

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came to call sinners:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 84: 9-14

R. Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 9: 1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 14: 22 - 33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at

once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation.

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

The bread that I will give, says the Lord, is my flesh for the life of the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your truth. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

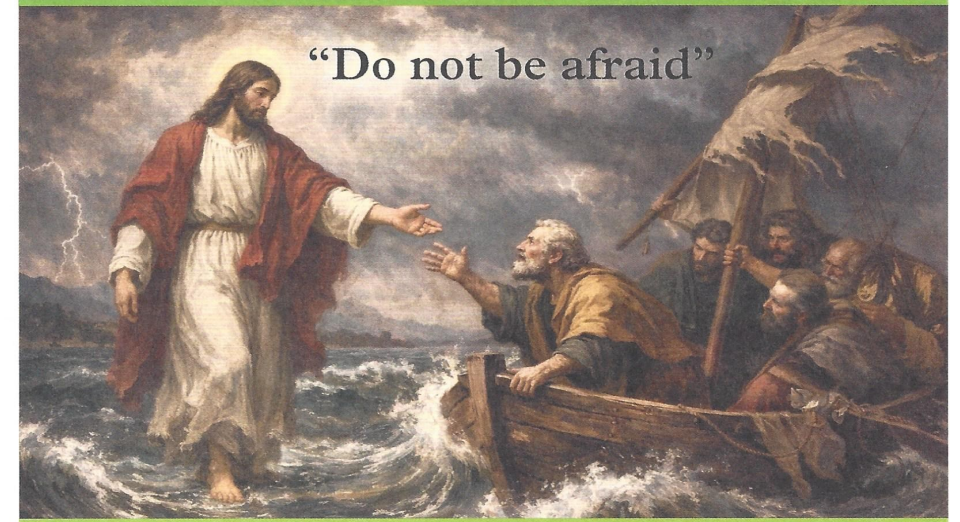
May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever.

Amen.

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**



At times God is to be found where we least expect him. He appears in joy and anguish, in the mountain breeze and the sea storm. In our prayer we need the patience to wait for God to speak to us, and the faith to walk towards him when he calls.



“Do not be afraid”



The early Christians were facing storms on all sides, from their former Jewish communities who rejected them and from the Roman occupying forces who saw them as a threat to stability and security. Some were asking where was Jesus, why was he not around to help them.

This story, Jesus walking on the waters to come to the aid of the disciples in the boat, was written to assure those early Christians that, while Jesus seemed to be absent, in fact he was well aware of the storms in their lives and would not leave them to battle them on their own. But to recognise him in their troubles required faith. It was Peter's faith that allowed him to recognise Jesus and encounter him in the midst of the storm. It was when his faith grew dim, that the storm overwhelmed him and he began to sink. In our lives, we all encounter storms that seem to overwhelm us and some begin to doubt that God exists because God does not appear to come to their aid. It is in those times that our faith is tested. It is easy to believe in God and trust God when things are going well in our lives. But at those difficult times in our lives, God calls us to trust that we have not been abandoned, that God is present to us and God will see us through. It is only through prayer that we can say, in faith, with Julian of Norwich,

“All shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well.”

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus was sad when his cousin John was killed. He wanted to go to a quiet place, but the people followed Him, bringing the sick and lonely. In the evening his companions asked Him to send the people home, because they had no meal all day. Jesus said "No, give them something to eat yourselves". There was only a few loaves and two fish. Jesus blessed the food, and as it was handed out it got bigger and bigger. All had plenty to eat. Even when Jesus was sad, He put others first, and their hunger. He puts us first too. When we are lonely and sad He gives us The Food of Holy Communion, and we get the blessing, to help someone else, even when we are lonely and sad.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 11th-15th AUGUST 2026

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

Triona Morley Smith, Dublin & Knox St.

Peg & Jim Cribbin, Togher

Bill O’Boyle, Carrowkeel

Luke & Lillie Lyons, Gurteenmore & decd. of the Lyons & Morley families

John, Richard & Val Lyons & decd., Arderry

Tony Greene, Knox St. & Pennsylvania

James & Bridget Costello & Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue

Mary McGuire & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Johnstown

Chris Mannion, Drimbane

Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St. & Dermot Winston, Ballinlough

Elizabeth Jordan, Annagh

Oliver Levins, Clare St.

Mary & Edward Brennan, Kiltiboe & daughters Lilian & Noreen

10th-16th 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	Eileen Jordan, Mary Freeley
Sat. 15th-10am	Paula Donnellan	Patricia Plunkett, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Lorraine Waldron, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney
Sunday 10am	Julia Kelly	Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch

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 9th, 16th & 30th August will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM

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

RUNWAY RUN: The 9th annual 5K Runway Family Run takes place on the runway at Ireland West Airport Knock on Saturday 19th Sept. at 7.15pm. All funds raised go to the airport’s chosen 6 local charities for 2026. Registration is now open at irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun

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

Offertory Collection

Sunday 2nd Aug. 2026

€1,615

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION: Next Saturday 15th August marks The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated at 10am, as well as our usual Vigil Mass at 7.30pm.

MARY’S MEALS: The annual “Step by Step for Mary’s Meals” walks from 8 starting points around the country to Knock will arrive in Ballyhaunis next Friday 14th August. **Fr. Eamonn Kelly, National Chaplain to Mary’s Meals, will celebrate Mass here in St. Patrick’s Church at 6.30pm on Friday evening and everyone is welcome.** The walkers will then enjoy some refreshments in the Communal House, Clare Court before setting off for the final leg of their walk to Knock on Friday morning, 15th August. Mary’s Meals provides school meals to over 3 million children in some of the world’s poorest countries. Just €22 will feed a child for an entire school year. Please donate to the bucket collection, or online at www.marysmeals.ie

“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 9th, 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

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

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.

UPDATE FROM FR. STEPHEN:

“Earlier this year, in conversation with Archbishop Francis and conscious of the challenges facing him with the imminent retirement of three priests, I informed him that, if it made his task any easier, I was happy to take up a new appointment elsewhere in the archdiocese. I also assured him that, if it made his task more difficult, I was more than happy to stay on here in Ballyhaunis. In the past few days, Archbishop Francis has informed me that he will not be asking me to take up a new appointment at this time. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness and support, and I look forward to continuing to serve you, along with the members of the Parish Pastoral Council and all involved in ministry in the parish”.

Fr. Stephen



Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Matthew Faye, Abbeyvale

‘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

LÁR LÚNASA LIVE: Mid-August Music & Arts Event in aid of the Sunflower Children’s Hospice takes place from 14th to 16th August in Eileen’s Bar and The Big Red Barn in Aghamore from 12 noon to 12 midnight each day. Headline acts include Séan Keane, Robert Mizzell, Frankie Gavin, Shaskeen, The Piper’s Cross Céilí Band etc. No cover charge but donations are welcome for the Mayo Roscommon Children’s Hospice. Please support.

“WINDOWS INTO HISTORY” EXHIBITION: The exhibition will be launched on Friday 21st August at 7pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. For the past few months, members of the Genealogy & Heritage Group, who meet every fortnight, have been researching rural shops in places such as Tulrahan, Brickens, Kiltibo, Duffy’s Cross, Brackloon etc. All are welcome to attend the launch, revisit memories of these shops and hear oral histories of a time before department stores, retail parks and online shopping! “Windows Into History” is a Creative Communities Project, supported by Mayo County Council in association with Creative Ireland, and is a Heritage Week event. For more details, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com