

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.
May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid.
'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 145: 7 - 10
R. My soul, give praise to the Lord. or Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **[R]**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger **[R]**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5
A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue

was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.

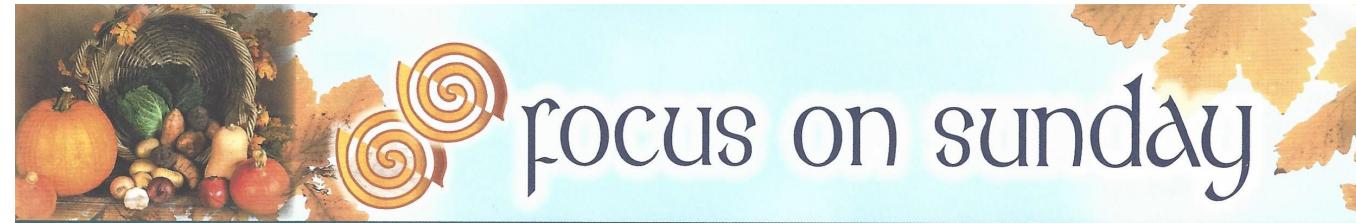


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.
Through Christ our Lord.



The signs that Jesus is present and that we are his true witnesses is that we attend to our sick, console those who are in despair, befriend the friendless; work for social justice, we must not be mute through fear or self - protection. We must do all things well.

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.

INVOCATION

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
My soul is yearning for you, my God;
My soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
May the Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.
May he let his face shine upon you and show you his mercy. Amen.
May he turn his countenance towards you and give you his peace. Amen.
And 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..



Many of Jesus' miracles were for people who were deaf or with speech difficulties. We can imagine what it must be like to suffer like that, and the great relief on being healed. So important were these miracles that they were signs of the coming of the Messiah. The people knew the divine as present in these cures.

The meaning of the miracles is spiritual as well as physical. They were now able to hear and speak the word of God. Blocks to this seeing and hearing are healed by the presence and the word of Jesus. At baptism we pray that the child or adult may soon hear and speak the word of God as their ears and mouth are blessed.

Even without the physical healing the dumb man could speak the word of God. We share God's word in our words and in how we live. We often remember the moments of kindness or compassion as much as a person's words. By the way we live we are speakers of the word of God. As Jesus was made flesh, the word of God is audible in us, but must be in us before we can speak it.

We pray also today for all we know who may need healing in speech and hearing.
May I hear your word O Lord in my heart and speak it in my life.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger).

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

A little girl asked 'Why does the priest touch the babies two ears at the Baptism celebration?' Her pal answered 'Because we should listen twice as often with two ears, as we speak with one voice.' We are told that Mary Our Mother listened to the Angel, and because she listened, great blessings came to all the world. We ask God and our angel to help us to listen to our parents and our teachers. When we listen to the sounds of nature and song too, we discover blessings.

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MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 6th - 12th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Kieran Web, Bricks, & Alfred Webb (Jnr.) Swinford
Decd. of the Hoban & Enright families, Derrynacong & Dublin

Tom Eagney, Coolnaha

Pat Joe & Elizabeth Lyons, Holywell

Austin & Katherine Levins, Upper Main St.

Tony & Lily Morley, Abbey St.

Mary, Micheál & Jim Maher, Thurles & Mullingar

Des & Teresa O'Brien (née Costello), Manchester & Kilkelly

Robert & Julia Lilly & decd. Tully

Bernie Joe Lyons & decd. Skeghard

Dave Jordan & decd. Lecarrow

Joshua Clarke, Dublin (stained glass artist, centenary of his death 12th September)

Sunday 10.00 First Anniversary: Nicholas Commons, Aghamore

| 6th - 12th September | READERS | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday | Jarlath Fahey | Joe Byrne, Mary Sykes |
| Tuesday | Tommy Caulfield | Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin |
| Wednesday | Mary Donnelly | Eileen Jordan, Eileen Lynch |
| Friday | Willie Broderick | Mary McGuire, Eavan Caulfield |
| Saturday 7.30pm. | Alex Eaton | Margaret Byrne, Jacinta Flynn |
| Sunday 10.00am. | Julia Kelly | Geraldine Murphy, Mary Murphy |
| Sunday 12.00 | Brendan Donnellan | Wiktor Siemionkowski, Helena Byrne |

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

John O'Brien, Hazelhill Downs & Main St.

Bridie Donnellan, née Mulkeen, Knock & formerly Knockbrack,

sister of Teresa Leonard, Clare Court

Bertie Dillon, Drogheda, & formerly The Square

Mike Freeley, Manchester & formerly Gurteen

Offertory Collection

29th August 2021
€1,115

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis>

LEAVING CERTS; We wish the best of luck to the students who received their Leaving Cert results last week. We will continue to pray for all of you at our Masses as you make decisions and choices for college and career over the coming weeks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Ballyhaunis Conference: A kitchen table in good condition is needed. Contact 086-2640969.

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50 please place the money in the coinbox of the nearby candelabra.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS:

We ask that Mass-goers continue to observe the guidelines regarding physical distancing and hand sanitising in church. Please co-operate with the ushers and avoid confrontation. You are obliged to wear some form of face covering while in church - even if you have received the vaccine.

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or otherwise can be dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - KNOCK SHRINE

Life after a family bereavement can feel very lonely. Sometimes spending time with others who know the experience can be helpful. A Bereavement Support Group meets every Wednesday at 11.00am. at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine, 094-9375320.

INTERACTIVE TALK ON AUTISM (Online): Knock Counselling Service is hosting an online Interactive Talk on Autism by Max Marnau, an autistic Psychotherapist, on Thursday 9th September from 7.00pm - 9.00pm. The talk will cover the following: Understanding Autism, Autism myth busting, Q&A session. To find out more or to register, please phone Peter Devers, Knock Counselling Centre on (094) 93 75032 or email counsellingoffice@knockshrine.ie

HOSPICE COFFEE DAY: Joe & Helen Byrne, Johnstown, will host a Coffee Day on Thursday 24th September from 11.00am. - 5.00pm. in aid of Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

BALLYHAUNIS CEMETERY COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone for the 2021 contributions received so far & remind you that contributions can be handed in to St Patrick's Church or the Parochial House or to any committee member

WESTERN CARE ASSOCIATION'S Annual Door To Door Collection is now taking place during the month of September. To donate, find us on Facebook "Western Care Association" or on www.idonate.ie/wcador or find the link on our website (www.westerncare.com) and make your donation.

If you would like to donate in any other way, (Cheque, Postal Order or Bank Transfer) we would be very happy to talk to you. Please contact Teresa Ward on 094 90 29174 or 087 246 7857 or email: tward@westerncare.com. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE is now accepting articles, photographs and reports for inclusion in this year's publication. Please email: info@annaghmag.ie

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

The Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions that had to be implemented in order to prevent the further spread of the virus has had a major impact on the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Holy Communion.

It was initially hoped that we might have been able to celebrate these two sacraments last May and June. However, in order to conform with government and NPHE guidelines this wasn't possible. What we are now hoping to do is to have two sessions of Confirmation in our parish church on **Friday, September 10th;**

11.00am. the pupils from the present 6th Class who are eligible will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

12.00pm: Last year's sixth class who have commenced first year in BCS, who are eligible, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr Stephen has been delegated to administer the sacrament by Archbishop Neary. It will be the Rite of Confirmation only. It will not be celebrated in the context of Mass as is normally the case. The restrictions limiting congregations to 50 people have been lifted by the government and we are permitted to have 50 percent capacity in our church. We feel therefore it is not necessary to limit the number of guests that each candidate is permitted to accompany them in the church.

The ceremony will be streamed on the parish webcam. Candidates are expected to wear school uniform.

The Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 18th at 11.00am. in our parish church.** Each child will be allowed unlimited number of guests in the church.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT: The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8th September in the Communal House, Clare Court. Members please note that the new time for meetings is from 1.30pm to 3.30pm.

MAYO COMMUNITIES - CARING FOR WATER: Do you want to learn more about the ecology and biodiversity of your local streams, rivers, loughs and wetlands? People and groups with an interest in protecting our priceless water resource in the Moy catchment; all east Mayo, Castlebar, Ballina and south Mayo lakes area. Ballyhaunis residents can avail of a new training programme in September. Dates to be confirmed but to register your interest please call Martin on 087-2526639 or Ken on 086-7835900. Email Tom Carolan, Community Water Officer, tomcarolan@lawaters.ie

GUIDED PILGRIMAGES on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Sunday 11th, Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0719861518.

STOMA SUPPORT GROUP meeting takes place in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Thursday 9th September from 7.00 - 9.00pm. For more information contact J J on 087 2300580.

CASTLEBAR VTOS (MSLETB) Places Available: Students may study for a range of Courses/Awards all certified by QQI Level 5: Apprenticeship Preparation, Culture and Heritage, Hospitality Studies, Business Administration, Language and European Studies, Tourism and Business Studies, ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence). Care of the Elderly and Intellectual, Disability Modules also on offer. E-mail: pauladonnellan@msletb.ie for details.