

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

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

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.

focus on sunday

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..

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.

It's 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. His nature is to be merciful. The story is about us too - a man is forgiven a lot and then doesn't forgive a neighbour. It is hard to forgive: you may be cheated by the banks or the pension scheme; or be a victim of abuse or bullying; cheated of a place for your child in a school; let down by your partner in big or small ways, receive harsh treatment in religious life; we can carry hurts forever. But we can pray a forgiveness prayer and try to let the big forgiveness of God enter our hearts and it can happen gradually. Some hurts and burdens are heavy to carry through life. To forgive can release some of that weight. The person who hurt us may be dead or may not even know (or care) that we are hurting. When we desire to forgive but don't know how; one way of looking for this strength is to pray for it. When we pray we are praying to be forgiving people! Sitting with the crucified Jesus can lighten the burden as we know Jesus loves and wants to forgive us all. Jesus has a lot to forgive - death while innocent, betrayed, let down. He got through it! We can thank God for God's forgiveness; and for the times I could let go, and for times I was forgiven. And we know we are invited with God's help into the bright fragrant world of forgiveness.

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

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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 18th—23rd SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Fr. Joe Cooney, former P.P. of Ballyhaunis
Teresa & Frank Connolly, Devlis
Michael Curley, Crossbeg
William & Rose McGowan & Tom Cregg, Loughglynn
Maureen Cunningham
Kathleen & Bill Lyons, Knockbrack
Úna & Paddy Phillips, Main St. and decd. of the Phillips & Donnellan families
Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.
Bridie & Johnny Lyons & decd. Upper Main St.
Decd. members of the Fleming & Caulfield families, Scrigg & Drimbane
Edward, Margaret & Colin Egan, Clagnagh
Eddie, Agnes, Joe & Séan Finn, Hazelhill
Pete & Nora Finn, Dublin & decd. of the Finn family, Manchester, Birmingham & Nottingham
Séan Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel
Margaret Caffrey (née Freeman) Ballindrehid & Ballina and her husband Pat
Josie Regan, Loughglynn

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Marion Summerton, Birmingham & Bekan

18th—24th Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Helen Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Willie Broderick
Sat 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan, Eavan Caulfield
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Kay Curley, Breege Halpin, Eileen Lynch, Helena Byrne
MASS SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER		
Sat. 7.30pm	Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh, Eva Grace Kilcourse	
Sunday 10am	Evan & Olivia Feeney, Ben Jordan, Jonathon Powers	

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9pm Mondays to Fridays, continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

Offertory Collection

10th Sept. 2023
€1,820

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION: The envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection are available in the sacristy this weekend. We would be grateful if the distributors could collect them after Mass.

HOLY COMMUNION: Saturday 18th May 2024 has been confirmed at the date for First Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis. A meeting for parents will take place this Monday 18th Sept. in the Community Hall at 8.30pm. An enrolment Mass for children preparing for Holy Communion will take place on Saturday 30th September at 7.30pm.

SEASON OF CREATION 2023: The Season of Creation continues until 4th October (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and Catholics around the globe are invited to pray and care for creation during this time. This year's theme is: "Let Justice and Peace Flow". The futures of young people are threatened by the impacts of the loss of biodiversity and a changing climate. The urgency grows, and justice calls us to repent our ecological sins and to change our attitudes and actions. As we join the river of justice and peace with others, then hope is created instead of despair. For more details, visit <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/laudato-si/season-of-creation-2023/>

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 8th Oct. at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine.

COFFEE DAYS FOR MAYO/ ROSCOMMON HOSPICE:

- Coffee/ Tea Day hosted by Ballyhaunis Active Retirement will take place in the Communal House, Clare Court on Wednesday 20th Sept. from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Come along for cake, craic & live music.
- Coffee morning will take place in the home of Gerry & Anne Lyons, Knockbrack on Thursday 21st September from 10am to 2pm. All welcome.
- Cill Tullach ICA will host a Coffee/Tea day in Granlahan Community Centre next Sunday 24th September from 1pm. All welcome. The proceeds of these events will go to Mayo/ Roscommon Hospice, and funds raised locally stay locally.

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday 21st Sept. at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact Carmel at 087 2125340.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

SILENT RETREAT: The Foyer of Charity will hold a Silent Retreat in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 16th to 22nd October. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God...". A privileged time to come away from noise and distractions and listen to the Spirit of God. Preacher: Fr. Kilian Byrne (Foyer of Charity) with daily Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and teachings. For details, contact Helen at 086 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com

COMPUTER CLASSES: Free basic computer classes start this month at the Ballyhaunis Further Education Centre in the Enterprise Centre on Clare Road. Classes include Using the Internet, Excel, Word Processing and basic computer skills needed for everyday life. Classes on Wed & Fri mornings. For details, email infoeastsouthmayo@msletb.ie, ring 094 9362762 or call into the Enterprise Centre for an application form.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2023: Annagh Magazine is now accepting articles, club reports and photographs for the 2023 edition. These may be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or submitted to committee members: Seamus Mulrennan, Edward Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, Paul Waldron, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, John Kilduff. The deadline for submitting material is Friday 13th October.

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting will take place on Thursday 21st September at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. If attending, please contact JJ at 087 2300580.

ANGER MANAGEMENT: Knock Counselling Service is running a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tuesday 26th Sept. from 7pm to 9pm. For details, contact Peter on 094 93 75032 / www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

IRISH FOR BEGINNERS: The popular weekly Irish class continues in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm. Organised by Ballyhaunis Language Café, the class is a friendly, interactive weekly gathering at the nominal cost of €5 per person. All welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS BRIDGE CLUB: Bridge classes with Donal will be held in Clare Court every Thursday evening from 8pm to 9.30. For details, call Rita at 086 1986049

SCOUTS: Adults interested in becoming Scout Leaders and helping to restart the Ballyhaunis Scout Group are invited to a meeting this Tuesday night 19th Sept. at 8pm in the Family Resource Centre at the Friary House.

FORÓIGE BALLYHAUNIS YOUTH SERVICE: The BEY project is organising a new Girls Group—a mixed activity and chill out group for girls aged 13-17 years.. The group will meet on Thursdays from 4.15 to 5.15pm for activities including baking, art, music, creative writing, board games etc. Registration essential. Contact Sarah on 086 7791881.

MAYO SPCA: The animal shelter in Ballyhaunis is urgently seeking adult volunteers to look after the high number of dogs and cats in their care. Shifts each day are 10am to 1pm, and 3pm to 6pm. If you can help, contact Mayo SPCA on Facebook, Instagram or info@mayospca.ie

GLÓR ACHADH MÓR: Work is underway on the forthcoming edition of the annual magazine and the committee are inviting articles, ideas, suggestions, photographs & memorabilia for this 35th edition. Please forward material by post to Joe Byrne, Aghamore or email joebyrneaghmore2@gmail.com

MARKET @ THE PLAZA: Knock Market will return next Sunday 24th Sept at the Pope Francis Plaza in Knock. Browse the colourful stalls which offer handmade crafts from local crafters and artists. Free admission to the market, which also offers free carparking (disabled-friendly). To book a stall at the market, email leonickilroy@gmail.com

BIRTHDAY WISHES: We extend congratulations to Joe Keane, Knox St. on the celebration of his 100th birthday. A former Sacristan here in St. Patrick's Church, Joe is well-known as a master tailor, former FCA member, historian and president of Annagh Magazine. We pray for God's continued blessings as he celebrates this milestone birthday.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the Church porch at €3. Please place money in candelabra box.