

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Tell among the nations his glory,
and all his wonders among the
peoples, for the Lord is great and
highly to be praised.**

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the
nations into the peace of God's kingdom:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You came in word and sacrament to
strengthen us in holiness:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You came in glory with salvation for your
people, 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

O God, you have willed that your Church
be the sacrament of salvation for all
nations, so that Christ's saving work may
continue to the ends of the ages; stir up,
we pray, the hearts of your faithful and
grant that they may feel a more urgent
call to work for the salvation of every
creature, so that from all the peoples on
earth one family and one people of your
own may arise and increase.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your 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 45:1.4-6*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know
me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun that, apart from me, all
is nothing.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10

R. Give the Lord glory and power.

- 1.O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R)**
- 2.The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R)**
- 3.Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R)**

- 4.Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**

SECOND READING *1 Thessalonians 1:1-5*
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the
Church in Thessalonika which is in God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God
the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers
and thank God for you all, and constantly
remember before God our Father how
you have shown your faith in action,
worked for love and persevered through
hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you
and that you have been chosen, because
when we brought the Good News to you,
it came to you not only as words, but as
power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter
conviction.

**The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.**



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate
us in the truth. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-21*

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out
between them how to trap Jesus in what
he said. And they sent their disciples to
him, together with the Herodians, to say,
'Master, we know that you are an honest
man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid
of anyone, because a man's rank means
nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then.
Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice
and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do
you set this trap for me? Let me see the
money you pay the tax with.' They handed
him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose
head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,'
they replied. He then said to them, 'Very
well, give back to Caesar what belongs to
Caesar-and to God what belongs to God.'

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,

All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell; on the third day
he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,the holy catholic
Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of
the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

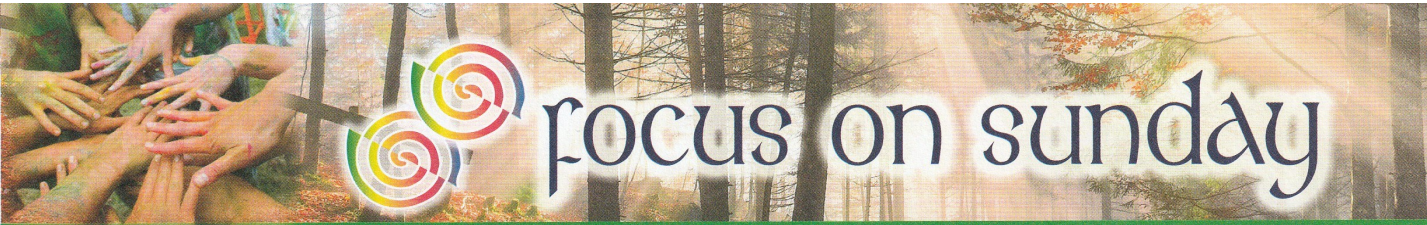
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

May the offerings and prayers of your
Church, O Lord, rise up in the sight of
your majesty and gain acceptance, just
as the glorious Passion of your Son was
pleasing to you for the salvation of the
whole world.

Through Christ our Lord.



Theme: Hearts on fire, feet on the move

On this World Mission Sunday, we reach out and offer our love,
our support, prayers and joy to all the Christian communities
throughout the world.



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

**O praise the Lord, all you nations;
acclaim him, all you peoples!
For his merciful love has prevailed over
us, and the faithfulness of the Lord
endures for ever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May our participation at your table sanctify
us, O Lord, we pray, and grant that through
the Sacrament of your Church all nations
may receive in rejoicing the salvation
accomplished on the Cross by your Only
Begotten Son.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

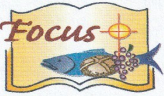
CONCLUDING RITE

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.**



"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God
what belongs to God".

The Pharisees are looking to Jesus for advice on their taxes.

They try to flatter him first, ironically by speaking the truth about
him, but the tone is still disrespectful. This is a dangerous situation because
in an unlikely alliance, the Pharisees have brought along the Herodians with
them. The Herodians were great supporters of the Roman Empire, so tensions
here would have been high. If Jesus answers "no" to their question about
paying taxes to Caesar he risks being reported to the Roman authorities as
a revolutionary; if he says "yes" then he may be accused of colluding with
the occupying Empire and abandoning the people. Jesus sees through this
"malice" and speaks truth to power. He invites us to explore another way, a
third way, one that is not a revolt but neither does it lie down and submit to
oppression. Yes, do your civic duty, but do not forget what belongs to God; this
overrides any political power.

Sometimes kingdom values come into conflict with the status quo. We only
have to glance at our newsfeeds to see this play out across our world right now.

The Gospel calls us to walk a different path. A path that is inclusive, that builds
peace, not walls; that welcomes the stranger, that calls out injustice and speaks
up for those who have no voice.

World Mission Sunday, marks a global effort to support missionary work across
the world. The 2026 theme for the day is "One in Christ, united in mission," a
theme which reflects Pope Leo's motto for his pontificate, although we are
many, we are One in Christ. As we support Mission Sunday, how might each of
us respond to this call to unity in our own communities?

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty. Adapted from The Deep End – A Journey through the
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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 20th-24th OCTOBER 2026

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

Katie, Thomas & Carmel Johnston, Knox St.

Pat Murray, Derrintogher

Michael & Denise Nolan, Mountain & Togher

Nancy & Séan Jordan, Johnstown

Peter Cutler, Knock Road & decd. of the Burke & Finnegan families

Thomas & Margaret Ruane, Derrintogher

Teresa Thomas-Caulfield, Bohogue

John McNamara & decd. Brackloon

Mike & Monica Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel

Patrick & Catherine Quinn & decd. Classaroe

Kathleen, Frank & Jimmy Mulligan, Devlis & Patrick Mulligan, New York

Thomas, Mary, Martin, Terry & Bridget McDonagh, Tooraree

SUNDAY 25TH OCTOBER:

MONTH'S MIND

Frank Lyons, Woodpark

1st ANNIVERSARY

Teresa Thomas-Caulfield, Bohogue

19th-25th OCT.	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
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	Emer Gallagher	Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at the 10am Mass this 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.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Breda Burke, Devlis



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.



PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Ballyhaunis Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday evening 19th October at 8.30pm in the Community Hall

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, to the Sacristy or to the parish office.

MISSION SUNDAY: Mission Sunday takes place this Sunday 18th October, and this marks the 100th anniversary of the establishment of World Mission Sunday, when Catholics worldwide offer prayers and donations for the Church's mission work. The theme this year is "One in Christ, United in Mission", which Pope Leo says both commemorates the centenary of the celebration, and points to the Church's future missionary calling. World Mission Sunday supports 1,130 mission dioceses around the world. The Mission Sunday Collection in Ireland raised over €1.3 million last year, with over €90,000 donated from the Tuam Archdiocese. Funds raised are used to support missionary dioceses and build or renovate churches, chapels, presbyteries and convents, as well as assisting seminarians who are studying for the priesthood and supporting children's projects in some of the world's poorest areas. 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

Prayer of Pope Leo XIV for World Mission Sunday 2026:
Holy Father, make us one in Christ,
rooted in his love that unites and renews.
May all members of the Church be united in mission,
docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures.

Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope!
Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelisation in every corner of the earth,
Make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognise in Christ the light that saves. Amen.

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

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

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH: The next meeting of the Tuam Archdiocese Men of St. Joseph group takes place on Sunday 25th October at 7pm in the Tuam Parish Centre. This month's guest speaker is scripture scholar Sean Pokall. Men of St. Joseph is a group for men of all ages & backgrounds, and new members are always welcome. For details email frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

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.

CONCERT AT THE FRIARY: Ashley Campbell, daughter of country music legend Glen Campbell, will perform in the Friary, Ballyhaunis next Saturday 24th October at 8pm. Tickets €25 are available from McHugh's Café, The Gem Costcutter and online at Eventbrite: Ashley.Campbell@TheFriary.

BALLINTUBBER ABBEY will host Bel Canto, the Galway-based trio of sopranos, in concert on Sunday 25th October at 7pm. Bel Canto will be joined by the Sing On Community Choir, a String Ensemble and the Ballintubber Abbey Choir for an evening of songs, harmonies, strings & choral music. Proceeds go to the Ballintubber Abbey Preservation Fund. More details on www.ballintubberabbey.ie

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis.

AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House.

Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa. More information on www.al-anon.org

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting takes place on Thursday 29th Oct. at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Open to all who have a stoma, or care for them. To book a place, text 087 6275766

Offertory Collection
Sunday 11th Oct. 2026
€2,520

"VIVALDI RECOMPOSED": Join the RTE Concert Orchestra and renowned Norwegian violinist Mari Samuelson in Knock Basilica on Saturday 7th November where they will perform Max Richter's Vivaldi Recomposed- The Four Seasons, a bold reimagining of Vivaldi's classic. For booking details, visit www.knockshrine.ie

PARENT & TODDLER GROUP meets in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Wednesdays from 10am to 12pm. Parents, grandparents & carers are welcome to bring children up to 3 years of age. Tea, coffee & snacks provided. €5 per family.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: Many thanks to all who have submitted material for Annagh 2026 which is due to be published at the end of November. Editing & preparation will continue over the next few weeks before going to print. Every effort will be made to include material received late, but this cannot be guaranteed due to expected space limitations.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING in memory of Gerry Lyons will take place at the family home, Knockbrack (F35 EW44) next Saturday 24th October from 10am to 4pm. All welcome. All funds raised go to supporting Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

ENERGY TALKS: An informal gathering of people who have taken various actions to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions will be held on Monday evening 19th Oct. at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. These actions include installing external insulation, solar panels & heat pumps and driving electric cars. The idea is to share insights and experiences in an open & friendly setting. Tea & coffee served. All welcome.

TABLE QUIZ, in aid of Mayo SPCA, will take place in the Rugby Club, Ballyhaunis on Friday 6th November, starting at 8pm. Tables of four €40. The event is being held in memory of the late Tara Cribbin, volunteer & friend.

SENIOR CITIZENS: A collection will be held in Supervalu, Ballyhaunis next Saturday 24th from 9am to 1pm to raise funds for the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party. All donations welcome.

GAMES EVENING this Sunday 18th in the Community Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Free admission, tea & coffee served.