

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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 RITE

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..... 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

O God, strength of those who hope in you graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus
From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.
Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves

have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 99:2-3,5

R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. [R]
2. Know that he, the Lord is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. [R]
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 5 :6-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord.
I know them and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 9-36-10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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,

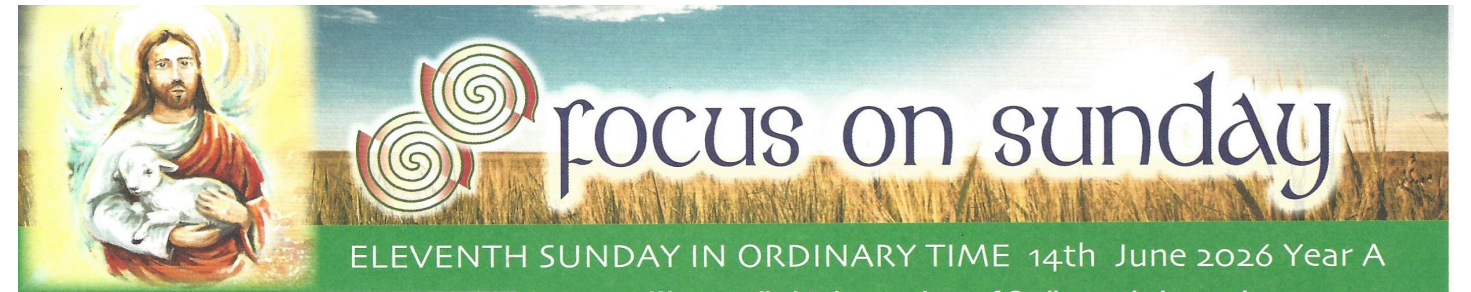
All bow for following three lines:

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.



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.



We are called to be members of God's own holy people. Today God is sending us out as witnesses for him.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. 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.

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

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion, O Lord, foreshadows the union of the faithful in you, so may it bring about unity in your Church. 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.**



Jesus was a practising Jew all his life. His last action was to celebrate the Passover meal (the Last Supper) according to the rituals and customs of Judaism. Jesus didn't come to tell us to worship God in a different way. He came to tell us to live together in a different way, like a family with God at its head. The Eucharist, where we commemorate the giving up of his life for us, is the model of our life together. We were to live with the same self-sacrificing love and care for each other, which Jesus showed during his life and revealed by his death. He came "not to abolish the Law but to fulfil it." The whole purpose of the Law was to show us how to love God and how to love our neighbour. Those who live in this radical way, Jesus said, are already living in the Kingdom of God. He gathered his disciples and sent them out to proclaim, by their acts of compassion, "curing the sick, raising the dead, driving out devils," that this Kingdom of God has arrived. Christians, down through the ages and in every part of the world, have been given the same task of proclaiming that the Kingdom of God has arrived. We fulfil that task by our acts of compassion and solidarity with those in need, and relieving the pain of others by turning away from our self-centeredness. Those in need are not just the objects of our compassion but the presence of God to us. In reaching out to them, we enter into the Kingdom of God.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus was sad when his cousin John was killed. He wanted to go to a quiet place, but the people followed Him, bringing the sick and lonely. In the evening his companions asked Him to send the people home, because they had no meal all day. Jesus said "No, give them something to eat yourselves". There was only a few loaves and two fish. Jesus blessed the food, and as it was handed out it got bigger and bigger. All had plenty to eat. Even when Jesus was sad, He put others first, and their hunger. He puts us first too. When we are lonely and sad He gives us The Food of Holy Communion, and we get the blessing, to help someone else, even when we are lonely and sad.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 16th-20th JUNE 2026

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

Thomas, Katie & Carmel Johnston, Knox St.

John Dillon, Ballindrehid

Anne Kilcourse, Station Rise

Joe Finn, Hazelhill

Tomás, Kathleen, Paddy Joe & Tommy Cribbin, Knockbrack & Aisling Drive

Mary Donnellan & decd. of the Donnellan family, Clare St.

Séan Durkan, Abbey St.

Ann & Michael McCormack, Ballindrehid

Eddie Thornton, Doctor's Road

James & Margaret Lyons & decd. Ballindrehid

Joe & Máire Burke, Doctor's Road

John Regan, Michael Nolan & decd. of the Regan & Nolan families

John & Dom Murphy & decd. of the Regan & Murphy families

Claire & Eamonn Phillips & decd. Main St.

Martin & Sarah Morrison & decd. Clare St.

Mary Doyle (née Freeley), Gurteen & Manchester

Br. Augustine Freeley, Gurteen & Dublin

SUNDAY 21st JUNE- FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Jimmy Cribbin, Johnstown

Columba Jordan, Annagh

15th-21st JUNE	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Marion Regan
Saturday 7.30pm	Orla Phillips	Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis
Sunday 10am	Mike Byrne	Mary Sykes, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao, 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

The 10am Mass on Sundays 14th & 21st June will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Kathleen Moran, Lavallyroe, Cloonfad- mother of Claire Kelly, Hazelhill;
Michael Nolan, Cloontumper, Began-nephew of the late John Regan, Devlis



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.



CORPUS CHRISTI: Thanks to all involved in organising our annual Corpus Christi procession last weekend from St. Patrick's Church to the Friary. A special word of thanks to the Parish Pastoral Council, and to those involved in traffic management, stewarding, sound system, Janapix photography, the volunteers who prepared the Friary and served refreshments, those who prepared altars outside their homes & businesses & the children who recently received their First Holy Communion and scattered petals along the route of the procession. Photos of the event are available to view on our parish website and Facebook page.

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday evening at 8.30pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall.

SUMMER COLLECTION: Envelopes for the Priests' Summer Collection are now available and we would be grateful if the distributors could collect them from the Sacristy after Masses this weekend. The envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the Sacristy or parish office and your support is much appreciated.

CHARITY APPEAL: Sr. Geraldine Henry of the Daughters of Charity will speak at next weekend's Masses in Ballyhaunis, to provide some information on their work in Africa. Daughters of Charity is an international community, with over 12,000 sisters currently living & working in some 90 countries throughout the world, including 21 African countries. Irish sisters are currently working in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Burkina Faso, providing health services, education, nutrition and empowerment programmes and social services. The charity is appealing for volunteers, donations and prayers, and Sr. Geraldine will give more details on her visit to our parish next weekend.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will take place next Saturday 20th June at Knock Shrine. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica, including Anointing of the Sick. Bishop Niall Coll will be the main celebrant. You are invited to attend the pilgrimage in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

BASILICA 50th ANNIVERSARY: A day of celebration will take place on Saturday 18th July, to mark the 50th anniversary of The Basilica of Our Lady, Knock. Guided tours of the Basilica are available on the day at 10am, 10.30 and 1pm. In St. John's Welcome Centre at 11.15am, a short film about the Basilica called "A Beacon of Hope" will be screened followed by "Faith & Foundations"- a conversation with Fr. Richard Gibbons, Rector of Knock Shrine. At 2.30pm, Anointing of the Sick takes place in the Basilica, followed at 3pm by Mass of Thanksgiving.

KNOCK SHRINE CREATIVE COMPETITION: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Basilica, young people aged 11-17 years from the Tuam & Killala Dioceses are invited to take part in a special creative competition, creating a 2D or 3D artwork inspired by the Basilica-from sketches and paintings to Lego, animation, clay, cake art and more. Individual and group entries are welcome. Closing date for entries is 30th June. Scan the QR code opposite, or email youthministry@knockshrine.ie for more details.



NATIONAL SYNODAL PATHWAY UPDATE: Preparations are continuing for the National Synodal Assembly which will take place in October. Working groups from around the country are reflecting on the key priorities identified through the synodal process, and helping to shape the next stage of the Church's journey in Ireland. To learn more, and view the latest video update from Fr. Declan Hurley, Chair of the National Synodal Pathway, and Patricia Carroll (member of the Synodal Pathway), please scan the QR code or follow the link: <https://theway.ie/the-irish-synodal-pathway-progress-and-purpose/>



POPE'S ENCYCLICAL: Pope Leo recently released his first encyclical "Magnifica Humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence". Copies are now available in the Sacristy at a reduced cost of €5.

LOUGH DERG 3-day pilgrimage from Friday 19th to Sunday 21st June. Bus departing from Renmore Church carpark, Galway at 7am. Other pick-up points can be arranged enroute. Call Anne for details on 086 8381633.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 7th June 2026
€1,810

CEMETERY MASS: The annual Cemetery Mass will take place on Sunday 5th July at 2pm in Ballyhaunis Cemetery.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Monthly meeting next Wednesday 17th June at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

CARDIAC SUPPORT: Are you recovering from a cardiac event? Join the Croí Mayo Cardiac Peer Support Group for heart recovery & support. Meeting in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Wednesday 17th June from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. A dietician will give a presentation on a heart-healthy diet. All welcome to come along and share experiences with others who understand.

FILM NIGHT in Ballyhaunis Community Hall this Monday 15th June. To mark Ireland's presidency of the EU starting in July, two films will be shown courtesy of the EU Parliament office in Dublin. At 6pm, "Sorda" from Spain (with English sub-titles) was winner of the 2026 Lux Audience Award, presented by the EU Parliament and at 8pm, "Christy", a new film from Cork that won several awards at the recent IFTAs and was shortlisted in the Lux Awards, will be screened. Admission is free and all are welcome.

CATHOLIC BUSINESSES & SERVICES CONFERENCE takes place next Saturday 20th June from 10am to 5pm at the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, open to businesses and customers. The event includes talks, presentations, stands and potential opportunities for new & emerging business ideas.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The monthly bike repair clinic takes place in the Community Hall next Saturday 20th June from 9.30am to 12 noon.

GAMES EVENING returns on Sunday next 21st June from 4pm to 6pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Fun for all ages with chess, backgammon, draughts etc. We have experienced players that can help beginners. All welcome. Free admission and refreshments are served.