

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

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...

Amen.

THE GLORIA

Glorify 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

Look upon us, O God, Creator and ruler of all things, and, that we may feel the working of your mercy, grant that we may serve you with all our heart. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Ecclesiasticus 27: 30 - 28:7*

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,

and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord,

who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another,

can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,

can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes

resentment;

who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop

hating, remember dissolution and death,

and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do

not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 102:1-4, 9-12*

R. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord

and never forget all his blessings. **[R]**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,

who redeems your life from the grave,

who crowns you with love and

compassion. **[R]**

3. His wrath will come to an end;

he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our

sins

nor repay us according to our faults. **[R]**

4. For as the heavens are high above the

earth

so strong is his love for those who fear

him.

As far as the east is from the west

so far does he remove our sins. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Romans 14: 7 - 9*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The life and death of each of us has its

influence on others; if we live, we live

for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the

Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to

the Lord. This explains why Christ both

died and came to life, it was so that he

might be Lord both of the dead and of the

living.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another, just as I have loved

you, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 18: 21 - 35*

A reading from the holy Gospel

according to Matthew.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he

wrongs me? As often as seven times?'

Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you,

but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be

compared to a king who decided to settle

his accounts with his servants. When

the reckoning began, they brought him

a man who owed ten thousand talents;

but he had no means of paying, so his

master gave orders that he should be

sold, together with his wife and children

and all his possessions, to meet the

debt. At this, the servant threw himself

down at his master's feet. "Give me time"

he said "and I will pay the whole sum."

And the servant's master felt so sorry for

him that he let him go and cancelled the

debt. Now as this servant went out, he

happened to meet a fellow servant who

owed him one hundred denarii; and he

seized him by the throat and began to

throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he

said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and

implored him, saying, "Give me time and

I will pay you." But the other would not

agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown

into prison till he should pay the debt. His

fellow servants were deeply distressed

when they saw what had happened, and

they went to their master and reported

the whole affair to him. Then the master

sent for him. "You wicked servant," he

said "I cancelled all that debt of yours

when you appealed to me. Were you not

bound, then, to have pity on your fellow

servant just as I had pity on you?" And

in his anger the master handed him over

to the torturers till he should pay all his

debt. And that is how my heavenly Father

will deal with you unless you each forgive

your brother from your heart.'



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,

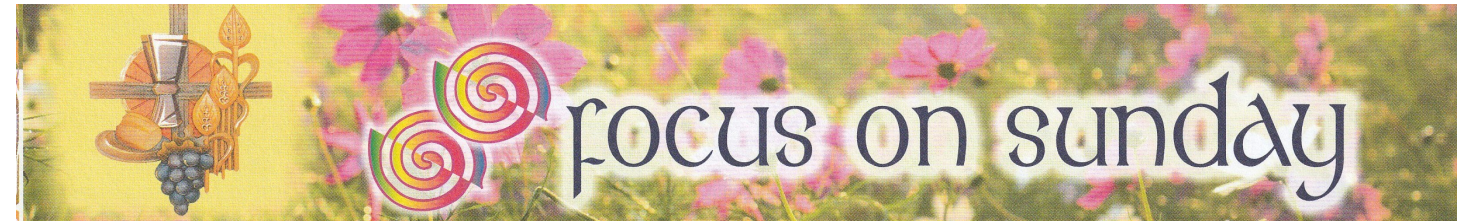
catholic and apostolic Church.

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

Look with favour on our supplications,

O Lord, and in your kindness accept these,

your servants' offerings, that what

each has offered to the honour of your

name may serve the salvation of all.

Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC 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

How precious is your mercy, O God!

The children of men seek shelter in the

shadow of your wings.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of this heavenly gift,

O Lord, we pray, take possession of our

minds and bodies, so that its effects, and not

our own desires, may always prevail in us.

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..**

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Through Christ's own blood we have been forgiven. We did not earn this forgiveness - it is God's gift to us. We in return must forgive in the same way - not with strings attached, not once only, but unconditionally, freely and always.

Forgive your brother

from your heart.



The parable is a story with Eastern exaggerations but it's making the point -about how God treats us - always forgiving. A parable is always about God, ourselves and life.

A principal theme of this parable is the forgiveness of God.

Its hard sometimes to accept the forgiveness of God and that's what confession is about. No matter what we did, or how we feel about what we have done, God forgives. Not only forgiveness – but mercy. His nature is to be merciful. His love is bigger than any anger or dissatisfaction we may put on to him. Mercy covers sins.

We may find ourselves on a day here thinking over hurts and so on of our lives. Often we cannot meet a person to forgive or make up....they may have gone to God. Prayer helps us forgive.

We can thank God for God's forgiveness; and for the times we could let go of guilt, regrets, remorse. , and for times we were forgiven. It may happen bit by bit – allow it all happen in God's time and with God. And we know we are invited with God's help into the bright fragrant world of forgiveness.

That is the call and the grace and love of our God, always forgiving, always patient with us, letting us know compassion and forgiveness all our days. As the Lord forgives us, may we forgive each other.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

God cannot punish anyone, because we are God's loved children. But we can punish ourselves, and God wants to help us. There are false gods, who promise happiness from drugs, greed, and bullying, stealing, hurting others, and selfish ways that make us unhappy. Jesus' Spirit promises to help us. We light a candle, keep a pocket cross, and ask Mary Our Mother to pray for us.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

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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 15th-19th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

Michael Curley, Crossbeg

Teresa & Frank Connolly, Devlis

John Regan, Michael Nolan & decd. of the Regan & Nolan families, Tulrahan

John & Dom Murphy & decd. Brackloon North

Marion Summerton, Birmingham & Began

Josie Regan, Loughglynn

SUNDAY 20th SEPTEMBER– FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Anne Marrinan, Knock Road

Mary Rochford, Gurteen

14th-20th SEPT.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Mary Sykes, Margaret Byrne
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Mary Donnelly	Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Marie Brennan, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves

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

STATIONS: Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October or November can contact the Parish Office at 094 9630006 to arrange.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS urgently needs Volunteer Befrienders in this area. If you have one or two hours per week to spare and might be interested, call Lucy on 094 93 64900 or 087 3694477.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Tom Fitzpatrick, Carrowbehy;

Eoin Doyle, Gurrane;

Nora Óg Sweeney, Arizona, USA & formerly Abbey St, Ballyhaunis

May they rest in peace

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Ballyhaunis Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday 14th September at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

PPC NEWSLETTER: The Parish Pastoral Council newsletter from January to June 2026 is now available in the church porch. Please take a copy home, as the newsletter contains articles and photos of events that took place in our parish in the first half of the year.

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass will take place in St. Mary's Abbey (Friary) on Sunday 27th September at 12 noon, with music & singing provided by the Abbey Male Choir. The Mass will be followed by the Abbey Pattern.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES:

Archbishop Francis will celebrate the annual Archdiocese of Tuam Marriage Anniversaries Mass in Tuam Cathedral on Sunday 11th October at 3pm. Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are warmly welcome to attend. Refreshments will be served afterwards in St. Jarlath's College. If you would like to attend, email info@tuamparish.com or call 093 24250 before Wednesday 7th October. Send the names of the couple attending and the number of family members who will accompany them, for catering purposes.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE: Mayo Roscommon Hospice are looking for community groups, individuals, schools or workplaces to host a coffee morning/ evening on National Coffee Morning for Hospice Thursday 24th Sept. or any date that suits. Coffee & posters will be provided. Contact 094 9388666 or email info@hospice.ie

MAYO RECOVERY COLLEGE: Autumn/ Winter mental health & wellbeing education modules begin on the following dates in ATU Castlebar with online option also. All welcome. Tuesdays 15th & 22nd Sept. at 10am: "Recovery, Let's Talk". Thursdays 17th & 24th Sept. at 5pm: "All About Stress". To register, email karen@mentalhealthireland.ie or call Karen McHale at 086 0294901

TUAM CANCER CARE will partner with the Marie Keating Foundation to deliver their free "Survive & Thrive" 6-week programme for people who have finished their cancer treatment. The sessions take place in Tuam on Wednesdays 10.30am to 1.30pm from 23rd September. Places are limited so book early. Call Fiona on 087 9657144 or fsullivan@mariekeating.ie

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP will return next Sunday 20th September at 7pm in the Tuam Parish Centre, H54 T656. This month's guest speaker is actor, director & podcaster John Connors. The Tuam Archdiocese Men of St. Joseph is a group for men of all ages & backgrounds. Our gatherings are based on Faith, Formation & Fraternity. New members always welcome.

YOUCAT: Know, Love and Live your Catholic Faith more confidently. You are invited to join a twenty-week YOUCAT Companion study group for adults of all ages. Introduction & information morning on Wednesday 16th Sept. from 10am to 11.30am in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock Shrine. Further information from Eileen on 087 7985688 or Fr. Matthew on 083 3527308.

CROI: Are you recovering from a cardiac event? Join the Croí Heart & Stroke Charity Mayo Cardiac Peer Support Group at the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Wednesday 16th Sept. from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Information will be given on local resources to help you to manage your condition, and connect with others who understand your experience. For details, call Croí at 094 9049172

"COME AWAY TO A QUIET PLACE": This 4-day residential retreat takes place at the retreat village in Knock Shrine from 14th to 18th September. For details, visit www.knockshrine.ie or call 086 0108623

ANNAGH 2026-WEDDING PHOTOS: Material is currently being gathered for Annagh 2026– the 49th edition of the annual Ballyhaunis parish magazine. Articles, club reports & photos are being accepted for inclusion. The Gallery of Wedding Photographs is a very popular feature each year, and if you, a family member or a friend with Ballyhaunis connections got married in the past year, Annagh would be delighted to include a wedding photo in the upcoming issue. An appeal is also being made to secretaries and PROs of local clubs and organisations to ensure reports & photos are submitted in good time. Material can be emailed to: info@annaghmag.ie or given to committee members: Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, John Kilduff, Jim Lundon, Edward Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith & Paul Waldron. The deadline for receipt of material is Friday 16th October– just over 4 weeks away but still plenty of time to put pen to paper or root out those photos you would like to share. Due to the pressure on printing works as Christmas approaches, it's vital that material be submitted before the deadline.

Wedding Bells: Congratulations to Lorraine Biesty, Carrowkeel and Michael Ryan, Claremorris who recently married in St. Patrick's Church.



POOR CLARES GALWAY MONASTIC EXPERIENCE

DAY takes place on Saturday 19th September from 10am to 5pm. An opportunity to experience and learn more about the Poor Clare way of life for women aged 18-35. For more information, contact events@poorclares.ie

GENEALOGY & HERITAGE GROUP: A meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th Sept. at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall to debrief on the recent Rural Shops Project and discuss other interview requests received. All welcome.

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 next Friday 18th September from 7.15pm. 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

MINI PRAYER VIGIL: The Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacred Heart mini prayer vigil takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday 25th September from 8.30pm to midnight.

EVENING CLASSES for Autumn at St. Louis Community School, Kiltimagh include: Family Favourites Cookery Class, Conversational Spanish, Conversational English, Traditional Willow Weaving. The classes run from Monday 21st September to 16th November. For details, call Patricia at 097 7996977 or email adulthoodeducation@stlouiscs.com

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The next monthly clinic will be held on Saturday 19th Sept from 9am to 12.30pm in the Community Hall.

GAMES EVENING: All welcome to the Games Evening in the Community Hall on Sunday 20th Sept. from 4 to 6pm. Chess, draughts, backgammon, cards etc at all levels. Tea/coffee served.