

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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 ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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 in the abasement of your Son have raised up a fallen world, fill your faithful with holy joy, for on those you have rescued from slavery to sin you bestow eternal gladness. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING **Zechariah 9:9-10**

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, you king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **(R)**
2. 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)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **(R)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **(R)**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 9. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.
So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

GOSPEL **Matthew 11: 25-30**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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

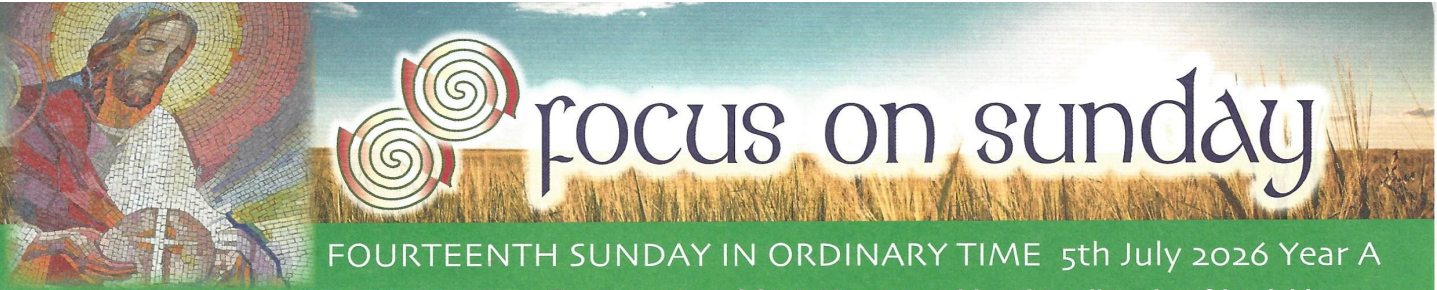
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I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God 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

May this oblation dedicated to your name purify us, O Lord, and day by day bring our conduct closer to the life of heaven. 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.
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

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that, having been replenished by such great gifts, we may gain the prize of salvation and never cease to praise you. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

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

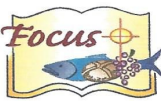
May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy **Amen.**
May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. **Amen.**

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.**

The presence of Christ in our world and our lives is a friendship, companionship and love that gives peace to the restless hearts and hope and meaning in times of stress and trouble.

"Come to me...
and I will give you rest."



Today's Gospel is rich in healing, consolation, and love. It may be savoured in two parts. The first part turns the idea of wisdom on its head. Jesus praises God, who is Wisdom itself, for hiding the mysteries of the kingdom from highly intelligent adults, and making them known to children instead. These words reveal the nature of divine truth: it is truth of the heart and the soul, rather than the intellect. This is, also, a direct affront to the Pharisees and learned men of the day, who were eager for any opportunity to take Jesus down a peg or two. Jesus's words are a powerful championing of the pure of heart and mind, the innocent, and those who did not have a voice in society.

If pharmaceutical companies could bottle the second part of today's Gospel, it would be an instant sell-out as the ultimate antidote to human stress. It speaks to us powerfully in times of distress, overwhelm, and need. Jesus drew on agrarian metaphors frequently in his ministry, and his listeners would have understood the immense weight of the yoke across the shoulders as one sweated and toiled in the fields. His words offer immediate comfort and respite, and are also a stark prefiguring of his own Passion.

Perhaps, in the week ahead, we may consider how we can open our hearts to the truth of God's love, and let it guide us in comforting ourselves and others when we are overburdened, anxious, or in need.

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

In the story today Jesus invites us to come to Him, if we have a worry or fear, if we are sad or make mistakes. His Spirit is in our heart, and in the hearts of others too, and Holy Communion, is God's Special Gift to help us. Jesus is always telling us that we are his friends, and that our failings and sins are always forgiven.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 7th-11th JULY 2026

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

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree

Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree & Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Michael & Betty Culliney, Johnstown & Manchester

John & Sighle Forde, Clare St. & The Square

Dom Murphy & decd. of the Murphy & Caffrey families

Paddy & Una Phillips, Main St.

Mary Donnellan & decd. of the Donnellan family, Clare St.

Pat Byrne, Johnstown

Geraldine Sloyan & decd. of the Sloyan family

Delia, Tom & Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.

Josefa Batista & Rosana Costa, Brazil

Gerard, Séan, May & Luke Grealy, Drimbane & Birmingham &

Della Finn (née Grealy), Aghamore

Ita & Mick McDonnell, Carrowkeel

Maura & Fred Herr, Knox St.

Oliver Mullarkey & decd. Tullaghane

Tom, Nellie & Seamus Lyons, Ballinastoka

Decd. members of the Cribbin family, Moneymore

6th-12th JULY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Frances Mulhern, Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne, Fionnuala Nolan
Sunday 10am	Joan Flanagan	Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin, Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick

COLLECTORS FOR JULY

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

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

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Gerald Walsh, Cloonfaughna, Knock– father of Geraldine Regan, Carrowkeel & brother of Jimmy Walsh, Knockbrack;

Anne Moylan, Ballinlough & Supervalu, Ballyhaunis;

Bernie Howard, Dublin & Tuam– sister of Mary Prenty, Knock Road



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.



CEMETERY MASS: The annual Cemetery Mass will take place **this 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.

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.

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.

BOOK LAUNCH: The launch of a new book by Archbishop Emeritus Michael Neary “Challenge, Courage and Call” will take place in Knock Bookshop on Saturday next 11th July at 11.30am. Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy will launch the book, and all are welcome to attend. The book is available in Knock Bookshop and online at www.acnchurchresources.ie

50 YEARS OF KNOCK BASILICA: A special gathering will take place on Saturday 18th July to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Knock Basilica. Join us for a day of nostalgia, memories and thanksgiving. Starting at 11am with the screening of a new short film on the Basilica, interviews with Midwest Radio’s Tommy Marren and “behind the scenes” guided tours of the Basilica. A special Mass of Thanksgiving takes place at 3pm. All welcome. The full programme is available on www.knockshrine.ie

REEK SUNDAY takes place on 26th July, when thousands of pilgrims are expected to 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

SUMMER SCHOOL on the Early Fathers of the Church together with Icon Painting Workshops will take place in the Newman Institute, Ballina from 6th to 11th July, and will be officially opened this Monday 6th by Archbishop Francis Duffy. For more details, email info@step.wien.at

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.

FR. ARUL’S RETURN: This week, we welcome back Fr. Arul Jayaseelan to our parish for a fourth Summer visit. Fr. Arul will spend the month of July in Ballyhaunis assisting Fr. Stephen, before moving onto Knock to assist in August. A priest of the diocese of Dindigul in Tamil Nadu, India, Fr. Arul is now finishing up his studies in Rome. While in Ballyhaunis, he’s looking forward to meeting up again with the many friends he has made in this area.



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, call 071 9179624 or visit www.atu.ie

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 28th June 2026
€2,120

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 angela.taunton676@gmail.com

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY GARDEN is open to new members with a love of gardening or nature. To find out more, call in on Wednesdays from 2pm to 4pm, or on Saturdays / Sundays. Situated behind Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre.

“WINDOWS INTO HISTORY”: Next meeting takes place this Tuesday 7th July in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Continuing research & preparation on the Rural Shops Project, followed by viewing of some short local heritage films. All welcome and refreshments served.