

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON
All peoples, clap your hands.
Cry to God with shouts of joy!

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

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 through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray,

that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi, his servant, answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.'

Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 88:2-3, 16-19

R. I will sing for ever of your love,
O Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.

Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. [R]

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king;

who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. [R]

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;

it is by your favour that our might is exalted:

for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not

worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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,

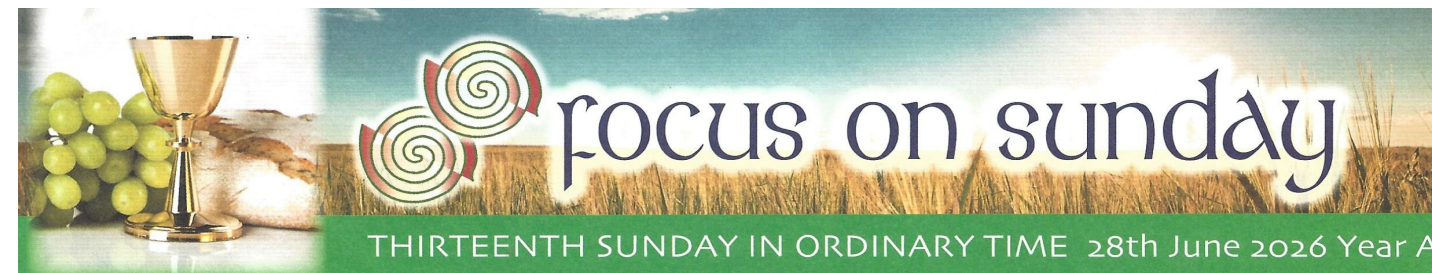
All bow for following three lines:
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

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.



Christ is no farther away than the people we meet every day.
His cry for help is heard in the needs of the poor, homeless, and those rejected by society. Help us to hear and respond to His cry.

In Receiving, we Give



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you in his kindness and pour out saving wisdom upon you.
Amen

And 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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.



Matthew was writing to early Christians many of whom had converted from Judaism. To abandon the God of their fathers was so unacceptable in Judaism at that time that they were often rejected by their own families, ostracised by their community and sacked by their employers. Hence,

they had to make the difficult decision to choose between their commitment to family and commitment to Jesus. Jesus is not telling us today to choose between family and faith; on the contrary, our family is where we (most of us) first experience being loved and learn to love others. It is in our families that our faith is cultivated. The early Christian communities were also being persecuted by the Romans, as they were considered traitors to the Roman Emperor, since they declared that their allegiance was to Jesus and not to the Emperor. They were being arrested, imprisoned and risked being executed. Again, many had to choose between abandoning their Christian faith and living, or staying true to their commitment and dying. Matthew reminds us that, since Jesus returned to the Father, our brothers and sisters are the presence of Jesus to us today ("I was hungry and you gave me to eat" (Matt 25). Sometimes our commitment to them may cause us to die to ourselves, lift us out of our comfort zones, make life difficult for us. That is the cost of being a Christian. At such times, we remember that Jesus died for us and it is only right that we should die for him, present today in our neighbour in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

On Baptism day there is a short journey made from The Open Door of the Church, to The Baptism Font at the Altar. This is to remind us of God's Love journey for us, from Heaven to earth, and back to the joy of Heaven. There are people with us all the time on our earth journey. Jesus shows us what to do on our journey. We need to be kind and help our neighbour, and follow Jesus' way.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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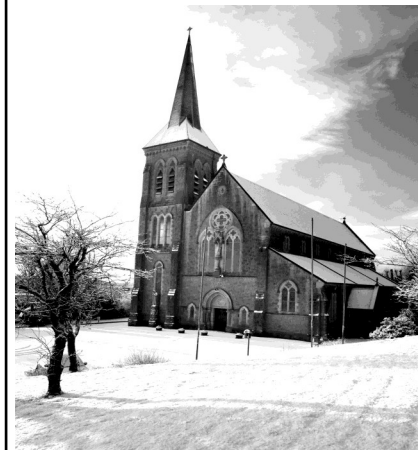
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

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MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

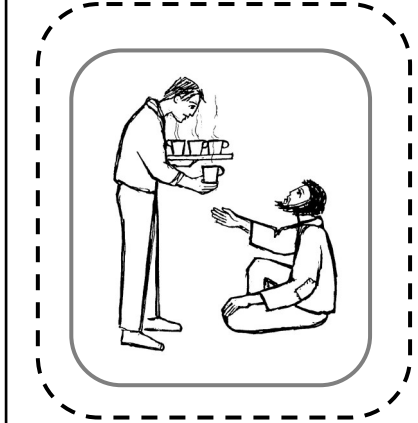
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 30th JUNE- 4th JULY 2026

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

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong
Josephine Feeney & Dermot Hegarty, Dublin
Tom Waldron, Cave

John & Mary Morley, Clagnagh
Mary Byrne, Main St. & Kit Byrne, Knock
Mary Jordan, Knox St.

Josephine & Walter Healy, Frenchpark
Kitty & Michael Nolan, Erritt, Castlerea
Michael Patrick O'Connor, Surrey, U.K.

Laercio Alves & Leoncio Neves, Brazil
Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.
Michael & Mary Webb & decd. of the Webb family, Main St.

Tom & Kathleen Folliard, Cooloughra
Peter Freeley, Manchester & Gurteen
John, Kathleen & Miko Morley & decd.

SUNDAY 5th JULY – FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Geraldine Waldron, Knock Road

29 JUNE– 5 JULY	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	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Geraldine Murphy, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves

COLLECTORS FOR JULY

Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Padraic Regan, Kieran Connolly, Oliver Cribbin
Sunday 10am	Bernie Quinn, Gerry Winston, Mike Griffin, Eddie Mooney

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

John (Johnny) Kearney, Clagnagh;
Dr. Pat Freyne, Dublin & formerly Clare St;
Josephine (Jo) Farrell, Australia– sister of Helen Byrne, Johnstown;
Peter Freeley, Manchester & late of Gurteen

May they rest in peace

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: The final Children's Liturgy for this term takes place at the 10am Mass this 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 next Sunday 5th July at 2pm in Ballyhaunis Cemetery.

PRIESTS' 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. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Applications are now open for the Knock Youth Leadership Programme. This programme equips parish volunteers with the skills, confidence and support needed to start, grow or strengthen youth ministry in their parish. If you're keen to explore your faith and share it with the younger generation, visit www.knockshrine.ie for more details. The deadline for applications is 20th July.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Evie Herr, Doctor's Road;
Jayden Cleary, The Maples

GUIDELINES ON BURIAL OF CREMATED REMAINS:

The Catholic Church permits cremation, but it has specific teachings about how cremated remains (ashes) are to be treated and interred. Whether a body is buried intact or cremated, the remains should be treated with dignity. Cremated remains **should** be kept together and buried in a sacred place such as a cemetery grave, columbarium or mausoleum. The Church generally **prohibits** scattering ashes on land, at sea or from the air, keeping ashes permanently at home, dividing ashes among family members or incorporating ashes into jewellery, artwork or other memorial objects. The Church believes these practices can diminish the respect due to the deceased.

HOME SHARERS REQUIRED: Would you be interested in sharing your home and supporting an individual with a disability for a few hours per day, or a couple of hours/ days per month? Western Care Home Share Service is looking for people (single/ couples/ families) to provide short respite breaks to children and adults across Co. Mayo in your own home. Training and support is provided, and an allowance is payable. For more information about Home Sharing, contact Ruth at 094 9029148 or 087 6811261.

GAA CÚL CAMPS run from 13th to 17th July at Ballyhaunis GAA Grounds for boys & girls aged 6 to 13. Registration now open at kelloggsculcamps.gaa.ie

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: ATU St. Angela's, Sligo is now inviting applications for the part-time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with online delivery. This programme is open to qualified primary school teachers, and post-primary teachers who wish to transfer to primary school. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. Closing date for applications is Friday 14th August. For more details, email mary.kearns@atu.ie, call 071 9179624 or visit www.atu.ie

BASILICA'S GOLDEN JUBILEE: For 50 years, Knock Basilica has stood as a beacon of prayer, pilgrimage and hope as generations have journeyed to this sacred place in search of peace, healing & consolation. Since its dedication in 1976, the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland has welcome millions of pilgrims from Ireland and across the world. On Saturday 18th July, the Basilica's 50th anniversary will be celebrated with a day of events, including Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm and concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 3pm. Exclusive guided tours of the Basilica will also take place at 10am, 10.30am and 1pm on the day.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

on Sunday 26th July, celebrating the 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Pope Leo's theme this year is: "I will never forget you". Commences with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Mass at 3pm concelebrated by Archbishop Eamon Martin, Primate of All Ireland. All welcome. For more details, visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Offertory Collection
Sunday 21st June 2026
€1,755

RALLY FOR LIFE: The 2026 Rally for Life, Liberty & Faith takes place in Belfast next Saturday 4th July. For details, call 01 8730465 or email info@thelifeinstitute.net

PIONEER & FRIENDS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Departing on 5th August from Shannon Airport for 5 nights. Bus available from Knock Airport to Shannon. Spiritual Director for the pilgrimage is Fr. Joe Delaney. For more details, contact Fr. Delaney at 087 6660408 or Michael on 087 2929372.

CHIME: National Charity for Deaf & Hard of Hearing. Outreach clinic next Friday 3rd July from 10am to 1pm at the Old Health Centre, Vicar St, Tuam (Room 26). Hearing aid maintenance, advice on equipment and all aspects of hearing loss. Contact Tony for appointment or more information on 086 8341318 or email Tony.dolan@chime.ie

BALLYHAUNIS SWIMMING POOL is now open for the Summer season from Tuesdays to Sundays, 2.30 - 5pm each day.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter can be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com