

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
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, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 35:4-7
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland,

the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 145: 7 - 10

R. My soul, give praise to the Lord, or Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **[R]**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger **[R]**
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **[R]**

SECOND READING James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St. James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue

was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said, 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.**

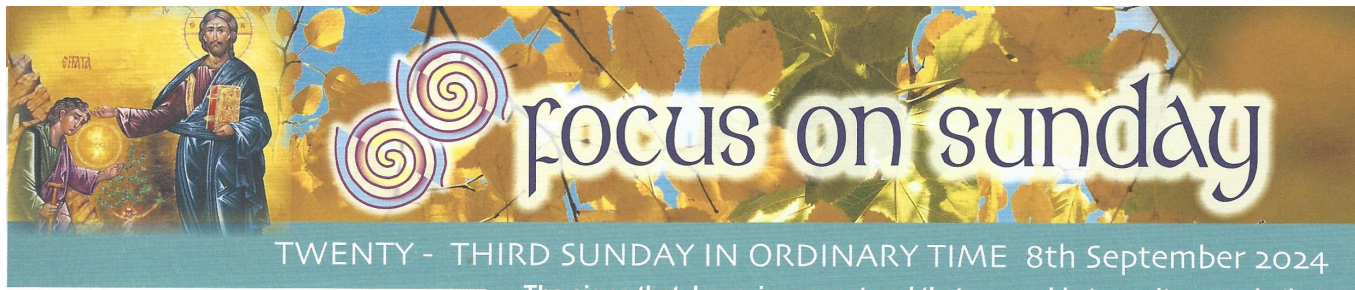


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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 God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.



The signs that Jesus is present and that we are his true witnesses is that we attend to our sick, console those who are in despair, befriend the friendless; work for social justice, we must not be mute through fear or self - protection. We must do all things well.

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.
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

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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..**



There is much to be discomfited by in today's Gospel. The Deaf community, with its own language and culture, may balk at the presentation of Jesus 'fixing' a person. Many of us might recoil at the image of Jesus putting his fingers into the man's ears and mouth, and using his spittle. Yet the tangibly raw physicality reminds us that our God is not an abstract, sterile entity: our God is one who entered humanity in its entirety, and who continues to minister to the whole person. Sanitary concerns aside, St Mark reaffirms the holistic, hands-on ministry of Jesus, which is an inevitable consequence of the Incarnation, and of the need for us all to 'be opened' to God in every area our lives.

Today's readings all reinforce social justice as an integral component of Christian discipleship. Yet, in the Christian tradition, social justice is not a comfortable philanthropy. It is one which requires us, too, to be hands-on, to get down and dirty in the face of poverty, disadvantage, and abject need. Do we give our whole selves to others? Do we engage with the whole person, even the whole of our own selves, or do we secretly recoil at some aspects? Are our faith communities and our liturgies holistic and respectful of the body? We can take our pastoral-theological cue from both the Gospel and today's First Reading, where all of creation finds joyful liberty in God's healing and abundantly life-giving touch.

Giovanna Feeley, PhD

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

A little girl asked 'Why does the priest touch the babies two ears at the Baptism celebration?' Her pal answered 'Because we should listen twice as often with two ears, as we speak with one voice.' We are told that Mary Our Mother listened to the Angel, and because she listened, great blessings came to all the world. We ask God and our angel to help us to listen to our parents and our teachers. When we listen to the sounds of nature and song too, we discover blessings.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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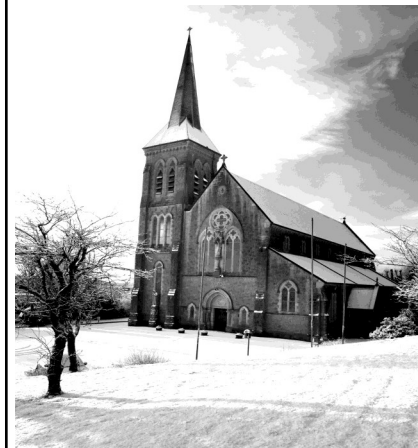
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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 9th-14th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

Tina Waldron, Abbeyquarter
 Decd. members of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families of Derrynacong, Dublin & Dundalk
 Patrick & Mary Burke, Redford and decd. members of the Cribbin, Prendergast & Burke families
 Pat Joe & Elizabeth Lyons, Holywell
 Nora & Thomas Moran, Carrowedan & decd. of the Lyons & Moran families
 Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co Sligo
 Eamon Burke, Devlis & decd. of the Toolan, Moran & Burke families
 Marian, Tom & Delia Glynn, Upper Main St.
 Alfred Webb Jnr, Tooraree
 Tony & Lily Morley, Abbey Street

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Ann Caulfield, Hazel Lawns & formerly Kilgariff, Knock

9th-15th SEPT.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Helen Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9pm (when possible) Mondays to Fridays, continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on our website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie.

STATIONS: Anyone wishing to host a Station Mass in their home during October or November can contact the Parish Office at 094 9630006.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are now on sale at the back of the Church. Cost €3, please place money in coinbox at the candelabra.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Catherine Waldron née Feeney, Holywell;
 Ado (formerly Knox St.) & Gertie Kenny, Strokestown—parents-in-law of Breege Kenny, Abbeyquarter

HARVEST MASS: The annual Harvest Mass takes place in the Friary next Sunday 15th September at 12 noon. All welcome. Music & singing will be provided by the Abbey Male Choir.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass next Sunday 15th September. Children aged 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion.

SEASON OF CREATION 2024: The Season of Creation runs each year from 1st Sept. to 4th October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi). The Christian family across the world unites for this celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. The theme for 2024 is "To Hope and Act with Creation". Copies of the Season of Creation 2024 prayer are available in the church porch. Feel free to take one home with you.

RELICS OF ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES: For the first time ever, the relics of St. Bernadette will visit every diocese in Ireland this Autumn. The relics will visit Knock Shrine on Sunday 29th September, arriving at 11.30am and will be present for the 12 noon and 3pm Masses. The relics will also visit Tuam Cathedral on Monday 30th Sept, St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina on 3rd & 4th October and Ballaghaderreen Cathedral on 5th & 6th October, enabling people to experience a taste of Lourdes in their local diocese. Welcoming the visit of the relics, the Primate of All Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin said "The pilgrimage around Ireland of St. Bernadette's relics will be a source of hope, great joy and inspiration, especially for the many people of Ireland who have travelled to Lourdes over the years, and for the dedicated groups who work all year round to plan pilgrimages at parish and diocesan level".

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: A meeting of Ballyhaunis PPC will be held this Monday night 9th Sept. in the Community Hall at 8.30pm.

COFFEE MORNING will be held in the home of Anne Lyons, Knockbrack next Saturday 14th September from 10am to 4pm in loving memory of her late husband Gerry Lyons, and in conjunction with Ballyhaunis GAA Club. All welcome. Proceeds to Mayo Roscommon Hospice.

MAYO HOSPICE OPEN EVENING: As part of Palliative Care Week 2024, an open evening will take place at the Mayo Hospice, Castlebar next Tuesday 10th Sept from 5 to 7 pm. Come along to meet the team and learn more about the work of the Hospice and about palliative care. Refreshments will be served. For details, email mayo@galwayhospice.ie, call 094 9005100 or just turn up on the evening.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT: Life after a bereavement can feel empty and lonely. Spending time with others who know the experience can often be helpful. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Group meeting at the Family Centre, Knock each Wednesday morning at 11am. No booking required. Further information from Monica Morley on 094 9375320.

INTERFAITH GATHERING: The third all-island Interfaith Gathering for Peace will take place on International Peace Day, Sat. 21st September at 6.30pm. Free online event via Zoom. All welcome to participate and pray together in peace and for peace. More details on Eventbrite.ie

2025 JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY: The Archdiocese of Tuam Italian Shrines Pilgrimage takes place from 27th June to 3rd July 2025. Six nights (3 in Rome, 3 in Assisi) with Spiritual Director, ex Dublin Airport. Early booking is advised as 2025 is a Jubilee (Holy Year) in Rome, which will mean high demand for accommodation. For details, contact 01 2410800.

"REMEMBERING BRIDANN": A Memorial Walk and family fun event will take place in the Friary Field next Saturday 14th September from 2pm. Please support. All funds raised go to the Irish Kidney Association.

POOR CLARES GALWAY- MONASTIC EXPERIENCE DAY: This is an opportunity for women aged 18-35 to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event takes place on Saturday 21st September from 10am to 5pm. To book a place email vocations@poorclares.ie

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: The Annagh Magazine committee is now collecting wedding photos, old photographs, articles from clubs & associations and personal articles for the 2024 edition. The deadline for submissions is the first week in

October. Photos and articles can be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or passed onto committee members: Tommy Caulfield, Seamus Mulrennan, Paul Waldron, John Kilduff, Eddie Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Jim Landon, Noreen Ruane-Dalton, Mike Griffin or Gabriel Smith.

JOB VACANCIES: The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference is currently seeking applications for the following positions:
 i) Coordinator for Migrants, Refugees and Justice & Peace
 ii) Coordinator for Evangelisation, Catechetics and Pastoral Renewal. Applications close on Friday 13th September. For more details, visit www.catholicbishops.ie/careers

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Monthly meetings resume on Wednesday 11th Sept. at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

TRAIN TO BECOME A CARE-GIVER: The Mayo Training Institute in Castlebar will run a QQI Care Skills, QQI Care of the Older Person and Patient Moving & Handling course. The course is classroom-based and will take place in 7 days over 4 weeks, on 12th, 18th, 19th, 25th & 26th September and October 2nd & 3rd. For more details, email info@mayotraininginstitute.ie or call 094 9027587.

COMMUNITY GROUPS: Mayo County Council invites all community groups to have their say on the new Mayo County Council Corporate Plan 2024-2029. A workshop will take place on Wednesday 18th Sept from 7pm to 8.30pm in the Outdoor Training Centre, Milebush, Castlebar (Eircode F23 TH29). No booking required & refreshments will be served.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th September at 1.30pm in the Communal Room, Clare Court. All welcome.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: Ballyhaunis Community Council's bike repair clinic returns to the Community Hall next Saturday 15th Sept. from 10am to 12.30pm. Volunteers will assist with basic bicycle repairs. Please book in your bike by emailing ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

Offertory Collection
 Sunday 1st Sept. 2024
 €1,935

