

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **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, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Isaiah 55: 10-11**

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **PS. 64: 10-14**

R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat.
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R)**

SECOND READING **Romans 8: 18-23**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 1-23 (*shorter form 13: 1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'* *

Then the disciples went up to him and

asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

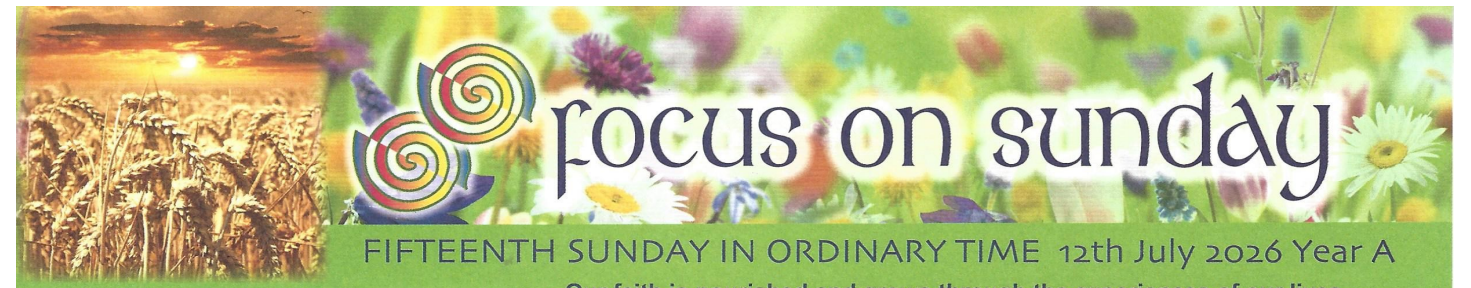
'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 12th July 2026 Year A

Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives.

It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

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

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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.



Today and in the coming Sundays we will hear the parables from Matthew 13. Parables are more of an experience than just a story with a hidden meaning, they are the great wisdom teachings of Jesus. They demand an alertness from us, speaking to our hearts through what is said, and often through what is left unsaid. Parables do not end once we are finished hearing them. They stay with us, often leaving us with unanswered questions which invite us to ponder and reflect on our own experiences; parables awaken our senses.

Today's parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 14th-18th JULY 2026

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

Carmel, Katie & Thomas Johnston, Knox St.

Mícheál Smyth, Upper Main St.

Betty Regan, Lecarrow

Decd. members of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families of Derrynacong, Dublin &

Dundalk

Joseph Glynn, Lavallyroe

Ita & Dominic Cox, Erritt

Kathleen & Peter Regan, Agloragh

Patrick Molloy, Gurrane

Decd. members of the Jordan & Guilfoyle families, Knox St. & Greenwood

Joe Freeman, Ballindrehid; Sr. Mary Freeman & decd. of the Freeman family

Kit Mitchell & decd. Knox St.

13th-19th JULY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Joe Byrne
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	Stella O’Neill	Marina Coyne, Marion Regan, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Mary Sykes, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao, Aileen Burke

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

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.

MASS SERVERS: While there are no Mass Servers scheduled during the school holidays in July & August, any children who are attending weekend Masses and are on serving teams are very welcome to come forward & assist at Mass.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Yvonne Loughran, Upper Main St.;

Martin Murphy, London, Bracklaghboy & formerly Lecarrow;

Davnet Bourke, Claremorris-sister of the late Mary Freeley, Abbeyquarter

May they rest in peace



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.



50 YEARS OF KNOCK BASILICA: A special day of events will take place next Saturday 18th July to celebrate the Basilica’s Golden Jubilee as we give thanks for all who envisioned, built, sustained & cherished Knock Basilica over the past 50 years. Exclusive guided tours of the Basilica at 10am, 10.30am & 1pm. At 11am in St. John’s Centre a new short film on the Basilica, “An Acre of Shelter”, will be screened followed by an interview with Fr. Richard Gibbons by Midwest Radio’s Tommy Marren. In the Basilica, Anointing of the Sick takes place at 2.30 with a special concelebrated Mass of Thanksgiving at 3pm. All welcome. Full programme available on www.knockshrine.ie

REEK SUNDAY takes place on 26th July, when thousands of pilgrims will climb Croagh Patrick, Ireland’s Holy Mountain, to pray and participate in the Sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist on the summit. Masses will take place hourly on the summit from 8am to 2pm, with Confessions from 7.30am to 2pm, and this year special prayers will be offered for Road Safety. Climbers are urged to stay on the Pilgrim’s Path in the interests of safety and to preserve the mountain’s habitat for future generations. More details of the pilgrimage are available on www.westportparish.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place on Wednesday 15th July at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

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 younger generations, visit www.knockshrine.ie for more details. The deadline for applications is 20th July.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Anthony Maughan, Abbeyquarter;
Meliska Polhosova, Sherwood Avenue;
Sofia Polhosova, Sherwood Avenue

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place 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

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL from 13th to 16th Aug. in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare for young people aged 16 to 35. Inspiring talks & workshops, Youth Mass, prayer, music and an opportunity to meet other young Catholics. Free buses from across the country. For more details, visit www.youth2000.ie or follow @Youth2000Ireland

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.

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE: The annual Pioneer Pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica next Sunday 19th July at 3pm. Pioneers extend a welcome to families & relatives of people who are undergoing treatment for addiction at this time, as well as people who are in recovery /aftercare. For more information, email Fr. Robert: prayer@pioneers.ie

“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” SEMINAR will take place over seven evenings here in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyhaunis starting on Sunday 2nd August from 7pm to 9pm and running until Sunday 13th September. The seminar is designed to help people deepen their Christian faith and experience the Holy Spirit. The series will continue on Sundays 9th, 16th, 23rd & Friday 28th August, and on the 6th & 13th September with guest speakers each week. All welcome. For enquiries or registration, call Angela on 089 2462524 or email angela.staunton676@gmail.com

WEEK OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY takes place at Knock Shrine from Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August on the theme “Jesus, if people only knew you....”- Meeting Jesus of Nazareth through the eyes of Ignatius of Loyola. You’re welcome to attend for the full week or individual days. More details on www.knockshrine.ie

Offertory Collection
Sunday 5th July 2026
€2,005

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Amanda Cleary, Gurrane & Knock and Ryan Conroy, Claremorris who recently married in St. Patrick’s Church.



BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday morning in the Family Centre, Knock. For further information, call 094 9375320.

PROTECTING & RESTORING MAYO’S NATURAL WATERS: A public meeting to discuss water quality in rivers and streams in the Claremorris / Swinford Municipal District will take place next Tuesday 14th July from 7pm to 8.30pm in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris. Hosted by LAWPRO (Local Authority Waters Programme). Discover how you can help protect and improve your local natural waterways. All welcome.

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG provides online and in-person relationship counselling for individuals and couples who wish to improve the quality of their relationship, or to co-parent in a positive way for the benefit of their children. For more details or to make an appointment, call 01 5053112 or visit www.accord.ie

BURREN OUTDOOR RETREAT from Friday 4th Sept. to Sunday 6th September. Journey through the Burren with its limestone paths, rare flora and ancient sacred sites. For bookings, contact Mary at 087 9701130 or Des on 085 1614951.

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

SUMMER LINE DANCING HOEDOWN next Friday 17th July from 8pm to 11pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Admission €12, includes refreshments & raffle. All welcome.