

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my
God. Have mercy on me, O Lord,
for I cry to you all the day long.

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body
and blood:
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, who cause the minds of the faithful
to unite in a single purpose,
grant your people to love what you
command and to desire what you promise,
that, amid the uncertainties of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on that place
where true gladness is found.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 22: 19 - 23*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna,
the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8

**R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **[R]**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **[R]**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 11: 33-36*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God - how
deep his wisdom and knowledge - and
how impossible to penetrate his motives
or understand his methods! Who could
ever know the mind of the Lord? Who
could ever be his counsellor? Who
could ever give him anything or lend him
anything? All that exists comes from him;
all is by him and for him. To him be glory
for ever! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock
I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld
can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 16: 13 - 20*

A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of
Caesarea Philippi he put this question
to his disciples, 'Who do people say the
Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say
he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and
others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?'
Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are
the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah,
you are a happy man! Because it was not
flesh and blood that revealed this to you
but my Father in heaven. So I now say
to you: You are Peter and on this rock I
will build my Church. And the gates of the
underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of
heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall
be considered bound in heaven;
whatever you loose on earth shall be
considered loosed in heaven.' Then he
gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

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.

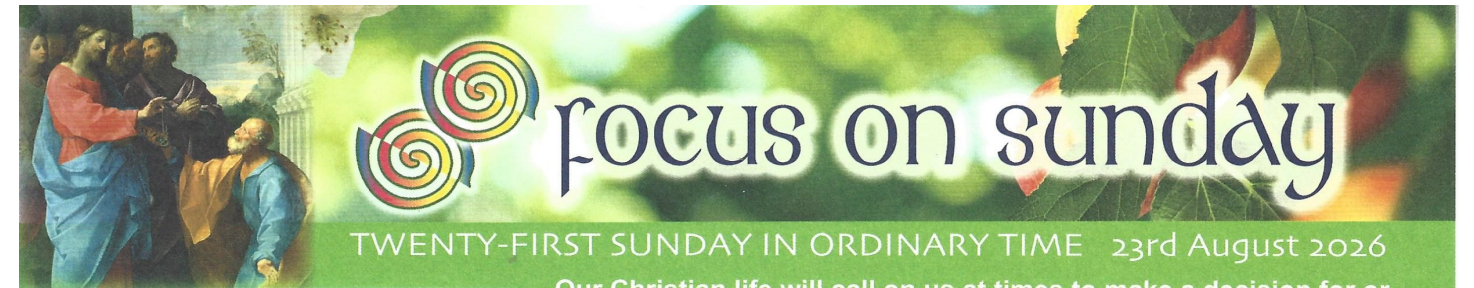


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

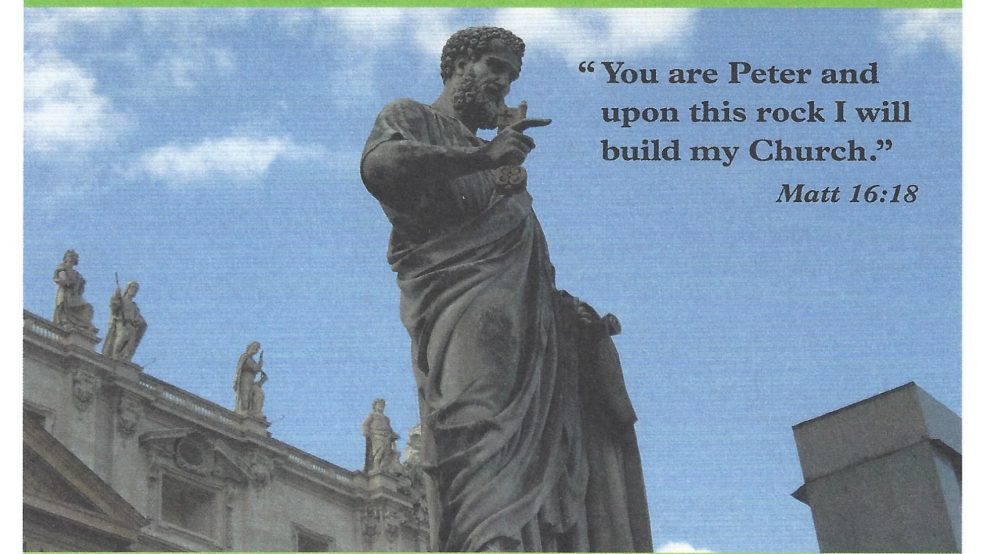
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people
by adoption through the one sacrifice
offered once for all, bestow graciously on
us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace
in your Church. Through Christ our Lord.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 23rd August 2026

Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or
against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel.
We know with him we have the message of the deepest human
love we are capable of.



Matt 16:18

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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my
blood has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray,
the healing work of your mercy
and graciously perfect and sustain us,
so that in all things we may please you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

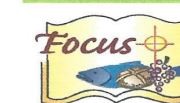
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May the Lord bless you and keep you.
Amen.

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.**

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.



In a walk along the sea, I had a sense that the sea praised
God just by being the sea, and we do the same. I am in you,
you are you and I am me. I praise God just by being who I
am like the sea praises God by coming in and out every tide,

the tree by growing.

We all have our favourite images of Jesus, remembering what he says about
himself. I like the one, *we will come and make our home in you.* He is closer
to you than the air you breathe, the sounds in your heartbeat. He is within
you. If we don't find him there, we find the wrong Jesus elsewhere. 'I am the
one who calls you from the inside'. Our creation is an inside job.

We are who we are., created from love on the inside. Beauty comes from
within to shine through the face of a lovely man or woman. Jesus looked
on Peter and saw a good man on the inside and built a Church on Peter, the
weak and wobbly Peter. The one who said later, I don't know the man. Who
tried to get Jesus away from his mission. And everyone of us do the Lord's
work from our own weakness.

We look around today and that's the Church. We all carry our inside wounds,
the hurts we have from love that didn't work out, the family with tragic deaths,
the mother nursing the prisoner son or daughter in her heart, the man or
woman carrying the scars of abuse in the personality...the guilts of alcohol
abuse, drug pushing, abortion..we all carry the wounds of Jesus. But we
praise God and are called by him as we are now – we live in the present and
love it.

That is all on the inside, and the inside is where you say *I am me, and God is*
with me. Is your Jesus the one whose heart makes sacred everything in your
life? Or the one for whom you're never good enough. it is to people like you
and me that Jesus says now that he will build his church. People weak and
wobbly in our faith and lives as Peter.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

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:

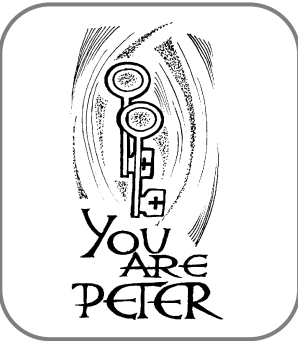
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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 25th-29th AUGUST 2026

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

Deirdre Dennedy, Knock & formerly Abbey St.
Séan & Maura Griffin, decd. of the Griffin & O’Reilly families & Mike Freeley
Peter Meenan, Aisling Drive
Mark Dillon Leetch & decd., Main St.
Ann & David Fitzmaurice & decd., Forthill & Mountain
Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. of the Roddy & Duddy families
Kate, John, Noel, J.J. & Patrick Goulding & Anne Joyce
Moira, Jackie, Ciara & Andrew Gallagher
Ellie & Tom Donnelly, Andy Killeen & Brian Hassall
John & Agnes Freyne & decd. Clare St.
Fr. Bart Delaney OSA, Ballyhaunis & Cork

24th-30th AUG.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Maeve Donnellan	Deirdre Browne, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Tim Byrne
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy

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

INTERMENT OF ASHES: On Saturday next 29th August at 3pm, the interment of ashes will take place of three members of the Jordan family, Knox Street in the family plot in Ballyhaunis Cemetery. This includes the cremated ashes of James (Jimmy) Jordan, Knox St. & Manchester who passed away on 18/11/2022, Anthony (Tony) Jordan, Knox St. & Dublin, died 3/5/2023, and Mary Jordan née Mitchell, Claremorris & Dublin, died 29/1/2025. May they rest in peace.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

John Mooney, Doctor’s Road;
Michael (Mike) McDermott, Cloonkeen, Castlerea, brother-in-law of Martin
Finan, Brackloon

“**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 Sunday 23rd & Friday 28th August, and on the 6th & 13th September from 7pm to 9pm. All welcome. For enquiries or registration, call Angela on 089 2462524

SCHOOLS REOPENING: Scoil Íosa Primary School will reopen next Wednesday 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

LEAVING CERT RESULTS: We pray for students who have received their Leaving Certificate results in recent days. May God guide them as they make important decisions in the coming weeks on college courses, apprenticeships, jobs and future careers.

“**FAITH IN BLOOM**”: A conference about the Church Return to Nature initiative takes place in St. John’s Centre, Knock Shrine next 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. This is a free event in partnership with Mayo County Council, The Heritage Council and NPWS. For programme & bookings, visit www.knockshrine.ie

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.

INFORMATION DAY: Mayo Older Person’s Council will hold an AGM / Information Day in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar on Monday 7th September from 10am to 2pm. Presentations from Dr. Mark Garavan, SAGE Advocacy, Foxford Alzheimers Community Trust & others. Information stands from various services and supports available to the older population in Mayo. Free event. For more details, call 094 9064111 or email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie

SAFetalk: Suicide Alertness For Everyone. Learn steps to identify suicidal thoughts and connect individuals to suicide first -aid resources. Free training takes place at the Family Centre, Castlebar (F23 PH39) on Tuesday 8th September from 10am to 1.30pm. Over 18’s only. Booking essential by emailing darlene@breakingthrough.org

“**UNDERSTANDING SELF-HARM**”: A one-day training programme which helps to develop participants’ knowledge & understanding of self-harm and the reasons underlying such behaviour takes place on Wed. 16th September from 10am to 5pm at the Family Centre, Castlebar (F23 PH39). Booking is essential by emailing darlene@breakingthrough.org

SAMARITANS are currently recruiting volunteers from all over Mayo to support the work of the Castlebar branch of Samaritan. Information sessions will take place at the branch, 21 Thomas Street, Castlebar on Saturday next 29th August from 11am to 3pm, and on Thursday 3rd Sept. from 5pm to 7pm. For more information, call 086 2468203.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS: Peak of the Reek Community Climb. Join us in a climb of Croagh Patrick on Saturday 12th September. All funds support hands-on care for local families living with Dementia in the West. Call 094 9364900 or register at westernalzheimers.ie

MARY’S MEALS would like to thank all in Ballyhaunis who donated to their recent Walk to Knock. The charity now feeds over 3 million children everyday in their place of education in 18 of the world’s poorest countries. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a full school year. Every donation counts, and for more details or to make an online donation, visit www.marysmeals.ie

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential weekend from 2nd to 4th October at the Focolare Centre, Curryhills, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions and enjoy time together & guided reflection in an atmosphere of warmth, prayer & deep Christian faith. Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie

Offertory Collection
Sunday 16th Aug. 2026
€1,815

FILM SCREENING: A screening of the People’s Emergency Briefing film on the threats to Irish & British life from ongoing damage to nature and to our climate will be held in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Friday 18th September from 7.15pm. The film features footage from last November’s National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, which brought together leading U.K. experts in climate science, food security, health, economics, national security and nature and it presents an overview of how the climate and nature crisis is affecting everyday life. The film will be followed by a short discussion on what this means for our community. Jointly hosted by Ballyhaunis Community Council and Climate Café Connacht. For more information or to book tickets, email climatecafeconnacht@gmail.com

PADDY-JOE– A LIFE OF MUSIC: A documentary film made by Adam Kaczmarec about local musician Paddy Joe Tighe will be screened in the Community Hall this Sunday 23rd August at 5pm. Tea / coffee served. All welcome to this free event as part of National Heritage Week.

SAM MAGUIRE COMES TO TOWN! Ballyhaunis GAA & LGFA will welcome our own Jack Coyne, captain of the All-Ireland winning Mayo team, and the Sam Maguire Cup to the club next Thursday 27th August. Jack will be joined by team members, so come along, meet the players and get your photo with Sam between 5pm & 8pm at the Dawn meats Ballyhaunis GAA Grounds.

CAMINO FUNDRAISER: Best of luck to three young local men Joseph Lyons, Brian O’Neill & Liam Foody who will walk 270 km of the Camino from Porto to Santiago de Compostela between 3rd & 13th September in aid of the Irish Motor Neurone Disease Association. To make an online donation, click onto <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/brianoneill70>
Donations cards also available in Curley’s Bar & Ballyhaunis Veterinary Clinic.