

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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.....
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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 6 - 9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts,

my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. **[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. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 20: 1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here

idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

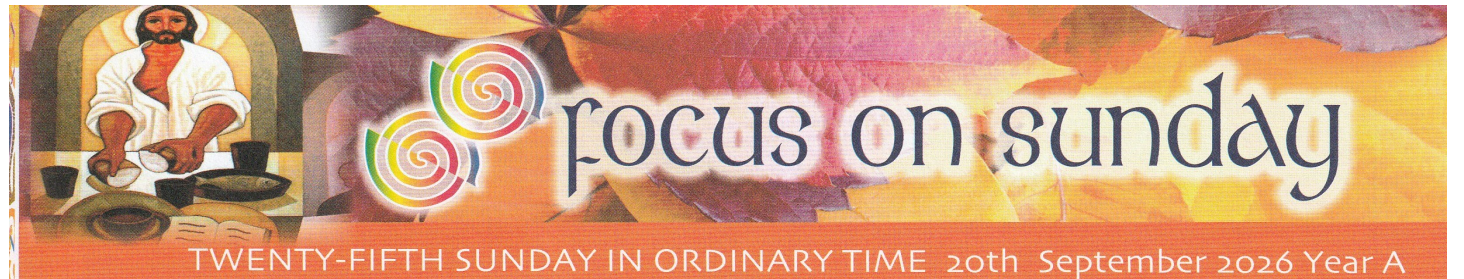
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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.
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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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.**

It is not easy to understand the mind of God. He sees goodness where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem to be deserved. Yet even with our limited vision we can be sure he is near us whenever we call him.



...the **LAST**
will be
FIRST
and the **FIRST**

LAST.



The trade unions would not be happy. The vineyard owner agrees a wage of one denarius for a day's work, which was sufficient for the worker to feed their family for a day. But those who worked much less than a full day also got one denarius. Naturally, those who had laboured all day felt aggrieved. The audience listening to Jesus were amazed – the rich men they knew exploited their workers, so they could get richer. They had never heard of a rich man who cared whether his workers could feed their families or not. But the vineyard owner points out that they had agreed to work all day for one denarius, so why were they resentful that the other workers could also now feed their families too. In this story, the vineyard owner represents God, while we are the workers in God's vineyard. Our God is a God who cares for us, not just for our spiritual lives, but also for our everyday, material, lives. God wants us, the workers in the vineyard, God's children, to live happy, fulfilled lives, as every parent does. This story was a message to the early Christian community – they were to look after each other and ensure that the needs of all were met. Today, we are the Christian community to which this message is directed. We are called to ensure that no child should grow up in poverty, no family live in homelessness, no-one wait in pain for healthcare. This is the test of the authenticity of our prayer and Eucharist, the test of our following of Jesus.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

I met a man in a shop. He said that he had only six weeks to live. He said that he was glad that he got some time to know. His wife went away from home years ago, and his son had a row with him and emigrated. 'Now,' he said, 'they are both coming back to see me, and we will be all re-united.' God waits lovingly for us to see the light.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th SEPTEMBER 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 22nd-26th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

Fr. Joe Cooney, former P.P. Ballyhaunis

Mícheál & Kathleen Waldron, Johnstown

Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.

Mary E. Hunt, Lecarrow, Margaret Fahey & decd. of the Hunt family

Una & Paddy Phillips, Main St.

Johnny & Bridie Lyons, Upper Main St.

Decd. members of the Fleming & Caulfield families

John & Agnes Meehan, Annagh, their son John & John Meehan, Coventry

SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER:

MONTH'S MIND

John Mooney, Doctor's Road

1ST ANNIVERSARY

Teresa Waldron, Redford

Margaret Fitzmaurice, Forthill

21st-27th SEPT.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Margaret Byrne, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Lorraine Waldron
Sunday 10am	Joan Flanagan	Eileen Donnellan, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao

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, call Lucy on 094 93 64900 or 087 3694477.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Frank Lyons, Woodpark & formerly Knockbrack;

John Nolan, Cork & Brackloon-brother of Michael Nolan, Brackloon;

Patrick Cummins, Ballindine-nephew of Anne Carney, Upper Main St.

May they rest in peace

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will resume at 10am Mass next Sunday 27th September for children aged 4 to 8. The theme this month is "The Shepherd of Our Lord" along with songs & activities to enhance the story. Children are invited into the Sacristy, and will return to their families after Holy Communion.

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass will take place in St. Mary's Abbey (Friary) next Sunday 27th September at 12 noon, with music & singing provided by the Abbey Male Choir. After Mass, local historian Paul Waldron will give a talk about the history of the Friary. All welcome. This will be followed by the annual **Abbey Pattern** from 2.30 to 5pm in the Friary Field. Children's races & novelty events, bouncy castles, face painting and Dog Show.

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.

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH GROUP will return this 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.

HOSPICE COFFEE DAY: Former members of Ballyhaunis Active Retirement & friends will host a Tea/ Coffee Afternoon to raise funds for Mayo Roscommon Hospice in Clare Court Communal House on Wednesday 23rd September from 2pm to 5pm. Come along for tea, coffee, cake, craic & live music, and support this very worthwhile cause.

Any groups, individuals, schools or workplaces that would like to host a Coffee Morning / Evening for Hospice can call 094 9388666 or email info@hospice.ie for free coffee & posters.

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

NOVENA: The annual Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots, "A Way to Peace in Our Hearts" will take place in St. Mary's Church, Headford from 20th to 28th September at 7pm. Rosary, Novena prayers & Mass each evening. All welcome.

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

"AGE STRONG, LIVE LONG": Celebrating International Day of Older Persons with a Health & Wellbeing Event on Thursday 1st October in the Great National Hotel, Ballina. A day dedicated to promoting healthy ageing & longevity with a panel of expert speakers. Doors open at 10am for workshops, with the main event from 1.15 to 4pm. Demonstrations & information stands covering issues such as medications, mobility, Flu vaccination, CHIME hearing checks etc. Get your free tickets on www.eventbrite.ie or call 094 9049291.

HUMAN LIFE INTERNATIONAL IRELAND presents Fr. Lawrence Carney, international author & speaker, for an inspiring evening of faith, hope & renewal on Friday 25th Sept. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6.45pm, with a First Class Relic of St. Thérèse. For more details call 094 9375993.

DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY would like to thank the people of Ballyhaunis for the warm welcome received by Sr. Geraldine Henry when she visited recently to make an appeal on behalf of the charity's Missions in Africa. Over €3,600 has been raised to date, and donations are still being received . All money donated will go directly to the Sisters in Africa for assisting people who are poor & marginalised.

AsiAm: Ireland's Autism Charity has a Community Support Hub in Galway which provides a range of supports and activities for Autistic people and their families across Galway, Mayo & Roscommon. These include one-to-one information and advice sessions, parent and family support, social groups & activities for Autistic children, young people & adults, special interest groups, workshops and community events. For more details, call 091 354340 or email csh1@asiam.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: AGM of the Community Council takes place on Wednesday 7th October at 8pm in the Community Hall.

SEASON OF CREATION 2026 continues until 4th October and the Archdiocese of Tuam & Diocese of Killala will host a Creation Time Webinar on Bio-Diversity in our Parishes and Schools this Monday 21st Sept. at 7.30pm via Zoom. Guest speaker is Jane Mellett of Trocaire who will speak on the theme for this year's Creation Time- "Living Water", and will present practical suggestions for parishes and schools to help create more eco-friendly, bio-diverse spaces around our churches, schools & parishes. To register for the webinar, call Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email postprimaryre@tuamarchdiocese.org

ST. FAUSTINA WEEKEND takes place in St. Mary's Church, Convoy, Co. Donegal on 3rd & 4th October. Prayer & reflection on Divine Mercy Devotions led by Fr. Eamonn Kelly. See poster on church noticeboard for more details.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: Thanks to all who have submitted material for Annagh 2026. Preparations are ongoing and articles, club reports & photos can be emailed to: info@annaghmag.ie or given to any committee member: Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, John Kilduff, Jim Landon, Edward Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Nell Rochford, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith & Paul Waldron. The deadline for receipt of material is Friday 16th October.

DOWN SYNDROME MAYO BRANCH would like to thank all who supported their recent Church Gate collection in Ballyhaunis which raised almost €490. Your support makes a real difference to children & adults with Down Syndrome and their families in the parish and across Mayo.

ANGER MANAGEMENT: Is your anger hurting you or others? Knock Counselling Centre will run an Anger Management Programme on Friday 9th & Saturday 10th October. For details, call Peter on 094 9375032 or visit www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

AUTUMN LINE DANCING HOEDOWN takes place next Friday 25th September from 7.30pm to 11pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Beginners & improvers welcome. Admission €12 includes refreshments & raffle.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 13th Sept. 2026

€1,665