

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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 cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Joshua 24:1-2; 15-18

A reading from the book of Joshua Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve,

whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God and serving other gods. Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

P.S. 33:2-3.16-23

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. [R]
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. [R]
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. [R]
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. [R]

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:25-32 (shorter form)

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body - and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia

GOSPEL John 6:60-69

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer.

The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

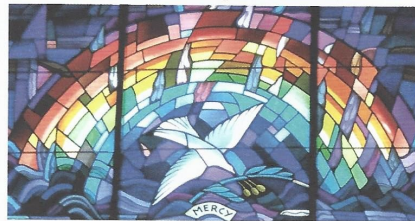
Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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.

focus on sunday

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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 earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Keep your family safe, O Lord, and grant them the abundance of your mercies, that they may find growth through your teachings and the gifts of heaven. 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 forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.

God gives us the freedom of choice. He forces no one to obey him. He leaves us free. Our world is full of contradictory voices and false prophets. May we not be led astray. Only Jesus can give us eternal life.



'It is the spirit that gives life...'



The deepest loves are the loves which say 'forever', as in marriage and many other relationships. Jesus in the gospel today is saying that his gift is forever. His love shown in death and resurrection is for all time, for all of us. This can be said to be the meaning of the Eucharist.

Each time we take part in the Mass we are 'present' at the death and resurrection of the Lord. Mass is not just a social gathering, or an ordinary prayer meeting. It is the highest point of Christian prayer, as we join in this love of God in Jesus, given for all time.

This gift of love is received or rejected. Jesus was in a way testing his disciples by asking them 'will you too go away?' knowing that they would stay even though there would be unfaithfulness and one would leave him. They would find out that staying with him would mean trying to share and live out love like he did.

The 'Holy One of God' is the One who loves all God's people to the end. Our Mass is also our thanks to God for this love and for God's call to be part of this love, sharing in his death and resurrection.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey



At Mass we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy Communion. We ask to be filled with the joy of The Holy Spirit. We pray that God may bless the Pope, leaders of the Church and State and all God's people. We include also all who have died that they may be in the company of Mary and all the saints, full of joy. We promise to be a blessing of peace to others.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd AUGUST 2021

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Web-cam: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie> or www.mcnmedia.tv

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

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 23rd - 29th AUGUST 2021

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

Maura & Sean Griffin, Clare St. & decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly Families, & Mike Freeley

John & Agnes Freyne, Clare St., Roy, Bernadette & Fiona Stanford, Birmingham

Fr. Bart Delaney, O.S.A.

Ann & David Fitzmaurice & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Forthill & Mountain

William & Mary Burke, Abbey St.

Vincent McNamara, Roscommon & formerly Tullaghaune

Deirdre Denny, Sean & Seamus Durkan

Margaret Mulligan, London & formerly Barrack St. (funeral Mass on Tuesday)

23rd - 29th AUGUST	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Marion Regan, Daniela Balbino Romao
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Joe Byrne, Eileen Lynch
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary McGuire, Eavan Caulfield
Saturday 7.30pm.	Kevin Henry	Marina Coyne, John Dillon
Sunday 10.00am.	Julia Grabiasz	Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy
Sunday 12.00	Margaret Monaghan	Breda Davis, Patricia Plunkett

Offertory Collection

15th August 2021
€1,375

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

Tony Rattigan, Pollnacraoghy & St. Gerald's Crescent
Jim Flanigan, USA, brother-in-law of John Fitzmaurice, Lisbane
Hans de Put, Gurraune & formerly Holland

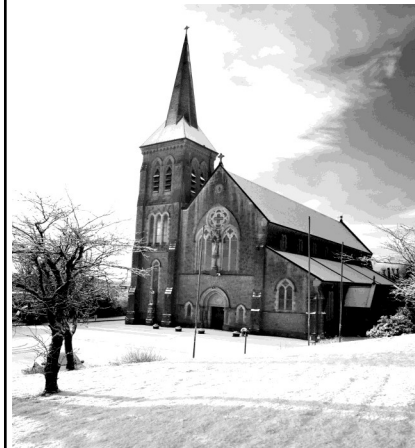
All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> The 10 o'clock Mass will be broadcast on Mid West Radio on Sunday 29th August.

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.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWSLETTER: Copies of the newsletter outlining events in the parish from January to July 2021 are available in the church porch. Please take one home.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Ballyhaunis Conference: Help is available with Back to School and College expenses. Contact 086-2640969 or write to SVP at the Friary House.



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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.



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

SCOIL ÍOSA reopens for Junior Infant pupils only on Wednesday, August 25th and for all other pupils on Thursday 26th.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL RE-OPENING:

Friday 27th & Monday 30th August; 1st Years (1/2 day)

Tuesday 31st August; 6th Years & LCA 2

Thursday 2nd September; 3rd Years

Monday 6th September; 5th Years & LCA 1

Wednesday 8th September; 2nd Years

Monday 13th September; TY Students

This is subject to revision given the prevailing Public Health Advice at the end of August/early September.

TFI LOCAL LINK MAYO services are currently operating at 75% capacity due to Covid regulations. Pre booking is recommended. Contact 094 900 5150 or visit <https://locallinkmayo.ie/time-table/> for more information about services in the area.

FRIARY NIGHTS LIVE PERFORMANCE - Friday 27th & Saturday 28th August at 8.00pm. in a marquee in the Friary car park.

Local artists Brian Flanagan (U.M.A.N.) and Train Room will feature on Friday night with Keith Plunkett and Seamus Fogarty performing on Saturday night. Admission is free and by ticket only - bookings online at <https://www.ballyhauniscc.ie/events-1/friary-nights-live-performance>

The performances are part of the Local Live Performance Programming Scheme funded by the Dept. of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport & Media and administered by Mayo County Council. Ballyhaunis Community Council is proud to be the local partner hosting the event with the co-operation of the Abbey Trust and Abbey Partnership.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE (40th Anniversary of Apparition)

Dates: 1st Week; 22nd - 29th September. 2nd Week; 29th Sept. - 6th October. From Knock to Mostar (just 20 mins from Medjugorje). Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Cost - €765, includes flights, luxury coach transfers, travel insurance, accommodation and meals. Accommodation 2 mins from St James Catholic Church. For further details please contact Anne Keadin 086 - 376 6293.

A SYNODAL PATHWAY FOR THE CHURCH IN IRELAND (contd.)

For a synodal Church: Communion, participation and mission.

Context: Challenges and Hopes for the Synodal Pathway

Bishops are mindful of the challenges and opportunities that provide a context for a synodal pathway leading to a National Synod at this pivotal time for the Church on our island, which are outlined here: *Solidarity, Outreach to the Peripheries and the Promise of a New Pentecost*

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation *The Joy of the Gospel (Evangelii Gaudium)*, together with his encyclicals, *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* offer a challenging framework for the Church of today and tomorrow - calling us in particular to solidarity with the poor, the excluded and those "on the peripheries", who yearn for the Good News. This calling also includes initiatives of social friendship in favour of our sisters and brothers in other continents. Speaking at the end of the World Meeting of Families in Phoenix Park, Dublin 2018, Pope Francis encouraged the people of Ireland to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit:

"who constantly breathes new life into our world, into our hearts, into our families, into our homes and parishes. Each new day in the life of our families, and each new generation, brings the promise of a new Pentecost, a domestic Pentecost, a fresh outpouring of the Spirit, the Paraclete, whom Jesus sends as our Advocate, our Consoler and indeed our *Encourager*. How much our world needs this encouragement that is God's gift and promise!"

(To be continued next week)

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 25th August at 3.00pm. in the Communal House, Clare Court. Members are asked to please note that with effect from Wednesday 8th September, the new time for our fortnightly meetings will be from 1.30pm to 3.30pm until further notice.

CASTLEREA COMMUNITY SCHOOL is now enrolling for its QQI Level 5 in Community Health Services course starting September 2021.

This course is designed to enable students to plan a career in social care. The course will appeal to those who seek to work in the community, work with people who are disadvantaged, youth work, the care of people with Special Needs and care of the elderly. School leavers and mature students are welcome. For Application Forms and information contact the school on Tel: 094 9620177 or visit www.castlereacs.ie Email: plc@castlereacs.com

COMPUTER & BUSINESS COURSES: Swinford VTOS is seeking applicants for their Computer and Business courses commencing in September. The courses which lead to QQI awards at levels 4 & 5 provide unemployed adults with the opportunity of returning to education, updating their skills and improving their employment prospects.

The Courses are free and adults aged over 21 and in receipt of social welfare for at least 6 months are eligible. Participants aged under 26 may be entitled to the maximum jobseeker's rate of €203 per week. Childcare support is also available. Contact Emer at 086 0610009 or email: emermullins@msletb.ie Further Education Centre, Dublin Road, Swinford F12 DC93

