

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

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: 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

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 Isaiah 22: 19 - 23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority, and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 137:1-3, 6, 8
R. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. [R]
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. [R]
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 11: 33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
How rich are the depths of God - how deep his wisdom and knowledge - and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church.
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 16: 13 - 20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ', he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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.

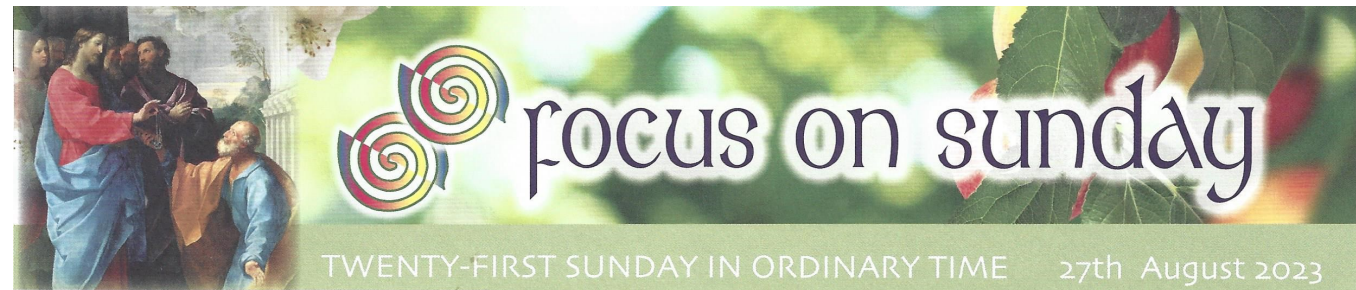


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 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.



Our Christian life will call on us at times to make a decision for or against Jesus, as for the apostles in today's gospel. We know with him we have the message of the deepest human love we are capable of.



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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

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.
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.
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.



Jesus was a mystery to the Jews. They were expecting a Messiah who would be a powerful king, leading an army and conquering the surrounding hostile kingdoms which kept invading Israel and dispersing the people, and thereby ensure that Israel could live in peace. They could not accept that this poor, wandering Rabbi, who "had nowhere to lay his head" could possibly be the Messiah. Nevertheless, they saw that Jesus was clearly a good man, spoke about God with authenticity, and his preaching was admired by all – except perhaps some of those in authority! So who was he, then? Was he a prophet, like Elijah or Jeremiah, come back to admonish Israel and call them back to true obedience to God? His preaching was certainly very similar to theirs. Peter's recognition of Jesus for who he was, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God," was not just an intellectual affirmation. Jesus said, "Not everyone who says Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of Heaven," (Matthew 7 v 21). No, Peter was not just stating a fact. He was making a commitment, a commitment to following Jesus. He was throwing in his lot with Jesus. Jesus was now his leader and he would go wherever Jesus went. When Jesus washed his feet at the Last Supper, he understood that following Jesus meant being at the service of others. Our belief in Jesus as the Christ involves being willing to sacrifice ourselves for others, as He did for us.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey
God Our Father loves every person, even when they don't feel good. He sent Jesus from Heaven to tell all the people about His Love. God The Father makes the sun shine on everybody, on the good and not so good. When chatting with his friends about God, Peter said "You are The One God sent." Peter became The Leader and Teacher for Jesus and was The First Pope.

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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 28th AUGUST—2nd SEPT. 2023

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

Kate & Patrick Moran & decd. Bracklaghboy
 Fred & Maura Herr, Knox St.
 Mickey Coffey, Charlestown & Cherryfield
 Peter Meenan, Aisling Drive
 Deirdre Denedy, Knock & formerly Abbeyquarter
 Martin & Sarah Morrison & decd. of the Morrison family, Clare St.
 John & Agnes Freyne, Clare St. & decd. of the Freyne & Dyer families
 Fr. Bart Delaney, O.S.A.
 Fr. Joe Cooney
 Mary & Tom Butler, Barrack St. & USA
 Mike & Delia Freeley, Gurteen

SUNDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER—MONTH'S MIND

Frank Loughran, Upper Main St.

28th Aug–3rd Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Freeley, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Marie Brennan
Sat 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Brendan Donnellan	Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Daniella Balbino Romao
COLLECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER		
Sat. 7.30pm	Oliver Cribben, Kieran Connolly, John Jordan, Padraic Regan	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Bernie Quinn, Carlos Balbino Romao	

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers
 Mohamad Ghzi Faddwi, Devlis

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

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08

ABBEY PATTERN: The annual Ballyhaunis Abbey Pattern takes place this Sunday 27th August in the Friary Field. A fun day out for all the family, with children's races, face painting, bouncy castle, dog show, puppet show. Starts at 2pm with egg & spoon, sack race and three-legged races for younger children before the running competitions. Entry €5 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The committee would like to thank their sponsors and long-standing helpers for assisting. **The Friary Church** will be open to visitors between 3pm and 4pm on Sunday afternoon.

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

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

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

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
 Freddie Theo Herr, Doctor's Road;
 Oisín Patrick Thomas Lynch, Annagh;
 Anna Rena Mary Lynch, Annagh

Offertory Collection

15th August 2023
 €630
 20th August 2023
 €1,685

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.

MINI VIGIL AT KNOCK SHRINE: The monthly mini-vigil takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday next 1st September. Confessions from 8pm, and the vigil takes place from 9pm to midnight in the Parish Church. All welcome.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: Pope Francis has established the 1st September (next Friday) as World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, encouraging the Catholic community around the world to pray for our common home. The theme is "Let Justice and Peace Flow". In his message for the World Day of Prayer 2023, Pope Francis invites us to "the renewal of our relationship with creation so that we no longer see it as an object to be exploited, but cherish it instead as a sacred gift from our Creator". This marks the start of the Season of Creation, which runs until 4th October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. This season is dedicated to prayer for the protection of creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles.

LATIN MASS: The Latin Mass Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place next Saturday 2nd September commencing with Mass at 2pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

PASTORAL LITURGY: St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth are currently running a blended learning Higher Diploma / Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy. Applications close on 10th September. More information on www.sppu.ie/courses or by calling 01 7084778.

COMPUTER & BUSINESS COURSES IN SWINFORD: Are you over 21, on social welfare and would like to update your computer and business skills? Fulltime courses are available at the Further Education Centre in Swinford. QQI accredited, with family-friendly hours and small classes. All course materials are provided including the use of a laptop. For details, call Emer on 0860610009 or email swinford.hub@mayocollege.ie

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS have launched a new fundraising challenge to mark World Alzheimers Month in September. Called "Walk 4 Dementia", they are looking for 100 people to each raise €100 by walking 4km in each of the 4 weeks of September. You choose your own location and route. Individuals, clubs, groups and organisations are welcome to take part. To sign up, visit www.westernalzheimer.ie or phone 094 9364900 for sponsorship cards. All support would be greatly appreciated.

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

PRIDE OF PLACE COMPETITION: Ballyhaunis Language Café was nominated by Mayo County Council in the "Communities Welcoming New Communities" category of the 2023 Pride of Place competition. Judges will visit the Language Café at the Community Hall next Wednesday 30th August at 2pm for a 2-hour presentation. The IPB Pride of Place Competition is an all-island competition organised by Co-operation Ireland and local authorities to acknowledge the work being done every day by communities across Ireland.

CLAREMORRIS MUSICAL SOCIETY will hold auditions for their production of "Young Frankenstein" in the Dalton Hotel, Claremorris on Wed. 13th September from 6.30pm (chorus) and on Sunday 17th Sept. from 12pm (principals). To register for an audition, email claremorrismusicalsoc@gmail.com. Audition material and time slots will be sent out in advance.

GARDA COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETING will be held in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Saturday 9th Sept. from 12 noon to 2pm. All welcome to engage with Gardai on policing matters. Tea & coffee served.

NATIONAL COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE takes place on Thursday 21st September. Mayo Roscommon Hospice are seeking volunteers to host a Coffee Morning / Evening for family, friends or work colleagues on this date, or any date that suits. Register at www.hospice.ie or call 094 9388666, and a free pack will be sent out. All funds raised stay locally.

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER are available at the back of the church. Cost €3, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.

KNOCK REUNION: If you worked in Knock in the 70's, 80's, 90's or 00's, who not come along to a reunion in Kilkenny's, Knock next Sat. 2nd September. An end of Summer celebration with 80's disco and finger food. €10 donation, with proceeds going to Knock Community Centre.