

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in
his house; he himself gives might and
strength to his people.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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...
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, protector of those who hope
in you, without whom nothing has firm
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in
abundance your mercy upon us and grant
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we
may use the good things that pass in
such a way as to hold fast even now to
those that ever endure.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORDFIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

A reading from the first book of the Kings
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a
dream and said, 'Ask what you would like
me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord,
my God, you have made your servant
king in succession to David my father.
But I am a very young man, unskilled in
leadership. Your servant finds himself in
the midst of this people of yours that you
have chosen, a people so many its
numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.

Give your servant a heart to
understand how to discern between good
and evil, for who could govern this people
of yours that is so great? It pleased the

Lord that Solomon should have asked
for this. 'Since you have asked for this'
the Lord said 'and not asked for long life
for yourself or riches or the lives of your
enemies, but have asked for a discerning
judgement for yourself, here and now I do
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and
shrewd as none before you has had and
none will have after you.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

R. Lord how I love your law!

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me than silver and gold. **(R)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall
live
for your law is my delight. **(R)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 8: 28 - 30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to
their good God co-operates with all those
who love him, with all those that he has
called according to his purpose. They
are the ones he chose specially long ago
and intended to become true images of
his Son, so that his Son might be the
eldest of many brothers. He called those
he intended for this; those he called he
justified, and with those he justified he
shared his glory.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt
from my Father. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52 (*shorter form 13:44-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom
of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field
which someone has found; he hides it
again, goes off happy, sells everything he
owns and buys the field.*

*'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he
finds one of great value he goes and sells
everything he owns and buys it.'*

*'Again the kingdom of heaven is like
a dragnet cast into the sea that brings*

in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting
down, they collect the good ones in a
basket and throw away those that are no
use. This is how it will be at the end of
time: the angels will appear and separate
the wicked from the just to throw them
into the blazing furnace where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth.
'Have you understood all this?' They
said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well,
then, every scribe who becomes a
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like
a householder who brings out from his
storeroom things both new and old.'

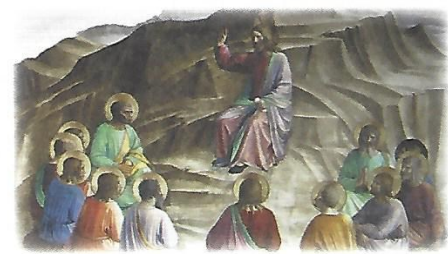
**The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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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,

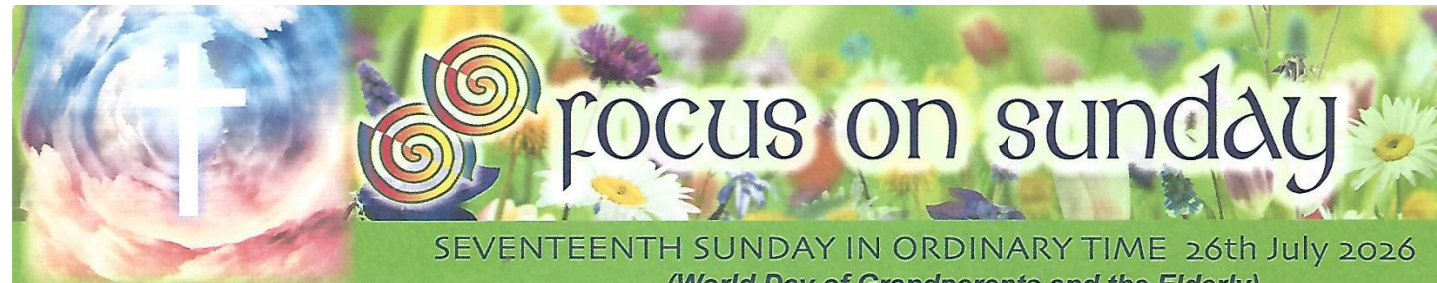
All bow for following three lines:

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings
which we bring from the abundance
of your gifts,
that through the powerful working
of your grace these most sacred mysteries
may sanctify our present way of life
and lead us to eternal gladness.
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

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have consumed, O Lord,
this divine Sacrament,
the perpetual memorial of the Passion
of your Son;
grant, we pray, that this gift,
which he himself gave us with love
beyond all telling,
may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

May he let his face shine upon you
and show you his mercy. Amen.

May he turn his countenance towards you
and give you his peace. 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. Thanks be to God.

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We choose good or evil often in our lives. To follow something good,
we reject paths which are less good. Following Christ means saying 'No' to
other riches. The gospel today is a call to be joyful
in giving up our bad habits for Jesus.



How would we feel if we won the jackpot? Or if we found
an incredibly valuable jewel? Or if we were told that we were
chosen out of millions for a special, magnificent reward?

Jesus is at pains today to explain the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is a melismatic quality (from the word mel meaning honey) to his
discourse as the words and images flow. It is both an ecstatic and measured
narrative, as he is intent on communicating the rich, rare nature of the
Kingdom to his followers.

We can all recall times where we exhaust our imaginations trying to describe
something amazing. We want to bring our audience right into the heart the
experience, feeling it, marvelling in it as we do.

Jesus is giving his followers a foretaste of the Kingdom of Heaven. It is both
an invitation and a caution, as he depicts those who will not enter the kingdom
due to their unjust actions in this life. His reference to the storeholder bringing
out the old and the new places his own teaching and his Father's Kingdom
in the Judaic line, building on tradition rather than supplanting it, and casting
new light on old norms and ways of living.

Today, we celebrate grandparents. They are the ultimate storeholders, who
give us the best of themselves from their storerooms of lived wisdom. They
teach us what is old, while keeping up with what is new. They are indeed
pearls of great price for us to treasure!

Dr Giovanna Feeley, DCU School of Theology, Philosophy, and Music

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We are in God's Love all the time, but we forget. When people find God's Love, and
Kingdom, they always do loving actions, like caring and minding children, doing work
everyday, helping others, being grateful for all the wonders of nature, the colours of the
day, the new inventions, that make life exciting. They are treasures that fill our hearts
with surprise.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

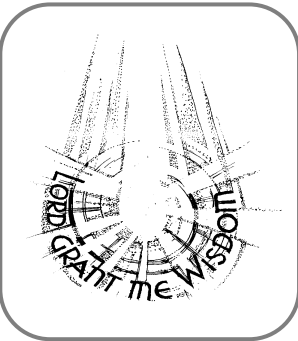
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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 28th JULY - 1st AUGUST 2026

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

Frank Loughran, Upper Main St.

Michael & Delia Freeley, Gurteen

John & Nora Hopkins, Knock

Tom & Séan Hopkins, Derby

Michael A. & Nora Keane, Annagh

Bernard & Margaret Keane, Coventry

Patrick, Sarah, Michael & Tom Waldron & Patsy Naughton (Waldron), Cave

Jim McLoughlin, Carrowreagh

Reuben & Kieran Sykes, Leeds

Anne & John O’Shaughnessy, Beech Lawn

Mick & Margaret O’Connell, Upper Main St.

Michael & Timothy Lavin, Lavallyroe

Joe Webb, Devlis

John P. & Brigid Jordan & Molly Curley, Derrymore

SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST– MONTH’S MIND

Bridget McDonagh, Oxford, U.K. & Tooraree

27 JULY-2 AUG.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, William Broderick
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves, Bernie Quinn, Mary T. Griffin
COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST		
Sat. 7.30pm	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Gabriel Smith, Vincent Higgins, Mike Griffin, Jaroslav Drunnik	

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

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

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Mary O’Malley, Newport -
sister of Sheila Beirne, Johnstown

Offertory Collection

Sunday 19th July 2026
€1,435

REEK SUNDAY takes place this Sunday 26th July, in honour of St. Patrick. Thousands of pilgrims climb Croagh Patrick on this day every year to pray and participate in the celebration of Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Masses will take place hourly on the summit from 8am to 2pm, with Confessions from 7.30am to 2pm. Road Safety is the theme for this year’s pilgrimage, and Fr. John Kenny, Administrator of Westport Parish, is urging climbers travelling to Murrisk by road to do so carefully, and he 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.”
Fr. Stephen will celebrate the 9am. Mass on the summit.

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK also takes place this 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. Anointing of the Sick is at 2.30pm in Knock Basilica with concelebrated Mass at 3pm. All welcome. Visit www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org for more details.

WEEK OF IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY takes place at Knock Shrine from Sunday 26th July to Saturday 1st August. This week is an invitation to pause and to encounter Jesus of Nazareth not as an idea, but as a living presence, one who still calls, still gathers, still heals and transforms. The theme this year is: “Jesus, if people only knew You”. The public are welcome to attend for the full week or individual days. Welcome session takes place this Sunday evening at 7pm with a full daily programme from Monday to Saturday. No charge, but donations are welcome. For details, visit www.knockshrine.ie or call John on 083 0108623.

‘FOUNDATIONS OF A FRIARY’: The early history of the Augustinian Friary (St. Mary’s Abbey), Ballyhaunis, will be explored at a one-day symposium on Saturday 22nd August in the Friary Church.

Four specialists in medieval history and archaeology will talk about the beginnings of the Friary six-hundred years ago and its place in the early history of the Augustinians during the pre-reformation period (c.1400-1550). The contributors and their chosen topics are:

Dr. Nollaig Ó Muraíle - *Ballyhaunis and vicinity in the Middle Ages.*

Br. Colmán Ó Clabaigh OSB - *Ballyhaunis in Context: The Augustinian Friars in Pre-reformation Ireland.*

Dr. Yvonne McDermott - *The Medieval Augustinians in the West of Ireland: Architecture and Layout.*

Fr. Iggy O’Donovan OSA - *Reflections on the Augustinian presence in Ballyhaunis and elsewhere with emphasis on the turbulent cleric Fr James Anderson OSA.*

The ‘Foundations of a Friary’ symposium runs from 9.30am to 4.00pm with light lunch included (12.30-1.30). Tickets: €20 on Eventbrite and on the door. Proceeds to the Friary Conservation Fund. For further information or enquiries contact 0874114628 or email paulfxwaldron@gmail.com

More details to follow in the coming weeks.

ANNIVERSARY MASS: A special anniversary Mass will be held here in St. Patrick’s Church next Saturday 1st August at 11.30am in memory of Ted Webb (50th anniversary) and deceased members of the 1974 Mayo Under-21 All-Ireland winning team & management. All are welcome.

“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” SEMINAR will take place over seven evenings here in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyhaunis starting next 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

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.

MARY’S MEALS: The global charity will hold their annual Step by Step to Feed the Next Child-Walk to Knock from 7th to 15th August. Walkers will arrive in Ballyhaunis on Friday 14th, and depart the following morning for the final leg of the walk to Knock Shrine on 15th August. Please come out to encourage the walkers and donate in the buckets if you can. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a full school year, so all donations are welcome. For more information, or to make a donation online, visit www.marysmeals.ie

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.

MAYO PPN: Nominations are now being sought from Mayo Public Participation Network member groups for representatives to the Mayo PPN Secretariat Committee, Mayo County Council Strategic Policy Committees and the Western Region Drugs & Alcohol Taskforce Committee. Closing date for receipt of completed nomination forms is Friday 4th September 2026. Forms can be downloaded at www.mayoppn.ie

AQUA AEROBICS in Ballyhaunis Swimming Pool takes place on Thursdays 30th July & 6th August from 6pm to 6.50pm. For adults of all fitness levels. Come along, get fit & have fun! €5 per person. To book, call Tracy on 086 0618126
The swimming pool is open to the public Tuesdays to Sundays from 2.30pm to 5pm for the Summer season.

GAA: Wishing the Mayo team every success this Sunday as they travel to Croke Park to face Kerry in the 2026 All-Ireland Football Final. A special word of support to our parishioner Jack Coyne, Captain of the Mayo team. Let’s hope this is the year they Bring Home Sam!