

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life. 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, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Exodus 22: 20 - 26

A reading from the book of Exodus
 The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans."
 "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must

not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.
 "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 17: 2-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
 The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **[R]**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 1: 5 - 10
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread - and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our heart, O Lord,
to accept the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22: 34 - 40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest

commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT



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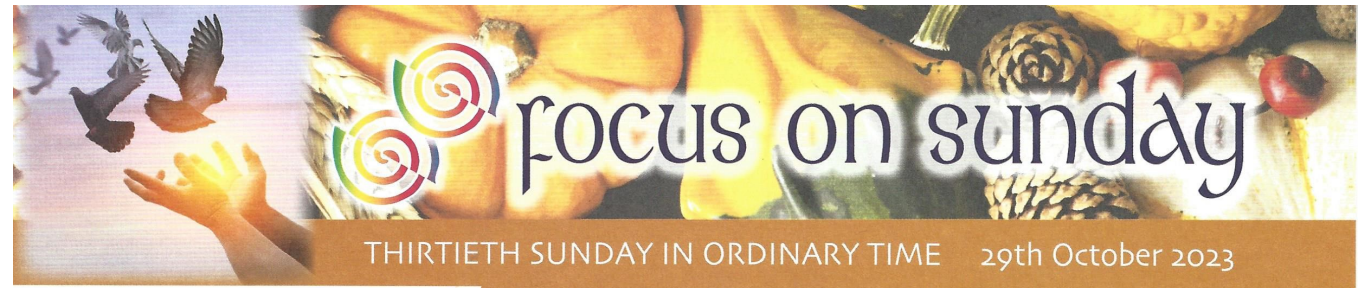
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
 I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial 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

Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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

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 will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

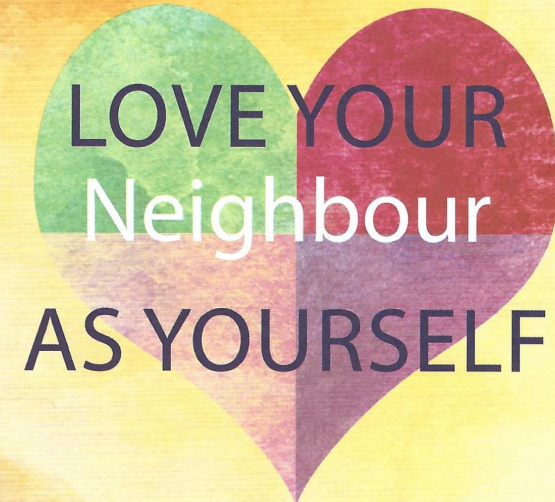
May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.



The commandment of God is to love him and love people: both are so interlinked that in loving people we love God.



The first reading is like a commentary on the gospel reading, to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. It recalls the people who in that time needed special care and compassion: the strange (migrant, asylum seeker), the widow, the orphan (those who are lone parents, whose parents have died), the poor who need money (the people struggling with debt, mortgage, unemployment) and are overcharged by money lenders and banks. We are to keep our promises to people and not rob them of what they need.

Jesus had a kindly eye for those in need and asks that we do also. In the world now many have suffered great financial loss as well as loss of loved ones, and indeed of good health.

Pope Francis echoes this: "the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters living in the cities and peripheries of every part of the world, must not be abandoned" (May 2019 to UN).

We look in this command to love those who need our care most. We can give comfort and care directly to those in our family and community and we can support those further away through donations of goods or financial support.

We can recall gratefully a time when we ourselves were helped by someone and let the energy of our gratitude reach out to practical love for others.

May your love be visible and tangible, o Lord, on earth as it is in heaven.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Pope John The 23rd liked to ask Confirmation students: 'Why did God make you?' They answered "God made us to know, love and serve Him in this life, and be happy with Him forever in Heaven." The Pope then said 'You have left out an important line which is,"and also to tell others about God's Love and Blessings for us.' When we were baptised, our parents promised to tell The Story of Jesus to us. We tell the Story with words, but more often with actions of caring, kindness and respect.

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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 30th OCT.—4th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Norma Frances Forde, Australia & decd. of the Forde family, The Square & Clare St.
 Peter Sloyan & decd. Forthill
 Mick & Ita McDonnell, Carrowkeel
 Fred & Maura Herr, Knox St.
 Kathleen & Vincent Caulfield, Upper Main St.
 Pat Murray, Derrintogher
 John & Sarah McGarry, Drimbane
 Peter Moran, Devlis & his granddaughter Melissa O'Sullivan
 Hugh Curley, Derrymore
 Tommy & Mary Jordan. & decd. of Jordan & Guilfoyle families, Knox St & Greenwood
 Doris & Eddie Duddy and Ellie & Tom Donnelly, Manchester
 Kate, John, JJ & Patrick Goulding, Ballinlough & Anne Joyce, Birmingham
 Ciara Gallagher, Claremorris & decd. of the Gallagher family, Donegal
 Patrick, Jack, Annie & John Biesty and Patricia Muldoon
 Frances Webb Snr. Tooraree
 Tom & Winifred Egan, Aghamore & Marion Egan, Ballina
 Judith Regan & decd. Killinaugher
 Pat, Patrick & Mary Ellen Regan, Derrynacong
 Bridie, Séan & Frank Regan, Killinaugher
 Patrick & Catherine Regan, Killinaugher

SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary Higgins, Knockbrack

30th Oct.-5th Nov.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wed. 10am	Mary Donnelly	Helen Freeley, Irene Healy
Wed. 7.30pm	Paula Donnellan	Marie Brennan, Mary Murphy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Eileen Jordan, Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne
Sunday 10am	Orlaith Coffey	Eileen Donnellan, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao, Mary Sykes

COLLECTORS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Pdraig Regan, Kieran Connolly, Oliver Cribben
Sun. 10am	Tom Finn, Eddie Mooney, Mike Griffin, Bernie Quinn

MASS SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER

Sat. 7.30pm:	Team E— Aibhe Donnellan, Zara Waldron, Kate & Séan Monaghan
Sun. 10am:	Team F- Henzio Neves, Estela Balbino, Kleber Lucas, Silmara Da Silva Nunes, Joao Migeul De Oliveira Guerra

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers
 John Joe Ryan, Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick—brother of the late Paddy Ryan, Hazelhill

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

ALL SAINTS DAY: Wednesday next 1st November is the Feast of All Saints. Masses will be celebrated at 10am & 7.30pm. Thurs. 2nd November, All Souls Day, Mass at 10am.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES: In November, we remember in our prayers all our deceased loved ones who have gone before us. Envelopes are now available in the Church porch, where you can include the names of your deceased loved ones in the November altar list. All of those included will be prayed for during our daily Masses throughout the month. The envelopes & enclosed lists can be returned to the box at St. Joseph's altar. Please do not include money in these envelopes.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS: The annual Remembrance Mass will be celebrated **next Saturday 4th Nov.** at 7.30pm. We will be praying for all whose names are included in the November lists of the deceased, remembering in a special way those who have died over the past year. Members of families who have been recently bereaved are invited to attend.

CEMETERY PRAYERS: Prayers will be recited for all our deceased loved ones on **Sunday 5th November** in the Friary Cemetery at 2.30pm and in the Parish Cemetery at 3pm

MASS FOR PEACE: With so many places in the world currently being devastated by war and destruction, Knock Shrine will offer a special Mass for Peace this Sunday 29th Oct. at 12 noon in the Basilica. The Mass will also be streamed online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have returned envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection. Your ongoing support is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: The Team Hope annual appeal delivers boxes of gifts to children affected by poverty in Africa & Eastern Europe. Leaflets available in the Church porch. Boxes will be collected at Masses on 11th/12th November or can be dropped into Scoil Íosa. You can build your shoebox at home, including a €5 donation, or online on www.teamhope.ie

€1,000 DRAW in aid of Ballyhaunis Community Hall (formerly the Parochial Hall) Renovation Fund. Tickets are now on sale in local outlets, from Community Council members or online at www.ballyhauniscc.ie at €10 each, or €40 for a book of 5 tickets. 1st prize: €1,000 cash and up to 25 additional prizes donated by local businesses. The draw will take place on Sunday 19th Nov.

ART MURAL: On Bank Holiday Monday 30th October, Ballyhaunis will host the grand opening of a new art mural celebrating the rich diversity of our town—as the CSO has this week confirmed that we have the most diverse town in Ireland. The mural has been funded by the Ballyhaunis FRC. The official unveiling takes place on Monday at 12 noon in the Friary Grounds, with games, face painting, music & refreshments. Children are encouraged to dress in their Halloween costumes.

BALLYHAUNIS DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP: Best of luck to Alma Gallagher, Siobhan Conlon, Lisa & Dave McConn who are running the Dublin City Marathon this weekend to raise vital funds for upgrading our local defibrillators. To donate, visit <https://www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/BallyhaunisDefibGroup>

FREE WEBINARS: The National Vocations Office and The Hook of Faith website will present “Take the Risk for Christ”: Inspiring Priests from the Past, for the Present & the Future”. The series of three webinars on Zoom runs over three consecutive nights from 8 to 9pm, focusing on the inspiring stories of priests.

Tues. 31st October: “Priests from the Past” - Dr. Patrick Kenny will speak about the priestly witness and courage of Fr. Willie Doyle SJ.

Wed. 1st Nov: “Priests for the Present” - Hopes of a newly ordained priest and the gratitude of a Jubilarian with Fr Shaun Doherty & Fr. Billy Swan

Thurs 2nd Nov: “Priests for the Future” with Fr. Tomás Surlis, Rector of St. Patrick's Seminary, Maynooth & Stephen Sherry, Seminarian for the Diocese of Clogher. The webinars are free of charge. To take part, email thehookoffaith@gmail.com

FAMILY CENTRE, CASTLEBAR:

The Family Centre on Chapel Street, Castlebar provides a number of services, in association with the HSE and Túsla. These include counselling services, the Mayo Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service, bereavement support service, family mediation service, education & training courses, a support group for carers of people with dementia and a peer support group for widows, widowers & partners. For information, contact the centre on 094 9025900.

MINI-VIGIL AT KNOCK SHRINE: A Public Mini-Vigil for Holy Souls takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday 3rd Nov. starting with Confessions at 8pm and the Vigil takes place from 9pm to midnight, with Rosary, Holy Hour and Mass.

ILLEGAL DUMPING: Residents in the Ballyhaunis area are urged to report any illegal dumping or burning to the local Environmental Officer on 087 0645420—particularly illegal dumping around the bottle banks at the rear of Main Street.

BALLYHAUNIS GOLF CLUB: Official opening of the new practice area this Sunday afternoon 29th Oct. at 4pm. Members, past members, families & friends all welcome.

BARGAIN HUNT: Ballyhaunis Community Council is hosting a Bargain Hunt event to raise funds for the Community Hall on Saturday 19th November. Donations of household bric-a-brac, unwanted gifts, books, toys, good quality clothing and furniture will be gratefully accepted (no electrical items). Items can be dropped into the Community Hall during the week starting Monday 13th November from 6-8pm. Enquiries to 087 6982473.

“CENTRE STAGE” IN BALLYHAUNIS: Seeking singers, dancers and musical acts to take part in a variety talent show in the Community Hall on Sunday 12th November at 1pm. “Centre Stage” will showcase the many talents in our diverse community. People of all ages are welcome to perform a song, instrumental piece, dance or recitation in any language or genre. Please ring 086 3705649 before 5th Nov. to be included in the programme.

Offertory Collection
 Mission Sunday
 22nd Oct. 2023
 €2,125