

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

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

Show favour, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 12: 13. 16 - 19 A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS. 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

- O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R)
- All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R)
- But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R)

SECOND READING Romans 8: 26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 24 - 43 (* shorter form 13: 24 -30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn. " **

He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable,

'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

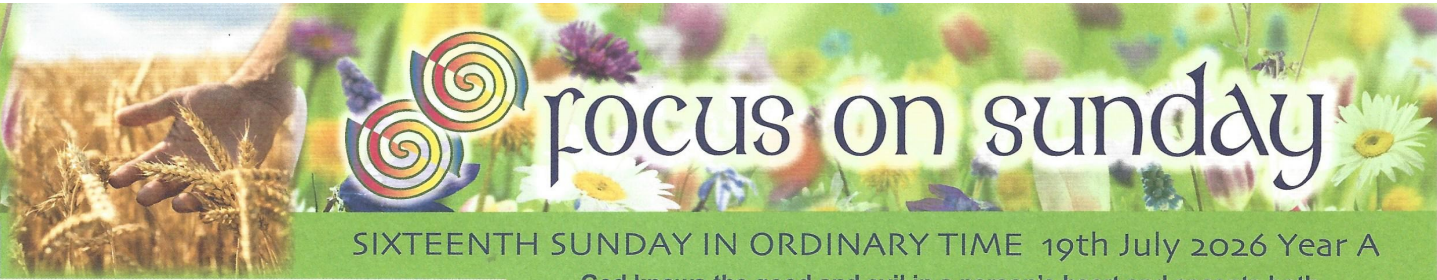
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th July 2026 Year A

God knows the good and evil in a person's heart and accepts both in us. He knows our struggles over evil and he both heals and forgives the wrong-doing in our lives.

Our life is a bit like this field ...

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray bothers 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 in the one perfect sacrifice brought to completion varied offerings of the law, accept, we pray, this sacrifice from your faithful servants and make it holy, as you blessed the gifts of Abel, so that what each has offered to the honour of your majesty may benefit the salvation of all. 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

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

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

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. Amen Go in peace, Thanks be to God.



Jesus had an urgency about the kingdom. Fire in his belly that God would be alive and well in the world. He wanted to do the world a world of good. And wanting the kingdom – a world of justice, compassion, love to grow in our everyday situations. A real desire for a better world, neighbourhood, family life, community life, marriage – whatever it may be. Like Jesus look at the field and say, I love this field, this world. I love this world with its gold and grey, its saints and sinners. Jesus wanted a better world but first loved the world as it is – lover of all that is. And he ends by saying that evil will not prosper forever, that it will be burned up at the end. Whatever this may mean in fact, it encourages us to know that all efforts to build God's kingdom will in time bear fruit.

The judgment – yes, the field is empty of weeds, but there are no flowers! Nourish what is good, encourage rather than exhort, work for good within the world as it is with its weeds and its flowers, and really desire the kingdom of God.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



If there was no dark, we would not see shining stars. Babies live in the dark before they are born. Light and Dark is God's Mystery of Love. When someone scores a goal, he/she is delighted, but the goalkeeper is sad. Saints say that when we see GOD, all sad and bad things will be lit up in the Love of God's Face, in Jesus Christ. A Saint who died in prison prayed "May the hurt done to me be accepted as Forgiveness, for those who know not what they do".

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th JULY 2026

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MASSSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

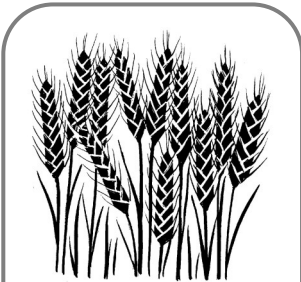
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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 21st-25th JULY 2026

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

Michael Waldron, Cave
Frank Garside & decd. of the Garside & Judge families
Decd. members of the O’Malley family, Barrack Street
Thomas & Mary Finnegan, Carraroe, Dunmore
John Hunt & decd. Lecarrow
Mary & John Horan & decd. of the Boyle & Horan families

SUNDAY 26th JULY:

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Veronica Freyne, Clare St.

MONTH’S MIND

Johnny Kearney, Clagnagh

20th-26th JULY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
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	Emer Gallagher	Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Mike Byrne	Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. There’s also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday of each month. Further information from 094-9375320.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Fr. Frank Fahey, Ballintubber & formerly Lavallyroe;

Mary Moran, Lecarrow & Castlereagh;

Krzysztof Uliczny, Bruach na hAbhainn, Ballyhaunis & Poland

May they rest in peace

PIONEER PILGRIMAGE: The annual Pioneer Pilgrimage Mass at Knock Shrine will be celebrated in the Basilica this 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

REEK SUNDAY takes place next Sunday 26th July, in honour of St. Patrick. Thousands of pilgrims are expected to climb Croagh Patrick, Ireland’s Holy Mountain, to pray and participate in Mass & Confessions. Masses will take place hourly on the summit from 8am to 2pm, with Confessions from 7.30am to 2pm. 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. Fr. John Kenny, Administrator of Westport Parish, has declared Road Safety as the theme for this year’s pilgrimage, and has asked all road users on the island of Ireland to say the following prayer:

“Arise with me in the morning, travel with me through the day. Welcome me on my arrival, God be with me all the way. Amen.”

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK also takes place next Sunday 26th July, celebrating the 6th World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly. Pope Leo’s theme this year is: “I will never forget you”, which aims to emphasise how God’s love for each person never fails, even in the fragility of old age. The World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly is an opportunity to bring the Church closer to the elderly, and to value their contribution to families and communities. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm in Knock Basilica. Concelebrated Mass at 3pm. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org for more details. All welcome.

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.

“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 angelastaunton676@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

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK takes place from 13th to 21st August. This year’s theme “Sheltered in God’s Love” marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Knock Basilica and reflects its continuing role as a place of faith, hope and community for all who visit. Daily ceremonies take place at 3pm and 8pm in the Basilica, with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Novena Workshops with guest speakers take place at 12.45pm each day in the Prayer Centre. Novena starts on 13th August with guest speaker Mary Kennedy, broadcaster & author. The full Novena programme is available on www.knockshrine.ie

FAMILY DAY AT KNOCK SHRINE takes place on Sunday 16th August from 11am to 3pm with activities for all ages across the Shrine grounds. Admission free, all welcome.

ABIDE IN HIS LOVE Women’s Conference takes place in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran from 20th to 22nd November. Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers. Register now at <https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

Offertory Collection

Sunday 12th July 2026
€1,590

SHINE SUPPORT: Peer support groups for individuals who are experiencing mental health difficulties, and those supporting people living with mental health challenges. Regular group meetings in Ballina, Ballinrobe & Castlebar. For more details, email support@shine.ie or 086 0407701

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis. AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House. Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa. More information on www.al-anon.org

LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE SEASON continues with three-day pilgrimages available until 15th August. A series of one-day retreats will also take place in August & September. For details, contact 071 9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org

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.

“WINDOWS INTO HISTORY” Rural Shops Project:

The next meeting takes place on Tuesday 21st July at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Recordings are now being made of people associated with rural shops in the area, as preparation continues on the project. Some short local heritage films will feature on Tuesday evening. All welcome, refreshments served.

FAMILY FUN DAY in Tooreen this Sunday 19th July from 11.30am to 3pm at Boland Park. Fun for all ages with games & races, bouncy castles, tug-of-war & BBQ. All welcome.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The monthly Bike Repair Clinic takes place next Saturday 25th July from 9.30am to 12 noon in the Community Hall. Some good quality adult & children’s bikes for sale, For more details call 087 9777899.

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