

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, who govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 62:1-5**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**  
About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.  
You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God;  
no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you,

and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 95:1-3.7-10**

**R. Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.**

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name. [R]
- Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. [R]
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. [R]
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. [R]

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:**  
**you have the message of eternal life.**  
**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 2:1-11**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for

the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants. 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

**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



Year C  
**focus on sunday**

**Catholic Schools Week begins**

Each Sunday liturgy is like a wedding feast in which Jesus is the bridegroom showing his love for us, - his bride - by providing food and drink for our innermost needs.

**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**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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.*  
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**

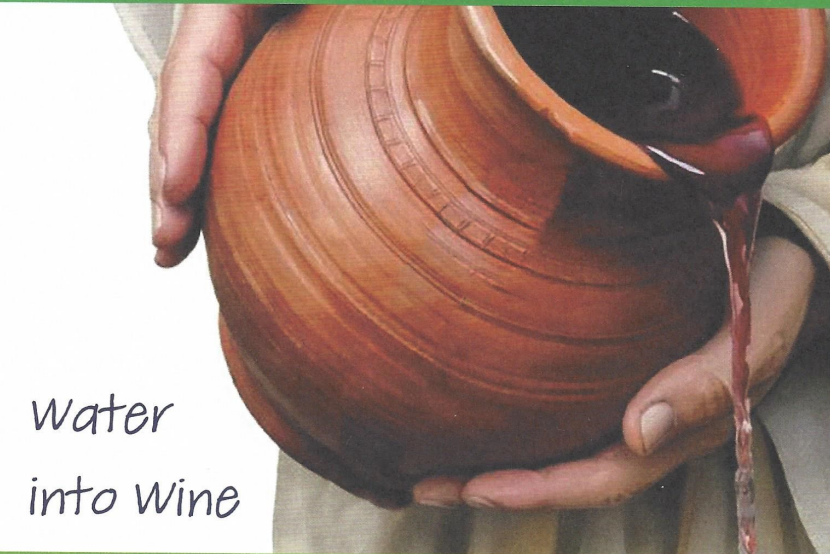
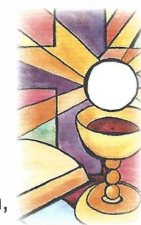
**We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.

**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 in peace. Thanks be to God.



Water  
into Wine



This Sunday we return to what the Church calls 'Ordinary Time' where we read the accounts of Jesus' earthly ministry. However, there is nothing 'ordinary' about this as it is during these weeks that we hear about all the extra-ordinary things that Jesus did during his earthly life. Today's Gospel is one example. John calls this account a sign, something that points us to a deeper reality. In the Jewish tradition, a wedding was a symbol for the Kingdom of God and Jesus regularly used the image of a feast to refer to God's dream for our world.

At this wedding feast we are told that Jesus provides an extraordinary amount of wine for the celebration. "There were six stone water jars...each holding twenty or thirty gallons" (Jn 2:6), a minimum of 500 litres. By today's standards that is just over 600 bottles of wine! Not only is this a huge amount, it is also the best wine the guests have had. Sounds like a great party! But remembering that this wedding event is showing us something of who Jesus is, what the Kingdom of God is like and how God operates in our lives, we might focus on the generosity of Jesus in this story today. When have you experienced great generosity? How have you been generous to others?

The stone jars held the water used in purification rituals. This story is a significant reminder of how Jesus can transform something which has become stale into something that brings joy, new life and invites people to dance and celebrate. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to be agents of generosity, celebration and transformation. What in your life needs transformation today?

*"Transformation...begins with the people of God who start turning the things of death into things of life. And the kings and presidents and nations will follow."* (Shane Claiborne).

An extract from Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty: *The Deep End - A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke*, Messenger Publications, 2021

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*  
Jesus liked parties because people were happy and there was good food and drink for everyone. In today's story, at a wedding, He changed water into wine when his mother asked him. This was the first sign given by Jesus and made the bride and bridegroom very happy. At Mass today we thank God for loving us and being our companion in Holy Communion.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th JANUARY 2025

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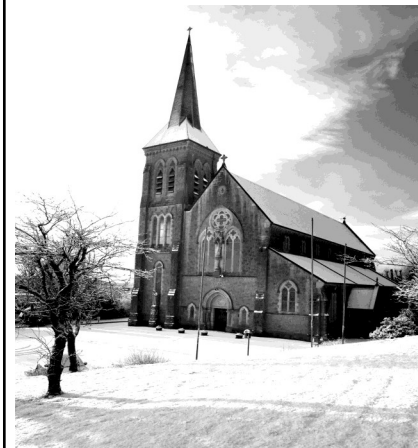
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### MASSES:

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 20th-25th JANUARY 2025

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

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Paul Moran, Bracklaghboy  
Robert & Phil Fox, Carrowreagh  
Maureen & Bill Comer, Killinaugher  
Stephen & Pat Finnegan, Ballinastoka  
Brod, Anna & Noreen Morley, Knox St.  
Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree  
Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree  
Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe  
Gerry Cribben, Tooraree

Decd. members of the Grogan & Flanagan families, Spaddagh  
James & Bridget Costello & Mary Kate Cosgrove, Bohogue  
Pat & Delia Finn, Carrowkeel  
Jim & Christina O'Connell, Aisling Drive  
Pierce Higgins, Esker Pines

### SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

#### MONTH'S MIND

Anna Egan, Upper Main St.

#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Maureen Comer, Killinaugher

20th-26th Jan.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Christina Concannon	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday	Mary Donnelly	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Frances Mulhern, Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne, Fionnuala Nolan
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne

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

### Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Anne Doherty Larkin, Clonmany, Co. Donegal & formerly Knox St.—mother of Gerry Doherty, Annagh;

Michael Maloney, Upper Main St. & formerly Bekan;

Fr. Tom Cleary SSC, Melbourne & formerly Logboy—brother of Walter Cleary, Pattenspark

**CONFIRMATION:** The enrolment Mass for Confirmation takes place at the 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening 25th January. All candidates and their parents are expected to attend. This marks the start of the preparation programme for the Sacrament. "You Shall Be My Witness" is the programme which will be delivered over the coming weeks by parent leaders & volunteers. The Confirmation ceremony will take place in Knock Basilica on Thursday 13th March at 12 noon.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at the 10am Mass this Sunday 19th January. Children aged 4-8 are invited into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion.

**CHURCH REFURBISHMENT:** Phase One of the planned works get underway this week, as the entire interior of the Church will be repainted. This will be followed by a complete rewiring of the building and the installation of a new modern, more energy-efficient lighting system, emergency lighting, fire alarms and signed emergency exits. Our weekday Masses will take place in the Community Hall for the duration of the works. This has worked well over recent days, and the 10am Mass will continue to be livestreamed on [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie) and on [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live). Just choose the option for Mobile Camera (instead of Main Camera) to view our daily Masses online. Weekend Masses, funerals and baptisms will continue to be celebrated in the church. For those who like to pop in during the day to say a prayer & light a candle, access remains open for now to the Blessed Sacrament chapel and the candelabra close to the chapel entrance. The aim is to have the majority of this Phase One work completed before Holy Week. We appreciate the help of volunteers over the past week in preparing the church for painting, and preparing the Hall for morning Mass.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2025** will be celebrated from this Sunday 19th to Saturday 25th January with the theme: *Catholic Schools: Alive in Christ*. During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities and to the well-being of their pupils. Our Catholic schools are places where faith is lived in service to one another in a spirit of inclusion, joy, hope & belief in one another as gifts from God.

**CHY3 CERTIFICATES:** A number of parishioners will receive certificates in the post this week, as their 5-year CHY3 Cert has now expired. Please complete the cert and return it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope, or drop it into the Parish Office. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Parishioners who are taxpayers and who contribute €250 or more per year to the Church, by way of the weekly collections or the quarterly priests' collections, can participate by completing the CHY3 Cert, which is valid for 5 years. It will not place any additional cost on you, but is an important part of our income. If you receive a cert, but are **not** eligible for tax, please sign the section at the bottom of the letter, and return to the Parish Office, so we can update our records.

**PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their Christmas envelopes. Your ongoing support & generosity is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office. For online donations, the IBAN is **IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54**.

**SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS:** A sensory-friendly Mass takes place on Sunday 26th January at 12.30 in the Parish Church, Knock. The Mass will have no music, subdued lighting and pictorial resources for those with additional needs. Sensory-friendly Masses will take place at 12.30 on the last Sunday of each month throughout the year. All are welcome. For more details, contact Nicola at [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie) or call 094 9388100.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** is looking for volunteers for the new Vincent's Charity Shop opening in Ballyhaunis later this month. If you can spare a few hours per week to help this important charity in our community, email [vincents.ballyhaunis@svp.ie](mailto:vincents.ballyhaunis@svp.ie). We are also looking for TUS and RSS scheme workers to join our team.

### Offertory Collection

Sun. 12th Jan. 2025  
€1,425

**ACCORD** Catholic Marriage Care Service is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators to support couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage. Successful applicants will receive professional training and be part of a team delivering programmes locally. For more details, email [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie) or call Aisling on 01 5053112.

**ST. BRIGID'S DAY:** Celebrate St. Brigid's Day at Knock Shrine from 11am to 3.30pm on Saturday 1st Feb. The flame of St. Brigid will be present on the day, courtesy of the Brigidine Sisters, Kildare. Programme includes a global pause for peace at 12 noon, a blessing for those named after St. Brigid, contemplative prayer walk and an exploration of Brigidine spirituality. See [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) for more details.

**MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP** will hold a meeting on Thursday 23rd January at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. All welcome. If attending, please text your name to 087 6275766.

**MOVIE NIGHT:** Ballyhaunis Film Club will show the 2003 German tragicomedy "Good Bye, Lenin!" on Saturday 25th Jan. at 8.15pm in the Community Hall. This film is set in East Berlin from Oct. 1989 to a few days after German reunification in Oct. 1990. Admission free, donations to the Hall renovation fund accepted.

**GAMES EVENING:** All are welcome to join a games evening in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Sunday 26th January from 4pm to 6pm. Board games such as chess, ludo, backgammon etc and cards—beginners & experienced players welcome, helpers will be on hand for beginners.

**CLAREMORRIS MUSICAL SOCIETY** presents the musical comedy "The Addams Family" from 29th Jan. to 1st Feb. in Claremorris Town Hall Theatre at 8pm nightly. Tickets on sale from the Box Office at 094 9310999 or at [www.townhall.ie](http://www.townhall.ie)

**CLOTHES & FABRIC COLLECTION:** Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns will hold a collection on Sunday 26th Jan. from 11am to 2pm in the Community Hall. Clean, unsoiled clothes & fabrics suitable for use in upcoming Fabric Upcycling Workshops will be accepted at this once-off collection event. Clothes etc. cannot be accepted at any other time.