

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy.....
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

Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing
kindness, that, for those who glory in you
as their Creator and guide,
you may restore what you have created
and keep safe what you have restored.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:1-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:
Oh, come to the water all you who are
thirsty; though you have no money, come!
Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.
Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?
Listen, listen to me and you will have
good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.
Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.
With you I will make an everlasting
covenant out of the favours promised to
David.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:8-9, 15-18

**R. You open wide your hand, O Lord,
you grant our desires.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food
in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

SECOND READING *Romans 8:35, 37 - 39*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Nothing can come between us and the
love of Christ, even if we are troubled or
worried, or being persecuted, or lacking
food or clothes, or being threatened
or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power
of him who loved us. For I am certain
of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no
prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to
come, not any power, or height or depth,
nor any created thing, can ever come
between us and the love of God made
visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Man does not live on bread alone, but
on every word that comes from the
mouth of God. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 14: 13 - 21*

The Lord be with you **And with your spirit**
**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew**

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus received the news of John
the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat
to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a
large crowd; and he took pity on them and
healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples
went to him and said, 'This is a lonely
place, and the time has slipped by; so
send the people away, and they can go
to the villages to buy themselves some

food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for
them to go: give them something to eat
yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we
have with us is five loaves and two fish.'
'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave
orders that the people were to sit down on
the grass; then he took the five loaves and
the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven
and said the blessing. And breaking the
loaves he handed them to his disciples
who gave them to the crowds. They all
ate as much as they wanted, and they
collected the scraps remaining twelve
baskets full. Those who ate numbered
about five thousand men, to say nothing
of women and children.

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.

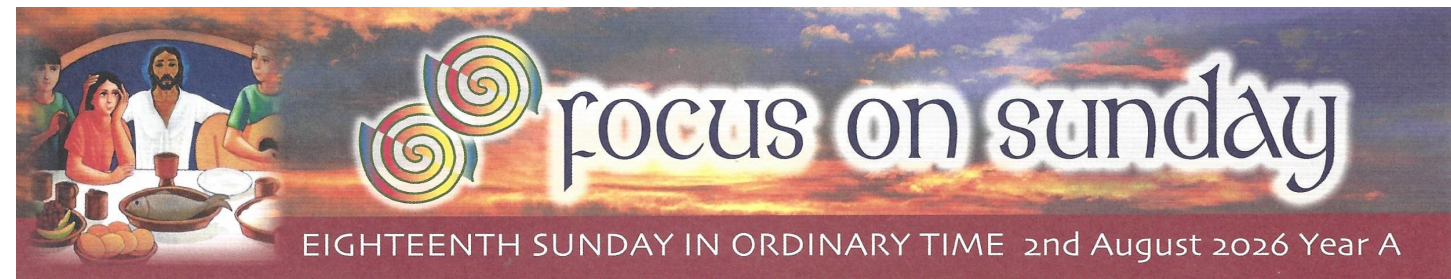
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life, who proceeds from the Father and
the Son, who with the Father and the Son is
adored and glorified, who has spoken through
the prophets.

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.**



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we
pray, and, accepting the oblation of this
spiritual sacrifice,
make of us an eternal offering 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.
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

**You have given us, O Lord,
bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights
and sweetness in every taste.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord,
those you renew with these heavenly gifts
and, in your never-failing care for them,
make them worthy of eternal redemption.
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.**

May he nourish you always with the
teachings of the faith and make you
persevere in holy deeds. **Amen.**

May he turn your steps towards himself
and show you the path of charity and
peace. **Amen.**

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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The gift of Jesus is different to material wealth; It is more than that.
He Promises meaning to life, hope, love that is everlasting He
promises himself in friendship to us.



A kingdom feast

Today's Gospel introduces us to a helpless crowd who have
been following Jesus all day. They are 'running on empty' and
probably wouldn't welcome the suggestion that they hike to
the nearest village to buy food. Jesus feels for them. Whereas the disciples
see their small offering - just five loaves and two fish - as "nothing", he sees
potential. As a result, the crowds are more than satisfied. We all have times
when we're physically or emotionally exhausted and feel we have nothing left
to give, whether it's time, money, energy, or even love. When we think of all the
suffering in the world, we feel helpless; whatever assistance we can give will
never be enough. But God sees what we have to offer, blesses and multiplies
it. When we move away from an 'every person for themselves' mentality,
miraculous things occur.

The humanity of Jesus in the opening verses is touching. Having learnt of
the death of John the Baptist, he attempts to withdraw by himself. But the
crowds, and their needs, catch up with him. Compassion takes over and
he presses on with his mission, giving himself thoroughly to the people and
urging the disciples to do the same: "You give them something to eat." No
one is to be abandoned, no one left behind. This is a 'kingdom feast' in every
sense. It unites past, present and future, recalling God's provision of manna
in the desert (Ex 16) and foreshadowing the Last Supper (Mt 26:26-29). It is a
practical provision of an inclusive and fulfilling meal, while also anticipating the
heavenly or 'Messianic' feast. The kingdom values of compassion, self-giving
and community shine through. Perhaps these are every bit as miraculous as
the multiplication of loaves and fish.

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

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 4th - 8th AUGUST 2026

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

Ann & Patrick O’Brien, Gurrane, & decd. of the Connell family, Redford

Noel Patterson, Knock Road

Dolly Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

Dolores Jordan, Annagh

Brendan, Tommie & John Hopkins, Larganboy; John Larkin & Cathriona Kelly

Paddy & Bridie Brennan, Upper Main St.

Jimmy Flanagan & decd. of the Flanagan & Cunnane families, Ballindrehid

Agnes & James Caulfield, Bohogue

Declan Shields & decd. of the Shields family, Galway & the Ryan family, Castlebar

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST– MONTH’S MIND

Yvonne Loughran, Upper Main St.

3rd-9th AUGUST	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley,
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao
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.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass in Knock takes place on Sunday 9th August at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter can be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com by Thursday, for inclusion that weekend.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 26th July 2026
€2,135



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.



“**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT**” SEMINAR will take place over seven evenings here in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyhaunis starting this 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, and guided tours of the Shrine are available at 11am each day, starting at the Information Centre. The Novena programme is as follows:
13th Aug. 3pm & 8pm: Mary Kennedy, broadcaster & author, “Faith in Full View”.

14th Aug. 3pm & 8pm: Aidan Gallagher: “From Addiction to Healing”. Aidan is a member of the Cenacolo Community in Knock, which welcomes those healing from addiction, loneliness or personal struggles.

15th Aug at 3pm: Bishop Niall Coll “Our Lady: A Quiet Shelter of God’s Love”.

15th Aug at 8pm: Niamh McCann: “Beyond the Rainbow”.

16th Aug at 3pm: Bishop Kevin Doran: “Rebuilding the City of God– Pope Leo XIV and the New Technology”.

16th Aug at 8pm: Sandra Cullen: “Faith in the Era of AI”.

17th Aug, 3pm & 8pm: Sheila Murphy:” From Mass to Meadow-Living Our Faith Outdoors”.

18th Aug, 3pm & 8pm: Mario Nunis: “Faith in My Pocket”.

19th Aug, 3pm& 8pm: David Wells: “Enjoy Your Life-Make It Happen”.

20th Aug, 3pm & 8pm: Deacon Mark Paine: “ A Church for Everyone”.

21st Aug, 3pm: Fr. Paul Murphy: “The Healing Power of Love”

21st Aug, 8pm: Fr. Richard Gibbons: “Sheltered in God’s Love”.

The full Novena programme is available on www.knockshrine.ie

CHILDREN’S ROSARY with Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on Friday 7th August from 5:30 - 6:15pm. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine. For children and teens of all ages. Everyone is welcome to come and join in prayer. Under 18’s must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information, call or text: 087 2299 623.

Website: www.ChildrensRosary.org

JOB VACANCY: The Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference wishes to appoint a **National Coordinator for the Promotion of Synodal Collaboration and Mission** across the Catholic Church in Ireland. Further details are available at: <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/about/careers/>
The closing date for receipt of applications is 4pm. on Tuesday 11th August.

GAMES EVENING returns this Sunday 2nd August from 4pm to 6pm in the Community Hall. Board games e.g. chess, ludo, backgammon. Refreshments served and all welcome.

VICTORY: Jack Coyne holds the Sam Maguire Cup aloft in the Hogan Stand last Sunday 26th July, bridging a 75-year gap since Mayo last won the All-Ireland Final in 1951. At the sound of the hooter, decades of pain and loss dissolved into tears of unbridled joy for Mayo people all over the world. We congratulate the Mayo team & management, especially Keith Higgins and our Captain Fantastic Jack Coyne. Jack’s acceptance speech will rate as one of the best, ranking alongside that of Joe Connolly when Galway won the Liam McCarthy Cup in 1980. Congratulations to Ballyhaunis GAA and all the volunteers involved in welcoming the Mayo team and management to the town last Tuesday where there was a wonderful, carnival atmosphere. Maigh Eo Abú!



‘**FOUNDATIONS OF A FRIARY**’: A one-day symposium in the Augustinian Friary (St. Mary’s Abbey), Ballyhaunis brings together what is known of its founding and early history. At this inaugural event, “Foundations of a Friary”, four specialists in medieval history and architecture will consider how & why the friars came here, the history of their Order, how the friaries were built & arranged and the interaction between them and the faithful to whom they ministered. The event on Saturday 22nd August will be the first in a series of annual symposia which will share the history of the Ballyhaunis Friary through its six centuries’ continuous existence, advancing further through the centuries each year. The first symposium will focus on how the Friary was founded and how it functioned in the 15th & 16th centuries, while next year’s event will focus on the effects of the Reformation and the turbulent 17th century on the Abbey and on the Augustinian Friars in Connacht. The symposium runs from 9.30am to 4.00pm with a light lunch included. Tickets: €20 on Eventbrite and on the door. Proceeds will go to the Friary Preservation Fund. For further information or enquiries contact 087 4114628 or email paulfxwaldron@gmail.com

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 set out from 8 starting points across the country, and over the next 9 days, will cover over 200km as they make their way to the Marian Shrine in Knock. The walkers will arrive in Ballyhaunis on Friday 14th, and depart the following morning for the final leg of the walk to Knock on 15th August. Please come out to support the bucket collection if you can. This year, there’s a new route in Mayo, taking in Ballina, Foxford, Castlebar, Westport, Partry, Shrule, Claremorris, Ballyhaunis & Knock, headed by longtime supporter of Mary’s Meals Ger Silke. Ger will also be climbing Croagh Patrick on 9th August and would welcome anyone who would like to join in the climb. For more information, or to make an online donation, visit www.marysmeals.ie

GORTHAGANNY FIRE: A documentary film on last year’s Gorthaganny fire by local filmmaker Adam Kaczmarek of AKA Photos will be shown in Ballyhaunis Community Hall this Monday 3rd August at 7pm. All welcome.