

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in  
his house; he himself gives might and  
strength to his people.**

**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 RITE**

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the  
nations into the peace of God's kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
You come in word and sacrament  
to strengthen us in holiness:  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
You will come in glory with salvation  
for your people:  
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, protector of those who hope  
in you, without whom nothing has firm  
foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in  
abundance your mercy upon us and grant  
that, with you as our ruler and guide, we  
may use the good things that pass in  
such a way as to hold fast even now to  
those that ever endure.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5.7-12**

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**  
The Lord appeared to Solomon in a  
dream and said, 'Ask what you would like  
me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord,  
my God, you have made your servant  
king in succession to David my father.  
But I am a very young man, unskilled in  
leadership. Your servant finds himself in  
the midst of this people of yours that you  
have chosen, a people so many its  
numbers cannot be counted or reckoned.  
Give your servant a heart to  
understand how to discern between good  
and evil, for who could govern this people  
of yours that is so great? It pleased the

Lord that Solomon should have asked  
for this. 'Since you have asked for this'  
the Lord said 'and not asked for long life  
for yourself or riches or the lives of your  
enemies, but have asked for a discerning  
judgement for yourself, here and now I do  
what you ask. I give you a heart wise and  
shrewd as none before you has had and  
none will have after you.'

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130**

**R. Lord how I love your law!**

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more  
to me than silver and gold. **[R]**
2. Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall  
live  
for your law is my delight. **[R]**
3. That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your  
precepts:  
I hate false ways. **[R]**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Romans 8: 28 - 30**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
We know that by turning everything to  
their good God co-operates with all those  
who love him, with all those that he has  
called according to his purpose. They  
are the ones he chose specially long ago  
and intended to become true images of  
his Son, so that his Son might be the  
eldest of many brothers. He called those  
he intended for this; those he called he  
justified, and with those he justified he  
shared his glory.

**The word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt  
from my Father. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 13: 44-52 (\*shorter  
form 13:44-46)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Matthew**

*\*Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom  
of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field  
which someone has found; he hides it  
again, goes off happy, sells everything he  
owns and buys the field.  
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a  
merchant looking for fine pearls; when he  
finds one of great value he goes and sells  
everything he owns and buys it.'  
'Again the kingdom of heaven is like a  
dragnet cast into the sea that brings*

in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the  
fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting  
down, they collect the good ones in a  
basket and throw away those that are no  
use. This is how it will be at the end of  
time: the angels will appear and separate  
the wicked from the just to throw them  
into the blazing furnace where there will  
be weeping and grinding of teeth.  
'Have you understood all this?' They  
said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well,  
then, every scribe who becomes a  
disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like  
a householder who brings out from his  
storeroom things both new and old.'

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

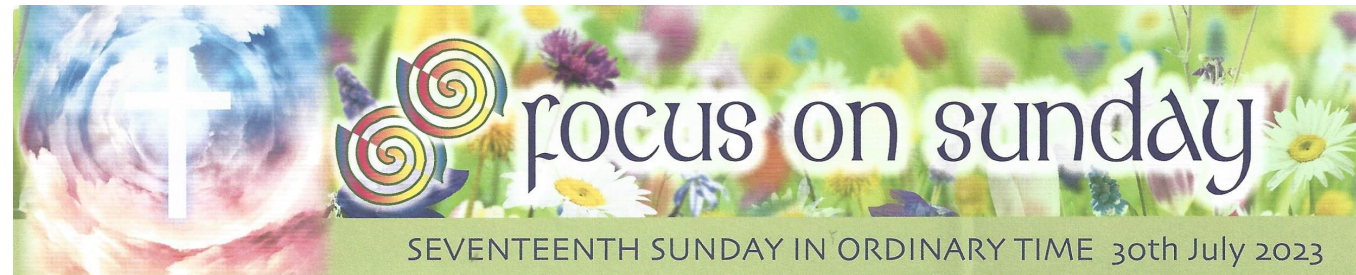
**NICENE CREED**

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.

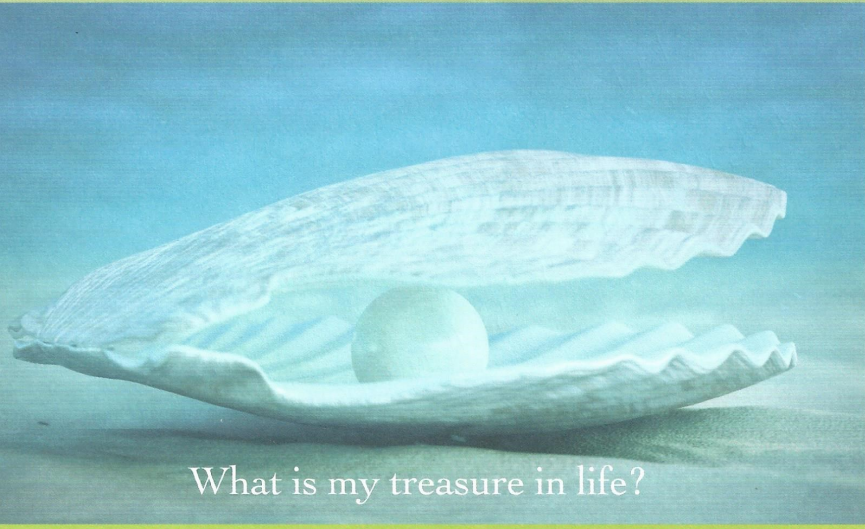


**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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.



**We choose good or evil often in our lives. To follow something good,  
we reject paths which are less good. Following Christ means saying 'No' to  
other riches. The gospel today is a call to be joyful  
in giving up our bad habits for Jesus.**



What is my treasure in life?

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the offerings  
which we bring from the abundance  
of your gifts,  
that through the powerful working  
of your grace these most sacred mysteries  
may sanctify our present way of life  
and lead us to eternal gladness.  
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**

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**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have consumed, O Lord,  
this divine Sacrament,  
the perpetual memorial of the Passion  
of your Son;  
grant, we pray, that this gift,  
which he himself gave us with love  
beyond all telling,  
may profit us for salvation.  
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.**

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.**




**Hidden treasure**

The three short parables in today's Gospel - comparing the  
kingdom of heaven to treasure, a pearl and a fishing net -  
are unique to Matthew's Gospel. Jesus wants to show the  
disciples, and us, that the Kingdom of God is precious - so precious that its  
discovery requires us to put aside everything else in order to immerse ourselves  
wholeheartedly in it. We are called to set aside all self-interest, judgement, all our  
certainties and live the kingdom values of humility, openness and compassion.  
Jesus emphasises that 'kingdom people' "bring out of their treasure what is new  
and what is old". This would have resonated with Matthew's community, a mix of  
Jews and Gentiles who were discerning the parameters of this 'new' movement.  
Perhaps the fishing parable, the last in this series of parables, holds the key. It  
echoes the tone of the parable of the weeds among the wheat - everything is  
gathered in, a variety, "good" and "bad" alike. As he addresses his disciples, Jesus  
is aware that they are not perfect. Like us all, they have flaws and weaknesses.  
Yet we are called to this wide-open vision of Jesus, where all are gathered and  
none are excluded, and the hidden treasures of the kingdom are revealed. The  
diversity of this gathering is seen in Jesus' outreach to all those considered  
'outside', sinners and tax collectors, Roman centurions, lepers, traitors and  
deniers. All are gathered. Today, may we look at our own communities and reflect  
on who is welcome, who is 'invited'.

**Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty** are the authors of  
The Deep End - A Journey through the Sunday Gospels  
in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey



We are in God's Love all the time, but we forget. When people find  
God's Love, and Kingdom, they always do loving actions, like caring and  
minding children, doing work everyday, helping others, being grateful for  
all the wonders of nature, the colours of the day, the new inventions, that  
make life exciting. They are treasures that fill our hearts with surprise.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th JULY 2023

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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 31st JULY—5th AUGUST 2023

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

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Elizabeth Jordan, Annagh  
 Agnes & James Caulfield, Bohogue  
 Jimmy Flanagan, Ballindrehid & decd. of the Flanagan & Lyons families  
 Michael A. & Nora Keane, Annagh  
 Bernard & Margaret Keane, Coventry  
 John & Nora Hopkins, Knock  
 Tom & Séan Hopkins, Derby  
 Reuben Sykes, Leeds & Cave  
 Patrick, Sarah, Michael & Tom Waldron, Cave  
 Patsy Naughton née Waldron, Leeds & Cave  
 Declan Shields, Devlis  
 Michael Murray, Doctor's Road & decd.  
 Anthony Coyne & decd. Leenane  
 Joe Webb, Devlis  
 Canon J.G. McGarry  
 Brendan & Tommie Hopkins, Larganboy  
 Catriona Kelly, Castlebar & John Larkin, Cork

### SUNDAY 6th AUGUST - MONTH'S MIND

Mary Jordan, Knox. St

31st July-5th Aug.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Mary Freeley
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Breege Halpin
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
<b>Friday</b>	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan
<b>Sat 7.30pm</b>	Alex Eaton	Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Lorraine Waldron
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Julia Kelly	Bernie Quinn, Patricia Plunkett, Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick

### COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST

<b>Sat. 7.30pm</b>	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Gabriel Smith, Vincent Higgins, Jaroslav Drunnik, Anthony Plunkett

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers  
 John Fitzgerald, Ballinlough & formerly Upper Main St;  
 Mary Dooley née O'Dwyer, Ballisodare and formerly Ballyhaunis—  
 sister of the late Matt O'Dwyer, Doctor's Road  
 Joe Whelan, France— brother of Marie Jordan, Lecarrow

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](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)

**REEK SUNDAY:** The annual pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick takes place this weekend. On Reek Sunday 30th July, there will be hourly Mass on the summit from 8am to 2pm. Fr. Stephen will celebrate the 8am Mass. Confessions are available on the summit from 7.30am to 2pm. This year's Reek Sunday pilgrimage has been designated as one of the key initiatives to highlight the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. Pilgrims are advised to check the weather forecast before climbing, and take all necessary precautions including suitable clothing & footwear, bring a stick, food and water. Further details are available on [www.westportparish.ie](http://www.westportparish.ie)

**MÁMÉAN PILGRIMAGE:** The annual August pilgrimage to Máméan takes place on Sunday 6th August with Turas na Croise at 3pm followed by Mass. This ancient pilgrimage site in the Maumturk mountains in Connemara is dedicated to St. Patrick.

**Offertory Collection**  
 23rd July 2023  
 €1,630

**LIGHT THE FIRE:** Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass on the Hill of Slane next Sunday 6th August as part of the Light the Fire rosary / healing service on World Youth Day. Sr. Briege McKenna will lead the healing service, while Dana will sing her new hymn, which recalls how St. Patrick lit the fire of faith in Slane in 433 AD. All welcome from 12.15 to 4.30 pm at the Hill of Slane, Co. Meath C15 DV76.

**NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE:** The National Novena to Our Lady will take place from Monday 14th to Tuesday 22nd August. The Novena offers 9 days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. Ceremonies are held in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm each day, with daily workshops at 12 noon in the Novena Village (adjacent to the Basilica). The theme for this year's Novena is "Caring for Creation". Over the course of the nine-day Novena, guest speakers will offer insights into a variety of topics, from personal faith stories to how we are responding to a changing world. Among the guest speakers this year are Fr. John Joe Duffy, Curate in Creeslough, Co. Donegal where an explosion ripped through a petrol station last October, claiming the lives of 10 people. He will share his first-hand experience of the tragedy, and explain how his faith sustained him and others in the aftermath. The new Papal Nuncio to Ireland Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, broadcaster & journalist Séan O'Rourke, Fr. Tony O'Rourke of the Jesuit Refugee Service which is working with victims of the February earthquake in Syria, and Williamstown native Geraldine Mullan, who lost her husband and two children in a car accident in Co. Donegal three years ago, are also among the guest speakers, and the full line up is available on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)  
 Sunday 20th August is also Family Day on the beautiful grounds at Knock Shrine. It takes place from 11am to 3pm. All events and activities are free of charge.

**HARVEST MASS:** The annual Harvest Mass will be celebrated on Sunday 20th August at 1.00pm. in the Friary.

**PRIESTS' SUMMER COLLECTION:** We would be grateful if any outstanding envelopes for the Priests' Summer Collection are returned at weekend Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:  
**Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account,**  
**BIC: AIBKIE2D**  
**IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54**

**FRIARY CHURCH WORKING GROUP:** The next meeting will take place next Thursday 3rd August at 8.30pm. The general working group is focused on organising events to increase the financial sustainability of the historic Friary, while a sub-group is focused on the preservation and historical significance of the Church. Anyone interested is welcome to join.

**PUBLIC MINI VIGIL** at Knock Shrine takes place next Friday 4th August, with confessions from 8 to 9pm. The Vigil runs from 9pm to midnight in the Parish Church. All welcome.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2023** takes place from 10th to 13th August in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. Join over 1,000 young people aged between 16 and 35 for inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops, drama, concert, reconciliation & healing service and Mass. For more details on the festival and the free bus service, contact 01 6753690 or visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**HERITAGE WEEK 12th - 20th AUGUST:** A number of events are being organised to celebrate Heritage Week, beginning with an Irish Night on Saturday 12th August at 8.00pm. in the Community Hall organised by Ballyhaunis Community Council & Le Cárde music group. Other events include slideshows of local sporting and cultural occasions and the history of the Muslim community in Ballyhaunis. A guided 'Walk & Talk' in the Friary grounds with ecologist Aengus Kennedy will be held on Sunday 13th August. Further details to follow.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK'S UNIVERSITY:** Postgraduate programmes in Theology & Philosophy are available at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Applications are open until 14th August. For more information, visit [sppu.ie/](http://sppu.ie/) or ring 01 7083391.

**TECH REUNION:** Ballyhaunis Vocational School (the Tech) Reunion for past pupils takes place on Friday 25th August in the Community Hall at 7pm. Come along for refreshments, music, fun and lots of reminiscing. Admission by ticket only, and tickets are available at The Gem, Collieran's Chemist, Herr's shop and Phillips Butchers.

**TEEN AQUA AEROBICS:** Mayo Sports Partnership is organising Aqua Aerobics classes for teenagers at Ballyhaunis Outdoor Pool, starting this Monday 31st July at 1pm and running every Monday for 4 weeks. Cost €5 per class.

**SALSA DANCING CLASSES** - Sundays at 8.00pm. in the Community Hall. Cost €5, proceeds to the Community Hall renovation fund.

**LOCAL LINK MAYO:** Anyone who would like to avail of the Local Link bus service into Ballyhaunis - which is free to pensioners and other travel card holders - can contact Local Link Mayo at 094 900 5150 or email: [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie)