

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25: 6 - 10

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people

a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said:

See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps.22

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]

2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 1-14 (*shorter form 22:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."

But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.*

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

NICENE CREED

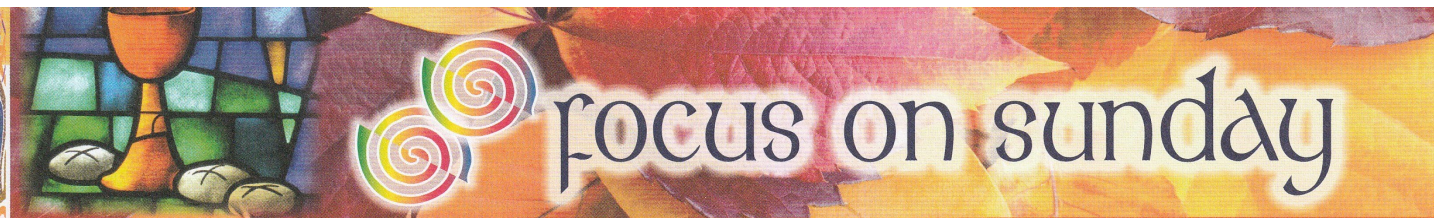
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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



Prisoners' Sunday

God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in return so that others may know his generosity.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.

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 in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.



Today is prisoner Sunday and the Church asks us to reflect on this most marginalised and often despised section of our population. Many accept, without reflection, that our prisons are full of dangerous, violent criminals. While there are certainly some dangerous people in prison, 80% of those convicted are sentenced

to 12 months or less, suggesting that their crimes are less serious (accepting that even less serious crimes can be upsetting or even traumatic for the victim). 70% of prisoners have an addiction but our addiction services have long waiting lists. The Government plan to provide 1,500 extra prison places to combat the overcrowding in our prisons, but it might actually be more effective to provide 1,500 extra drug treatment places. 70% have mental health issues and our mental health services are generally recognised as very inadequate. Our prisons are overcrowded, full of drugs and increasingly violent places, making rehabilitation almost impossible. Some are on remand with bail set at €50 or €100, but they haven't got it, so they remain in prison simply because they are poor. Others have bail, but because they cannot provide an address, they remain in prison because they are homeless. Most people who commit crime grow out of it. Many tell me that they gave up crime because they fell in love, or had a child, or found employment, and that now they have a reason, for the first time in their lives, not to go to jail. Perhaps it is the system, just as much as prisoners, which needs rehabilitation!

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Heaven, seeing The Face of God, Is like a happy birthday party. Everyone is invited. Everyone is happy. St.Peter will meet us at The Door of Heaven, and give us a big welcome. We don't need to bring any presents to heaven. We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.

ST. PATRICK’S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th OCTOBER 2026

Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Farragher, 094-9630006 / 087-9210305

Email: ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com Parish Office: 094-9630006

PARISH WEBSITE: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

PARISH RADIO: 105.2FM Newsletter on line: Parish website & www.mcn.live

WEBCAM: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie or www.mcn.live

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Began: 094-9313937



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 13th-17th OCTOBER 2026

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

Joe Keane, Knox St.

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong

Josephine Feeney & Dermot Hegarty, Dublin

Pat & Tom Donnellan & decd. Clare St.

Una & Paddy Phillips, Main St. & decd. of the Phillips & Donnellan families

Dan & Teresa Tarpey & decd. Carrowkeel

Martin, May, Jarlath, Fr. Frank & Fr. Des Fahey, Lavallyroe

David Judge & decd. Agloragh

Joe Mongan, Brickens & decd. of the Mongan & Jennings families

Rev. S. John Joseph & Rev. Patrick Costello

John Cregg & Aisling Duggan, Ballinlough

12th-18th OCT.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Mary Sykes
Friday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Paul Sykes, Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan

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 11th & 18th October will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM

ENROLMENT MASS FOR HOLY COMMUNION takes place at 7.30pm Mass this Saturday evening 10th October. All children preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Reconciliation should attend. The First Holy Communion ceremony will take place in our parish on Saturday 15th May 2027 at 11am.

DOMINICAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE takes place this Sunday 11th October. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm with concelebrated Mass at 3pm. The main celebrant will be Fr. John Harris OP, Provincial of the Irish Dominicans, with homilist Fr. Conor McDonough OP, St. Mary’s, Galway. All welcome.

“LIGHT THE FIRE” prayer meeting returns this Tuesday 13th October at 7pm in St. Joseph’s Chapel at the Hub, Knock Shrine. Includes Adoration, prayer & praise. Everyone welcome.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY at the 10am Mass next Sunday 18th October. The theme is “We belong to God”, and the leaders will also explain Mission Sunday and how we can help other children across the world. Children aged between 4 and 8 are welcome to join us in the Sacristy during the Sunday Mass.

MISSIO IRELAND: Mission Sunday takes place next Sunday 18th October, and is a time when Catholics worldwide offer prayers and donations for the work of overseas missionaries. Missio Ireland is the Pope’s official charity for overseas mission & missionaries. Donations can be made by calling 01 4972035 or online at www.missio.ie

PRIESTS’ AUTUMN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes for the Priests’ Autumn Collection. Your ongoing generosity & support is much appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office.

AN EVENING FOR PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS takes place in Knock Prayer Centre on Wednesday 14th October from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. A synodal approach to building up Parish Councils with David Wells. Join us for an enriching experience designed to help you deepen your connection with your parish and grow together in faith & purpose. For more information, email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or call 094 9388100

SYNODAL ASSEMBLY: The Irish National Synodal Assembly will take place in Gormanstown, Co. Meath next Saturday 17th Oct. and nominated delegates from across the country will gather to consider and make recommendations, arising from 5 years of listening & discernment. These suggestions will subsequently be presented to the Bishops of Ireland for their consideration. We urge you to pray for the delegates and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as the Church in Ireland seeks to discern the path ahead. The Working Document for the Irish National Synodal Assembly asks “What does God want from the Church in Ireland at this time?” For more, see www.synod.ie

“WHISPER OF GOD” Silent one-day retreat takes place at Knock Prayer Centre on Saturday 17th October from 10am to 5pm. This retreat offers a serene space for silence, quiet prayer, reflection & spiritual direction. Visit www.knockshrine.ie for details, or call John on 086 0108623

MEDJUGORJE WEEKEND RETREAT led by Fr. Jason Lewis (Medjugorje chaplain) in St. John’s Day Care Centre, Knock Shrine from Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th October. Booking is essential. For details call Nicola on 087 9622800.

RETREAT FOR MEN: “Iron Sharpens Iron” is a two-day retreat for men of all ages taking place on Saturday 24th October and Saturday 21st November near Abbeyknockmoy, Co. Galway with lectures, workshops, prayer & discussion. For more details, visit www.theirishforge.com

“SUPPORTING GRIEVING CHILDREN”: A free public talk for anyone supporting bereaved children: family members, friends or professionals who work with children and families, takes place on Monday 12th October from 7.30 to 9pm in the Dexcom Stadium, College Road, Galway. The keynote speaker is psychotherapist Liz Gleeson. Email support@hopespace.ie or call 091 342566 to book.

DISABILITY JOBS & TRAINING FAIR: Promoting inclusive pathways to employment for people with disabilities. Takes place at the McWilliam Hotel, Claremorris on Friday 23rd October from 11am to 12.30. For details, email employer@welfare.ie

BALLYHAUNIS GAA will host an event for Climate Action Week this Monday 12th October at 7pm in the Clubhouse. Ecologist Dr. Karina Dingerkus will give a presentation on enhancing biodiversity across Ballyhaunis GAA club grounds through the planting of native trees and hedgerows, and will officially launch Ballyhaunis GAA & LGFA Club’s new Biodiversity Plan. Members and the wider community are welcome to attend with refreshments afterwards.

CONCERT AT THE FRIARY:

Ashley Campbell, daughter of country music legend Glen Campbell, and her band will bring their blend of Americana, folk & country to the Friary, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 24th October at 8pm. Tickets €25 are available from McHugh’s Café, The Gem Costcutter and online at Eventbrite: AshleyCampbell@TheFriary.

YOUNG MEN OF ST. JOSEPH is a new monthly youth group for secondary level students (13-17) who want to build real friendships, understand life and find the courage to stand up for what matters. Come along & bring a friend to the Tuam Parish Centre next Friday 16th from 8pm to 9pm. To register & obtain parental consent forms, email frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP meets in Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre, F35 PF60, on the second Wednesday of each month. Parents, carers, grandparents-all welcome. Non-judgemental support & advice.

GENEALOGY & HERITAGE GROUP: Next meeting is on Tuesday 13th October at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Browse digitised newspaper articles about the Ballyhaunis area from the 1800’s & 1900’s followed by a short heritage film. Tea & coffee served. All welcome.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: Articles, club reports & photographs are still being accepted for Annagh 2026 and can be emailed to: info@annaghmag.ie or given to any committee member: The deadline for receipt of material is next Friday 16th October.

FILM: Screening of “Triumph of the Heart” in St. John’s Centre, Knock Shrine on Thursday 22nd October at 7pm. The film focuses on the life & final days of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

SUNFLOWER HOSPICE: Bank of Ireland is inviting people to pop into any branch next Friday 16th October for tea, coffee and treats to support the Sunflower Children’s Hospice. This will be first children’s hospice in the region, providing specialist care & support for children and young people with life-limiting illnesses and vital support for their families. To make a donation, visit www.sunflowerchildrenshospice.ie

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC & SALE: To mark Climate Action Week, a bike repair clinic & sale will be held on Saturday 17th October from 9am to 12 noon in the Community Hall.

BEEKEEPING WORKSHOP: “Bees, Hives & Honey”, a practical beekeeping workshop organised by East Mayo GAA and Ballyhaunis Beekeepers Association takes place this Tuesday 13th October at 7pm in the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence. Open to all with an interest in beekeeping and biodiversity, and refreshments served.

GAMES EVENING: All welcome to our next Games Evening on Sunday 18th Oct. from 4pm to 6pm in the Community Hall. Chess, backgammon, draughts, ludo, cards etc. at all levels. Free admission, tea & coffee served.

Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th Oct. 2026

€1,310

Education of Students for
the Priesthood

€1,160