

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. 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..... 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

Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jeremiah 20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side!" Denounce him! Let us denounce him! All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, 'Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!' But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,

confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

R. In your great love, answer me, O God.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R)
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 5:12-15
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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

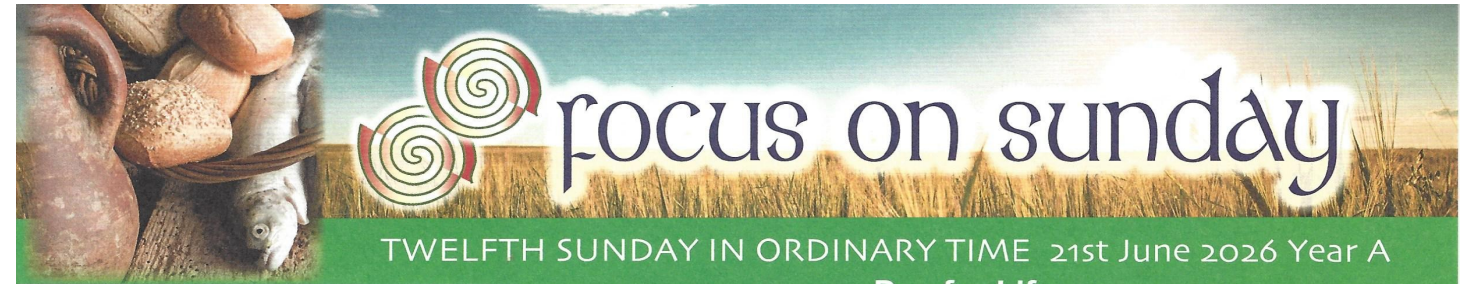
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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.

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.



TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 21st June 2026 Year A

Day for Life

God is always with us. He knows our every thought, word and deed. He loves us and constantly cares for us. He looks upon us and says, 'Do not be afraid.'

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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.....

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 eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son, we ask of your mercy, O Lord, that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of 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, Thanks be to God.



Be proud of Jesus! In the gospel today Jesus says not to be ashamed of him or the word of God.

We often say to someone, 'I was really proud of you'; other times we find ourselves standing up for an individual or groups of people who are being criticised. Jesus knows that in following him, we will find opposition, in what we might sometimes say or in our way of life. A person, young or old, maybe even yourself may find themselves the only one in a family group who is a regular Massgoer, or who stands up for principles in some moral issue.

We find support in like-minded and like-believing people, or in people who may disagree with us but respect our point of view. We find support also in our practice of faith where we meet such people, also in prayer; as Jesus says, 'every hair of your head has been counted' by the Father who knows us and loves us through and through.

This too is the message in the first reading of God's continued presence with his people.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

At times in our life we feel we are in a storm and are afraid. When Jesus died, it was like a raging storm that killed Him, but God, our Loving Father, gave him New Life, and rescued Him, and now His Spirit is with us all the time, everyday, everywhere. So we ask Jesus to let His Spirit of Love shine through our hearts, when we help others at home, share with others and never forget to say Thanks, Please and Sorry, and have a smile for people.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 23rd - 27th JUNE 2026

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

Charlie & Phyllis Phillips, Main St.

Donald, Cecily & Pdraig Moran, Knox St.

Mary Hopkins, Knox St.

Eamon & Rosaleen Dwane, Clare St.

Paddy Laffey, Abbey St.

Maurice Cahill, Belfast; Mary & Carmel Cahill, Bray;

John Hanly, Beech Park & decd. of the Hanly & Cahill families

Alfred Webb Snr., Tooraree

Katie & Michael Conroy, Claremorris & decd. of the Higgins & Keogh families

Matt O'Dwyer, Ballindrehid, his parents Maura & Jimmy, his sister Mary & her

husband James Dooley

Pat, Kathleen, Patrick & Mary Ellen Regan, Derrynacong

Sean, Bridie, Patrick & Catherine Regan, Killinaugher

Mick, Bridie & Michael Lyons, Johnstown, & Larry & Mrs. Murphy

SUNDAY 28th JUNE – MONTH'S MIND

Bill Lowry, Manchester & formerly Gurteenmore

Seamus Hora, Abbeyquarter

22nd-28th JUNE	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, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn
Sunday 10am	Marie Jordan	Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally

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

CHARITY APPEAL: Sr. Geraldine Henry of the Daughters of Charity will speak at this weekend's Masses in Ballyhaunis, to provide some information about 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 & empowerment programmes and social services. The charity is appealing for volunteers, donations and prayers.

FATHER'S DAY: This Sunday 21st June is Father's Day, and we send best wishes to all the fathers and grandfathers in our parish, as well as praying for those who are no longer with us.



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.



DAY FOR LIFE: This Sunday 21st June, the Church across Ireland celebrates the 2026 Day for Life on the theme "The humanity of the unborn child", which invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. Every year, the Day for Life falls on Father's Day, and today we remember with gratitude the loving care and direction our parents gave to us, whether they are still with us, or have gone to the Lord.

SUMMER COLLECTION: Many thanks to those who have returned their envelopes for the Priests' Summer Collection. The envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the Sacristy or parish office and your ongoing generosity is much appreciated. Any distributors who have not yet collected your envelopes, they are available in the Sacristy. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The final Children's Liturgy for this term takes place at the 10am Mass next Sunday 28th June with a focus on the "Our Father" prayer, and revising what we have learnt this term. Children aged from 4-8 are welcome into the sacristy during Mass, and will return to their families after Holy Communion. A reminder that children's newsletters are available every weekend, and children can also enjoy the sacred space at the back of the Church, which is updated regularly.

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

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Fiadh Tasha Webb, Hazelhill Downs

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.

JOB VACANCY: The Archdiocese of Tuam is seeking to recruit a Clergy Health & Wellbeing Officer (Nurse) on a 2-year fixed term contract. 20 hours per week. Applicants should have a recognised nursing/ caring qualification and a minimum of 5 years experience in general nursing / elderly care / community nursing. Applications can be sent to the Diocesan Office, Archbishop's House, Bishop St. Tuam, Co. Galway or emailed to admin@tuamarchdiocese.org before Friday 3rd July.

BALLYHAUNIS SWIMMING POOL is now open from Tuesday to Sunday, 2.30 - 5pm. each day.

CAMP VERITAS: The annual residential Faith & Fun Camp takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare from 23rd to 28th June. This is a one-week pilgrimage experience for young people aged 12-17. The recipe is "Play and Pray" through the Sacraments and fun activities. A bus will run from Westport, Castlebar, Claremorris, Tuam & Athenry. For more details or to book a place, call Fr. Mark on 093 24250 or visit www.campveritasireland.org

SCHOOL PATRONAGE SURVEY: Scoil Íosa has received very positive findings in the recent Department of Education survey on patronage of primary schools across the country. The online survey, which ran from 4th November to 16th December 2025, was designed to ascertain the preferences of parents and guardians about the primary school their children attend on areas including patronage/ethos, co-education or single-sex school provision, and language of instruction (English or Irish). The results show a significant majority of the parents in Ballyhaunis who completed the survey are happy with the current status of Scoil Íosa, with 90% preferring their children to attend a co-educational school, 90% happy their children are being taught through English, and 63% happy with the current school patron (the Catholic Church). It's a very positive response for our local primary school, and we thank the teachers & staff under the direction of Principal Kevin Henry for their ongoing dedication and commitment.

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.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 14th June 2026
€1,630

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

MUSIC PLAYTIME & OPEN MIC: Saturday 27th June, 4 - 6pm. in the Community Hall. Music workshop, band jam and more for youth. Pizza and snacks served, all are welcome.

'WINDOWS INTO HISTORY' Rural Shops Project: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd June at 7.30pm. in the Community Hall. Anyone with information on rural shops in the Ballyhaunis area is invited to attend.

FILM NIGHT: The next films courtesy of the European Parliament will be screened on Monday 22nd June in the Community Hall. At 6.30pm. the French film 'Love Me Tender' will be screened, followed by the Iranian-European production 'It Was Just An Accident'; winner of the Palme d'Or or top prize at the Cannes Film Festival 2025. Free admission, all are welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY GARDEN: Meet-up every Wed. from 2 - 4pm. behind the Friary House. Looking for experienced gardeners to come and share their knowledge of growing vegetables & flowers. Open to those without experience as well.