

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 Exodus 32: 7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I

promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-4,12-13,17,19

R. I will leave this place and go to my Father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. [R]

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. [R]

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;

a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to Timothy.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 15:1-32 (*Shorter from in italics 15: 1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

* *The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me", he would say, "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance. 'Or again, what woman with*

ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

"When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant, "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

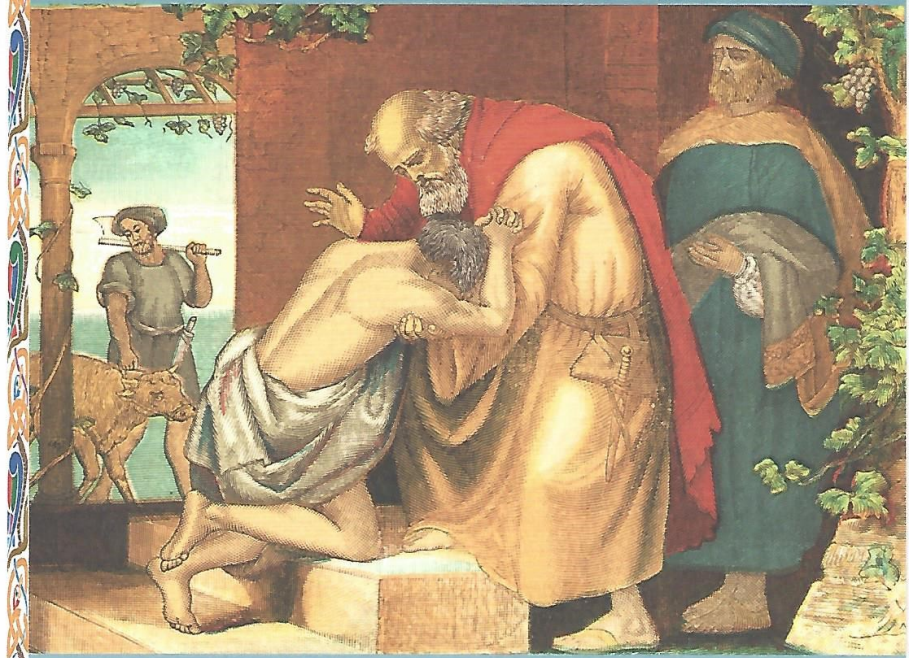
The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



focus on sunday

When God wants to tell us what he's like, he tells the story of the Prodigal Son. It is a story of patience, forgiveness, love and acceptance.



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.

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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

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.



The poet summed up today's Gospel well when he wrote "The love of God is wider than the measure of our mind, and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind." It's understandable why someone has called this Gospel "the parable of the crazy shepherd and the crazy woman." Only a crazy shepherd would

leave a large flock unattended and vulnerable and go in search of a stray. What if a wolf should come upon the unattended flock?

We put a price on things, a market-place price, a worldly value. God offers a price and value that's not from the markets of our world. God's values derive from the heart of his unconditional love. This is clear from Jesus' attitude to the poor, the sick and the sinner. Those who do not measure up to accepted standards, who are rejected by society and left behind, are the people God wants at all costs.

The story of the Prodigal Son has often been called "the gospel within the gospel." It reveals the breadth and length, the height and depth of God's love for us despite our selfishness and meanness. As we ponder the story in prayer we should ask grow in Jesus' own understanding of how much God loves us. The prodigal father's response to his son's return is a brilliant image of who God is. It is an invitation and challenge to us to think of a more Christian way to deal with those who have wronged us and taken advantage of our kindness and generosity. God doesn't hold our wrongdoing against us. To experience God's love we need is to be honest with ourselves and own up to our infidelities to God and our offences against others.

Fr. Joe Walsh

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells a story about a naughty boy who took his father's money, and ran away from home. He lived a wild life in the city, spent all his money, and had no friends. One day he said to himself "Maybe, if I go home, my father would give me a job as a servant." When he came home, his father welcomed him with a big hug, and didn't notice his raggy clothes, or torn shoes. The father said "Let's have a party, with food, dance and song". Jesus said that God Our Father is like that.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 12th-18th SEPT 2022

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

John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

Teresa & Frank Connolly, Devlis

Marian, Delia & Tom Glynn, Upper Main St.

Margaret Fahey, Mary E. Hunt & decd. Lecarrow

Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co, Sligo

Tom & Nora Moran, Carrownedan & decd. of the Moran & Lyons families

Luke Lyons, Erriff

Séan Biesty, Carrowkeel & decd. of the Biesty family

Tony & Lily Morley, Abbey St.

Sunday 18th September—First Anniversary

Margaret Healy, Devlis

Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.

Mary Neale, née Keane late of Knox St. & USA

12th-18th Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Willie Broderick
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margie Gallagher, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Marie Brennan, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Laura Brogan, Clare Higgins, Margaret Byrne
Sunday 10.00am.	Norma Jean Folliard	Eileen Lynch, Mary Murphy, Margaret Tarpey
Sunday 12.00	Paula Donnellan	Eileen Donnellan, Dympna Greally, Jana Jurakova

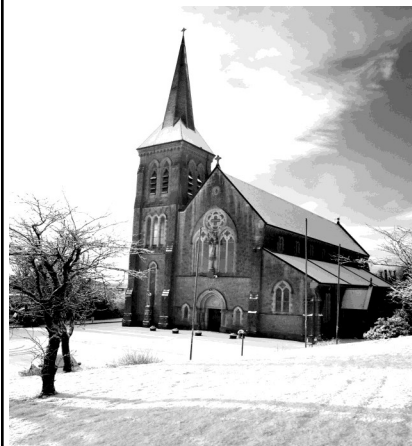
All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

Offertory Collection

4 Sept 2022
€1,885

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC

NEWSPAPER are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place money in the coinbox at the candelabra. Copies of the Parish Pastoral Council bi-annual newsletter also available in the porch.



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. - 7.00pm.

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.



LOUGH DERG DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN

UKRAINE: This one-day retreat on Sunday 25th September will pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest speaker is Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Ukrainian Catholic University. Boats leave for Lough Derg at 9.15am, the retreat programme begins at 10.15, and boats return at 4.30. Booking essential by ringing 071 9861518 with special discounted rates for Ukrainian refugees. Visit www.loughderg.ie for more details.

Meanwhile, a bus to the Lough Derg one-day pilgrimage on Saturday 17th Sept will leave Kiltimagh at 7am, travelling via Knock and Kilkelly. For more details, call 089 4995599.

SILENT RETREAT: The Foyer of Charity will hold a 5-day silent retreat in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 19th to 23rd October. The theme of the retreat is "If you but knew the gift of God...". For more details, call Helen on 086 1678027 or log onto www.foyerofcharity.ie

COFFEE MORNINGS FOR HOSPICE will be held at the home of Joe & Helen Byrne, Johnstown on Fri 16th September from 11am to 5pm, and at the home of Gerry & Anne Lyons, Knockbrack on Thursday 22nd Sept from 10am to 2pm. Funds raised from both events will go to Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. All welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION: Meetings of the Active Retirement group will recommence on Wed 21st Sept at 1.30pm in the Communal House at Clare Court. A fundraising tea / coffee afternoon will take place from 2pm to 5pm on the day, in aid of Mayo/Roscommon Hospice. Members and friends welcome, with live music, raffle and lots of treats!

WEBINAR ON GRIEF: As part of Palliative Care week which runs from 11-17 Sept, psychotherapist Liz Gleeson (host of the Shapes of Grief podcast) and the All Ireland Institute of Hospice & Palliative Care are hosting a webinar on Tuesday evening next 13th Sept from 7-9pm. The webinar entitled "Shapes of Grief—An exploration of grief before & after death" is open to the general public and will explore issues such as loss and grief, how to support people in grief, how grief can affect our body and how to cultivate a compassionate approach when supporting bereaved people. To register, log onto: <https://tinyurl.com/shapesofgrief>.

THE SEASON OF CREATION, which runs until 4th October, celebrates the joy of creation, as well as encouraging initiatives to protect the natural environment. The theme this year is "Listen to the Voice of Creation". As our world faces multiple environmental crises, Pope Francis tells us in Laudato Si' to never underestimate the power of small actions, which can have a ripple effect across a community. During the Season of Creation 2022, we are invited to listen to the voice of creation and discern where we are being called to act, in our own homes, in our local community, to care more deeply for our common home.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: The next PPC meeting will take place on Monday 12th September at 8pm in Scoil Íosa.

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.

CHIME—SERVICES FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING: An outreach service will take place at Tuam Primary Care Centre on Friday 16th Sept. from 1.30-4pm. For more information or an appointment, contact Tony at 086 8341318 or email Tony.dolan@chime.ie

LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

The Living Well Programme is now up & running for Autumn/Winter 2022. This free online group programme is aimed at helping people to manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, asthma, COPD, arthritis, stroke, cardiac illness, cancer, MS, anxiety, chronic pain or depression can benefit from these workshops, which are delivered on Zoom once a week over a 6-week period (2.5 hours x 6). The programme is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. To book a place on the courses in September, October or November, contact Liam Gildea at South West Mayo Development Co. on 086 0142675. Participants must register in advance, as places are limited to 10-12 people. More information on the programme is available on www.hse.ie/livingwell

ANNAGH MAGAZINE is now accepting articles, club reports and photographs for its 2022 edition. These may be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or submitted to any committee member: 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, 14th Oct. 2022.

FREE COMPUTER COURSE: If you are currently out of work and interested in gaining a wide variety of computer skills that will enable you to return to the workplace, you could be entitled to free training at National Learning Network. You can gain a QQI Level 5 qualification and ICDL Certificate. Participants are provided with laptops for the duration of the course. The course is a blend of centre and home-based learning. For more details, contact Sharon at 087 2909064 or email Sharon.allen@nl.n

GRETB DUNMORE is hosting an Open Morning on Tuesday 13th of September from 10am-2pm. Come along and find out about the variety of full-time and part-time courses commencing this month. These include - Stage One Advanced Certificate in Early Learning and Care, Sports Recreation and Exercise Traineeship, Pre-Nursing Studies / Healthcare Support Traineeship, Digital Media Traineeship, Culinary Arts, Horticulture. For more info contact 093 39778

CASTLEBAR VTOS (MSLETB): Places available. Students can study for a range of courses / awards all certified by QQI Level 5: Culture & Heritage, Business Administration, Language and European Studies, Tourism & Business Studies, Apprenticeship Preparation, ECDL, Health & Fitness, Health & Safety at Work. For details, email pauladonnellan@msletb.ie