

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

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

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 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.....
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 have prepared for those
who love you good things which no eye
can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with
the warmth of your love, so that, loving
you in all things and above all things, we
may attain your promises, which surpass
every human desire.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for
justice, act with integrity, for soon my
salvation will come and my integrity be
manifest.

Foreigners who have attached
themselves to the Lord to serve him and
to love his name and be his servants - all
who observe the sabbath, not profaning
it, and cling to my covenant - these I will
bring to my holy mountain. I will make
them joyful in my house of prayer. Their
holocausts and their sacrifices will be
accepted on my altar, for my house will
be called a house of prayer for all the
peoples.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

**R. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him **(R)**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been
sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I
am proud of being sent, but the purpose
of it is to make my own people envious
of you, and in this way save some of
them. Since their rejection meant the
reconciliation of the world, do you know
what their admission will mean? Nothing
less than a resurrection from the dead!
God never takes back his gifts or revokes
his choice.

Just as you changed from being
disobedient to God, and now enjoy
mercy because of their disobedience,
so those who are disobedient now - and
only because of the mercy shown to
you - will also enjoy mercy eventually.
God has imprisoned all men in their own
disobedience only to show mercy to all
mankind

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed
the Good News of the kingdom, and
cured all kinds of sickness among the
people. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

**A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Matthew**

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to
the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out
came a Canaanite woman from that
district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of
David, take pity on me. My daughter is
tormented by a devil. ' But he answered

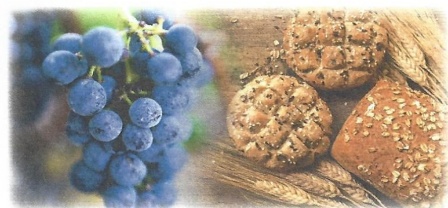
her not a word. And his disciples went
and pleaded with him. 'Give her what
she wants,' they said 'because she is
shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was
sent only to the lost sheep of the House
of Israel. ' But the woman had come up
and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she
said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to
take the children's food and throw it to the
house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir;
but even house-dogs can eat the scraps
that fall from their master's table. ' Then
Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have
great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And
from that moment her daughter was well
again.

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

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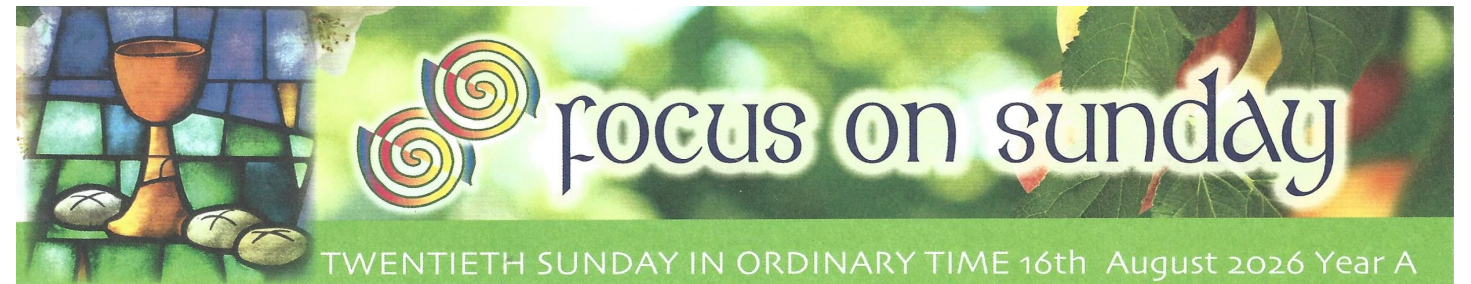
I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with
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.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 16th August 2026 Year A

The gift of Jesus in the Eucharist is a promise of his company
forever in heaven. We share in his life now, and after our death
in a new and different way. This is the joy and certainty of our faith.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive our oblation, O Lord,
by which is brought about a glorious
exchange, that, by offering what you have
given, we may merit to receive your very
self. 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

**With the Lord there is mercy;
in him is plentiful redemption.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these
Sacraments, we humbly implore your
mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image
on earth,
we may merit also to be his coheirs in
heaven.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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 forth, the Mass is ended.
Thanks be to God.



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... you have
great faith



As you wish

Following an altercation with the religious leaders, Jesus
"left that place" and went to the area of Tyre and Sidon. The
geography in today's text is important because these areas
were a no-go for a respectable Jew. Relations between the Canaanites and
the Israelites were extremely hostile. By approaching Jesus, the Canaanite
woman in the Gospel crosses the boundary of ethnicity as well as gender. This
is a narrative on the extreme margins, in unfamiliar territory. The Canaanite
woman is the first woman to speak in Matthew's Gospel. She not only speaks,
she shouts at Jesus: "Lord, help me!"

The response of Jesus which follows has disturbed biblical scholars forever.
Was he joking? Was it the test of a good teacher to see how the disciples and
this woman would react? We just don't know. Is it possible that Jesus learned
from this encounter with this remarkable woman and gained a larger vision of
his calling? This might resonate with us – when have you been in an unfamiliar
place and found new life?

What we do know is that this incident is of huge importance for the community
that Matthew writes for as it concerns the expansion of Jesus' mission to the
Gentiles. The circle is broadened from this point onward, reaching out beyond
the boundaries set by the "house of Israel". The disciples want to "send her
away", the woman is an inconvenience to them and they are unable to handle
her. But she will not be silenced. This brave woman claims her place at the
table. This dialogue between Jesus and the woman is one that can only happen
in a space of honesty and acceptance. Through her persistence she stands up
for all those who are dismissed and in doing so she is praised for her "great
faith", and her daughter is healed.

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

PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th AUGUST 2026

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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 18th-22nd AUGUST 2026

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

Bill Comer & decd. Killinaugher
Nuala Kenny, Abbeyquarter & Kiltimagh
Luke, May, Séan & Gerry Grealley, Birmingham & Drimbane &
Della Finn, Drimbane & Aghamore
Terence & Kathleen McHugh, Main St.
John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong, their daughter Josephine Feeney &
son-in-law Dermot Hegarty, Dublin
John Gerard Brady, Knox St. & Cavan
Jane Mphaphuli, Upper Main St. & The Old Convent
Sarah Frances & Tom Halpenny, Barrack St, Louth & London
Kathleen & Paddy Morley, Woodpark
Julia & Michael McCarthy, Beechpark
Eugene Morley, St Gerald’s Crescent & Howard Morley, Derrymore
Mary Caulfield, Carrowkeel
Ned Judge, Agloragh
Michael Patrick O’Connor, London & Crimlin
Thomas, Delia, John, Tom & Joe Stenson
Michael Murray, Doctor’s Road
Anthony Coyne, Leenane & Séan Coyne, Ballintubber
Frank Webb, Devlis
Vinny Healy & decd. of the Healy family, Ballindrehid
Joe & Julia Eagney & decd. Curries
Mary & Len Ellis & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Spaddagh

SUNDAY 23rd AUGUST—MONTH’S MIND:

Martin Murphy, London, Bracklaghboy & Lecarrow

17th-23rd AUG.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
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	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Geraldine Murphy, Marie Brennan, Dympna Grealley, Helena Byrne

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Tara Cribbin, Lecarrow & formerly Aughnasheelan, Co. Leitrim

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
The 10am Mass on Sundays 16th & 30th August will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM

LEAVING CERT RESULTS: We pray for students who will receive their Leaving Certificate results next Friday 21st August. May God guide them as they make important decisions in the coming weeks on college courses, apprenticeships, jobs and future careers.

2026 NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK continues until next Friday 21st August. This year’s theme “Sheltered in God’s Love” marks the 50th anniversary of the opening of Knock Basilica. 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.
Full Novena programme is available on www.knockshrine.ie

FAMILY DAY AT KNOCK SHRINE next Sunday 16th August. Blessing of families at 11am in the Parish Church. Free games & activities at Basilica Green from 11am to 3pm. All welcome.

“LIFE IN THE SPIRIT” SEMINAR continues here in St. Patrick’s Church, Ballyhaunis 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 16th & 23rd & Friday 28th August, and on the 6th & 13th September from 7pm to 9pm with guest speakers each week. All welcome. For enquiries or registration, call Angela on 089 2462524 or email angelastaunton676@gmail.com

SCHOOLS REOPENING: Scoil Íosa Primary School will reopen on Wed. 26th August for staff & Junior Infants only. All other classes will return on Thursday 27th August. Please note new start & finish times: Doors open at 8.45am. Classes start at 9am. Infant classes finish at 1.40pm, and all other classes finish at 2.40pm. (Junior Infants finish at 12 noon for the first 2 weeks).

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL will reopen for the new school year as follows:
Friday 28th Aug: 1st Year, 6th Year & LCA2
Monday 31st Aug: 3rd Year, 5th Year & LCA1
Tuesday 1st Sept: 2nd Year & TY

“FAITH IN BLOOM” Church Return to Nature Conference takes place in St. John’s Centre, Knock Shrine on Saturday 29th August from 10am to 3pm. The event will explore how faith communities can play a leading role in restoring biodiversity and caring for creation, and will also showcase the significant achievements made at Knock Shrine, in partnership with Mayo County Council’s Biodiversity Office. Visit www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

TÓSTAL BHREAC-CLUANA 2026: As part of Mayo County Council’s “Clans of Mayo” initiative, the Brackloon Reunion Committee invites you to join in an evening of music, song, storytelling, craic agus spraoi next Saturday 22nd August at 8pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. The event will include local heritage videos of interest from times past. All welcome.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 9th Aug. 2026
€1,780

REIMAGINING THE FORMER SCOUTS DEN SITE: Ballyhaunis Abbey Trust & Mayo County Council have secured funding to provide a Masterplan for the Friary site and a feasibility report for the Scouts Den site, and would like to hear your ideas and views on potential changes to the site. Public consultation events will take place on **Friday 21st August** from 10am to 1pm at Nolan’s Supervalu, and from 11.30am to 4pm at St. Mary’s Abbey, Friarsground. Drop in to give your opinion, or send your feedback online by visiting the Facebook page “Ballyhaunis Community Consultation Hub”.

HERITAGE WEEK runs from 17th to 22nd August, and events taking place in Ballyhaunis include:
Monday 17th August: Hands-On History Children’s Workshop: Making Medieval Ring Brooches in St. Mary’s Abbey Church. 10.30-11am (3 to 8 year olds) and 2pm-2.30 (7 to 13 year olds). Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Friday 21st August: Hands-On History Children’s Workshop: Stained Glass Design in St. Mary’s Abbey. 10.30am-11.15 (3 to 8 years) and 2pm-2.45pm (7 to 12 years). Free admission but advance booking is essential for both workshops. To book, email scealheritage@gmail.com

Friday 21st August: Launch of the “Windows into History” Rural Shops Exhibition at 7pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. This exhibition features recorded interviews with people associated with rural shops in places such as Tulrahan, Brickens, Kiltibo, Duffy’s Cross & Brackloon. Come and revisit memories of these shops and hear oral histories of a time before department stores, retail parks and online shopping! The exhibition will be open on Saturday 22nd August and after 10am Mass on Sunday 23rd. “Windows Into History” is a Creative Communities Project, supported by Mayo County Council in association with Creative Ireland. Email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com for more details.

Saturday 22nd August: “Foundations of a Friary” - a one-day symposium takes place in the Augustinian Friary (St. Mary’s Abbey) next Saturday. Specialists in medieval history and architecture will offer an insight into its founding and early history:
Dr. Nollaig Ó’Muraile- “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 & Layout”;
Fr. Iggy O’Donovan OSA: “Reflections on the Augustinian presence in Ballyhaunis & elsewhere, with emphasis on the turbulent cleric Fr. James Anderson OSA.

There will also be an introduction to the Conservation Plan for the Friary which has gotten underway to ensure its preservation into the future. The symposium runs from 9.30am to 4pm with light lunch included. Admission €20 on Eventbrite.ie or on the door, with proceeds to the Friary Preservation Fund. Places are still available.

ALONE is currently looking for new volunteers in this area. Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally for 1-2 hours per week? Volunteers are needed to visit an older person, or provide telephone support. Full training & support provided. If interested, visit www.alone.ie or call 0818 222024.