

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **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. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, 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 have prepared for those who love you good things which no eye can see, fill our hearts, we pray, with the warmth of your love, so that, loving you in all things and above all things, we may attain your promises, which surpass every human desire. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 56: 1, 6 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and to be his servants - all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 66:2-3, 5-6, 8*

R. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

- O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **[R]**
- Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **[R]**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:13 - 15, 29 - 32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now - and only because of the mercy shown to you - will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom, and cured all kinds of sickness among the people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 15:21-28*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered

her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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,

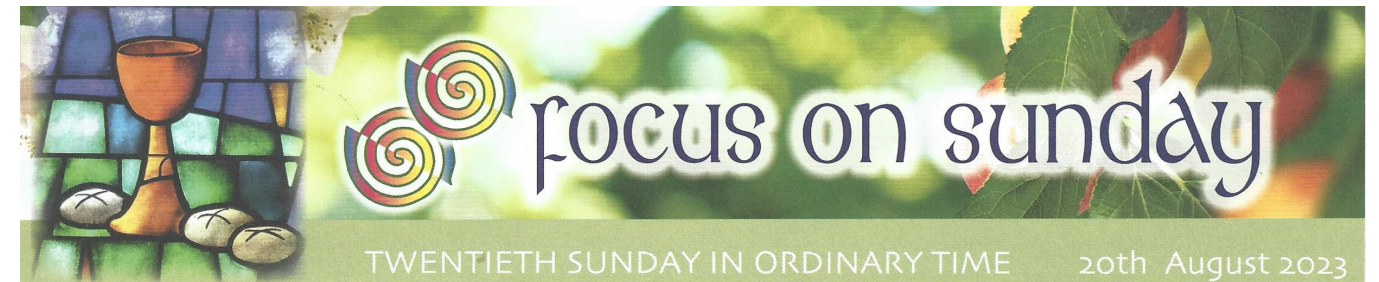
All bow for following three lines:

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

Receive our oblation, O Lord, by which is brought about a glorious exchange, that, by offering what you have given, we may merit to receive your very self. 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. 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

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is plentiful redemption.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Made partakers of Christ through these Sacraments, we humbly implore your mercy, Lord, that, conformed to his image on earth, we may merit also to be his coheirs in heaven. 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 forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.



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The gift of Jesus in the Eucharist is a promise of his company forever in heaven. We share in his life now, and after our death in a new and different way. This is the joy and certainty of our faith.



"As the child grew to maturity, he was filled with wisdom." (Luke 2 v 40). Jesus was fully human, and so, like every human being, he had to grow in wisdom, learning from his experiences as he went along. In today's gospel, Jesus appears to be very

rude to the Canaanite woman. It seems to show Jesus in a bad light. So why did Matthew include this story in his Gospel and not just leave it out? Perhaps because this incident was so significant in understanding the mission of Jesus. Jesus, like every Jew, had been brought up to believe that the Messiah would be sent, exclusively, to the people of Israel. The Jews despised the Canaanites, relations between them were very hostile, they would not even speak to one another. This encounter with the Canaanite woman was a "watershed moment" for Jesus, as it dawned on him that his mission, as Messiah, was not exclusively to those of the Jewish faith. He understood now that his mission was universal. Her faith deserved a response from him. So too the centurion, a pagan, whose servant Jesus healed, saying "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." (Luke 7 v 1-10). Before we become a Jew or a Christian or a Muslim or atheist, we are a member of God's family and God will love us and care for us. Excluding anyone from our love and care is not the way of Jesus.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today's Story tells us about a mother who was very sad, because her daughter was sick. She kept shouting at Jesus for help. She did not belong to Jesus' religion, or pray in the Temple, but she reminded Jesus, that all people in pain are the same in God's Love. There are no differences in God Our Father's Love. We are His children. To be kind to others is true religion.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 21st-26th AUGUST 2023

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

Nuala Kenny, Abbeyquarter & Kiltimagh
 Terence & Kathleen McHugh, Main St.
 Séan & Maura Griffin, the Griffin & O'Reilly families & Mike Freeley
 Mary & Patrick Waldron, Holywell & their daughter Philomena Gray
 Paddy & Bridie Brennan, Upper Main St.
 Vidutis Vaitulevicius & decd. Lithuania
 Teofile Brusokiene & decd. Lithuania
 Waldemar Manke & decd, Ballyhaunis
 Luis Miguel Formigo Dimas, Portugal
 Sr. Marie Walsh & decd. of the Walsh family
 Decd. of the Murphy family, Wicklow
 Ann & David Fitzmaurice & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Forthill & Mountain
 Doris & Eddie Duddy and decd. of the Duddy & Roddy Families, Manchester
 Kate, John, JJ & Patrick Goulding, Ballinlough & Anne Joyce, Birmingham
 Ellie & Tom Donnelly, Manchester & decd. of the Gallagher family, Donegal
 James & Bridget Costello and Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue
 Paddy, Nora & Michael Cleary & decd. Johnstown
 Joe Grealy & decd. of the Grealy family, Annagh
 Michael, Mary, Joe & Josie Rattigan, Lecarrow & Birmingham
 Mary & Len Ellis & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Spaddagh
 Bridie & Tom Mulrennan, Gurteen and Mike Mulrennan, Bracklaghboy
 Deirdre Denny, Knock & Abbeyquarter

SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Michael (Mickey) Coffey, Charlestown & Cherryfield

21st-27th Aug.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Mary Freeley, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Helen Freeley, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Eileen Jordan, Willie Broderick
Sat 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Anne Carney, Laura Brogan, Eavan Caulfield, Helene McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Cáit Webb, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers
 Chris Mannion, Drimbane & formerly Manchester;
 Kevin Molloy, Rochester, Minnesota, USA - husband of Cinta Hannan,
 formerly of Bridge St.
 Noreen Hyslop, Durban, South Africa—sister of Frank Healy, Ballindrehid,
 Jo & Bernie, Dublin and the late Vinny Healy, Ballindrehid



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.



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

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass will be celebrated this Sunday 20th August at 1.00pm. in the Friary by Fr. Stephen Farragher and Fr. Anthony Finn, OSA. Music will be provided by the Abbey Male Choir. As part of Heritage Week, the Mass will be followed by a walking tour around the interior and exterior of the Friary with local historian Paul Waldron, taking in aspects of the Church's 600-year history. All welcome.

ABBEY PATTERN: The annual Ballyhaunis Abbey Pattern takes place next Sunday 27th August in the Friary Field from 2pm to 5pm. A fun day out for all the family, with children's races, face painting, bouncy castle, dog show, puppet show. Enjoy a family day out before schools reopen.

Offertory Collection
 13th August 2023
 €1,775

NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE: The National Novena to Our Lady continues until next Tuesday 22nd August. Ceremonies are held in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm each day with anointing of the sick at 2.30, and daily workshops at 12 noon in the Novena Village.

Sun. 20th August—3pm: Bishop of Elphin Kevin Doran.
 8pm: Elma Walsh will speak about her son Donal, who passed away from cancer at the age of 16. The Donal Walsh Day takes place at Knock Shrine in May each year.

Mon 21st August— Anniversary of the Apparition at Knock
 3pm: Fr. Shane Costello will speak about vocations.
 6.30pm: "Witness Walk" - meet at the Novena Village.
 8pm: Fr. Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector of Knock Shrine.

Tues. 22nd Aug—3pm & 8pm: Fr. Tony O'Rourke of the Jesuit Refugee Service.

Sunday 20th August is also Family Day on the Shrine grounds from 11am to 3pm. There will be a range of outdoor activities on the green (weather permitting) and marquees with indoor games, workshops, arts & crafts and more. All events free of charge.

PPC NEWSLETTER: The Parish Pastoral Council newsletter from January to June 2023 is now available in the Church porch. The newsletter covers a range of events that took place in the Church and in the parish in the first half of this year. Please take a copy home with you.

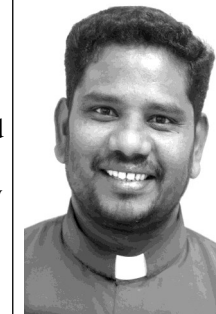
LEAVING CERT RESULTS: We pray for students awaiting the results of their Leaving Cert exams next Friday. May God guide them as they make decisions on college courses & careers.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will depart from Ireland West Airport Knock for 5 nights, from Friday 1st to Wed. 6th September 2023. For details & bookings, contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800.

PIONEER REGIONAL COUNCIL: One Day Retreat to Lough Derg takes place on Sat. 2nd September. For information and bookings, call 087 2929372 or 086 3527455

ANDY IRVINE IN CONCERT at the Friary Church next Sat. 26th August at 8.30pm, with local guest Brian Flanagan. Tickets are €20, available at The Gem Costcutters and on Eventbrite.ie Proceeds in aid of the Friary Preservation Fund.

Thanksgiving message from Fr. Arul Jayaseelan:



I would first like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Fr. Stephen for welcoming me into Ballyhaunis parish and making me feel at home here. Under his guidance, I have learned invaluable lessons and witnessed the embodiment of a true shepherd of the faith who, like Jesus, tends to his flock with love, compassion and integrity. May God bless Fr. Stephen with unwavering strength and guidance as he continues to lead the mission of God within the Archdiocese of Tuam.

To the entire community of Ballyhaunis, I extend heartfelt thanks for the overwhelming love, care and support you have extended to me during the months of July & August—it has been a truly enriching experience. Every smile, every interaction and every moment shared has reinforced my belief in the strength of faith and community. As I continue my studies, I will hold all of you in my special prayers, and will remember your kindness and generosity. I am deeply grateful also to Sacristan Irene Nunes, the Parish Secretary Paula Donnellan, Parish Pastoral Council, and all who have welcomed me into the heart of Ballyhaunis Parish. May God bless you all.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL: The school will reopen for the new academic year on the following dates:
 Monday 28th August: 1st Years (Half Day)
 Tuesday 29th August: 3rd Years / 6th Years / LCA 2
 Wed. 30th August: 2nd Years / 5th Years / LCA 1
 Thurs 31st August: Transition Year students.

SCOIL ÍOSA, BALLYHAUNIS reopens for Junior Infants only on Wednesday 30th August, and for all other pupils on Thursday 31st August.

MARY'S MEALS: Volunteers from around the country gathered in Ballyhaunis earlier this week, ahead of the final leg of their sponsored walk to Knock Shrine on 15th August. The annual walk is to raise funds for the charity which provides hot meals daily to almost 2.5 million children in some of the world's poorest communities. The parish extended a Cead Míle Fáilte to the volunteers, with refreshments served in the Communal Centre, Clare Court alongside music & singing from Le Cárde. Thanks to those who prepared the venue, served the food and provided the music. It costs just €22 to feed a child for a year, and if you would like to donate, visit www.marysmeals.ie

POOR CLARES GALWAY will hold a monastic experience day on Saturday 26th August from 10am to 5pm. This is to help young women who are exploring the possibility of a religious vocation to find out more about the Poor Clare way of life. If you would like to attend, email vocations@poorclares.ie

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT will recommence meetings and activities on Wednesday 6th September at 1.30pm in the Communal Centre, Clare Court.

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOPS: Introducing themed arts & crafts from around the world. Get a taste of henna painting, modern calligraphy & paper art, Slavic embroidery and Mediterranean mosaics. Workshops, led by members of Le Cárde, Ballyhaunis, will take place in the Community Hall on Saturdays 2nd, 16th & 30th Sept and 7th October from 10am to 2pm. Workshops are free but booking essential by emailing ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com