details, call 094 90 25900 or visit www.thefamilycentre.com

PILGRIMAGE FOR PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: People from all over Ireland are invited to Knock Shrine on Saturday 16th May for a special pilgrimage to pray for peace in the Holy Land. Organised by the papal charity Aid to the Church in Need, the pilgrimage will be led by Bishop William Shomali from Jerusalem. Bishop Shomali will offer a message of hope at 11am, and will celebrate Mass at 3pm. All welcome. For more information, visit www.acnireland.org

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Ballyhaunis will host the Darkness Into Light Walk on Saturday morning 9th May at 4.15am. Walk starts & finishes at Ballyhaunis Community School gym on the Knock Road. Register online at www.darknessintolight.ie The organising committee is asking home and business owners in the town, especially along the route, to please decorate your premises in sunshine yellow to show solidarity & support for those walking, and for those struggling.

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. The programme is accredited by Queen's University Belfast. For details, call 094 9375321 / email youthministry@knockshrine.ie

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Gerry Walsh, Tullaghaun & formerly Kiltimagh;
Janet Davison, Clevedon, U.K.-aunt of Julia Kelly,
Derrynacong

HOSPICE SEEKS NEW VOLUNTEERS: Anyone interested in volunteering to help Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation is invited to join a volunteer celebration day on Friday 15th May in The McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris from 11am to 2pm. Please RSVP by 8th May to info@hospice.ie, text 087 7384310 or call 094 93 88666.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass takes place on Sunday 10th May at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

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

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.

COMMUNITY CHOIR: Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation is setting up an open community choir to sing, share and celebrate the work done by the hospice. Starting on Monday 11th May in The Friary, Ballyhaunis from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. No audition required. All ages welcome. For more information, email hospicechoir@icloud.com

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 Family Resource Centre.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 26th April 2026
€1,675

FRIARY CONCERT: Westport-based group CODA are back by popular demand on Saturday 23rd May in the historic Ballyhaunis Friary. The Abbey Male Choir will be the support act. Tickets now available on Eventbrite.ie

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. 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. A new feature this year is Paint & Sip at Delaney's Pub on Sunday 31st from 7pm to 9pm. Hosted by Rural Irish Artists, this is a beginner-friendly event led by a local artist. Spaces are limited. Book at ruralirishartists@gmail.com

GAEILGE FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS: Irish classes resume next Tuesday 5th May from 7 to 8pm in the Community Hall. Learn or improve your Irish language skills in a relaxed & friendly environment with múinteoir Colm. €25 for 5 classes. Refreshments served, all welcome.