

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

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

God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 4:1-2. 6-8

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent

as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **[R]**

2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **[R]**

3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **[R]**

SECOND READING

James 1:17-18. 21-22.27

A reading from the letter of St. James

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! By his own choice the Father made us his children by the message of the truth, so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he created. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from

the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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.

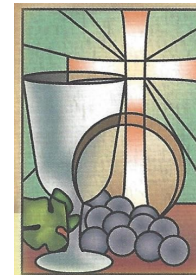
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

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.



focus on sunday

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, or our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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.

INVOCATION

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

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, you may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God..

Jesus denounces hypocrisy and a religion concerned only with externals. He demands a change of heart and a sincerity between what we say and what we do.



The Gospel today is to look at the heart. How we do what we do is important. But the heart is the space of true religion. Both goodness and sin can come from the heart. A loving gesture of friendship in this case was much more important than a religious ruling.

This can come into everyday life a lot and into many church areas – divorce, remarriage and communion; LGBT issues; the change for the better in how we speak of death by suicide, and in our approach to single or unmarried parents.

The rediscovery now, is the big commandment – love God and love our neighbour. We remember the humility and sadness of the Pope at the phoenix Park Mass, begging forgiveness for the abuse of innocent people – in many ways including abuse of conscience.

We easily judge people. The call now in the church is to relate on the level of the heart.

For Jesus and the best of his ancestors, the command is love God and love your neighbour. Let us bring these words with us for the week.

I pray Lord for a great love of you which reaches in tolerance and love to my neighbour.

Donal Neary SJ (editor Sacred Heart Messenger).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



The Advert says 'Before you make up your mind open it.' Jesus tells us today that it is the spirit inside our hearts that opens our minds and gives wisdom. Our minds are wonderful. They take things apart, like the human body, engines and ipods, to see how they work. But it is the spirit of heart, the inside mind, that puts things together. All life, all nature, all breath, are God's gifts, superabundant blessings of A LOVING FATHER.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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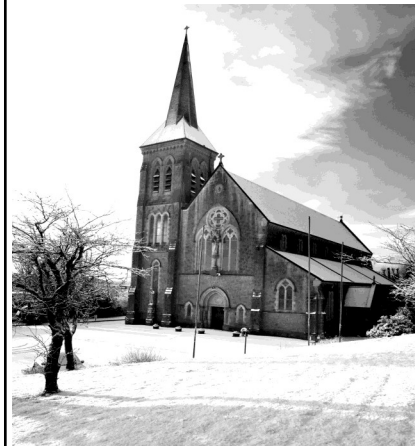
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MASSES:

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. - 1.00pm.

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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 30th AUGUST - 5th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

Kate & Patrick Moran, Bracklaghboy

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong

Fred & Maura Herr, Knox St., Mick & Ita McDonnell, Carrowkeel

Patrick & May Burke, Redford, & decd. of the Cribbin, Prendergast & Burke families

Peter Meenan, Aisling Drive

Robert Hunt, Cloonfad

Michael & Augustine Grealley, Drimbane

Oliver Levins, Clare St.

James & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

Martin & Margaret Finnegan & decd. Bohogue

Sunday 10.00am. Month's Mind: Elizabeth Jordan, Annagh

30th Aug. - 5th Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Fionnuala Nolan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Kay Curley
Saturday 7.30pm.	James Reidy	Laura Brogan, Clare Higgins
Sunday 10.00am.	Maura Murphy	Miriam Judge, Aileen Burke
Sunday 12.00	Pat Higgins	Mary T. Griffin, Eileen Donnellan

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

Nuala Kenny, Abbeyquarter

Mary Waldron, Aisling Drive & formerly Holywell

Margaret Mulligan, London & formerly Barrack St.

Walter Grey, London, husband of Alacoque Lyons, Clare St.

Mary Hughes, Sallins, Co. Kildare, sister of Joe Burke, Tullaghaune

Suzanne Ginty, Kiltimagh, sister-in-law of Liam Dooley, Beech Lawn

Offertory Collection

22nd August

2021

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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> The 10 o'clock Mass is being broadcast on Mid West Radio on Sunday 29th August.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Ballyhaunis Conference: Help is available with Back to School and College expenses. Contact 086-2640969 or write to SVP at the Friary House.

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50 please place the money in the coinbox of the nearby candelabra.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS:

We ask that Mass-goers continue to observe the guidelines regarding physical distancing and hand sanitising in church. Please co-operate with the ushers and avoid confrontation. You are obliged to wear some form of face covering while in church - even if you have received the vaccine.

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or otherwise can be dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

The Covid 19 pandemic and the restrictions that had to be implemented in order to prevent the further spread of the virus has had a major impact on the celebration of the Sacraments of Confirmation & First Holy Communion. It was initially hoped that we might have been able to celebrate these two sacraments last May and June. However, in order to conform with government and NPHE guidelines this wasn't possible. What we are now hoping to do is to have two sessions of Confirmation in our parish church on **Friday, September 10th; 11.00am.** the pupils from the present 6th Class who are eligible will receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

12.00pm: Last year's sixth class who have commenced first year in BCS, who are eligible, will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Fr Stephen has been delegated to administer the sacrament by Archbishop Neary. It will be the Rite of Confirmation only. It will not be celebrated in the context of Mass as is normally the case. Each candidate will be allowed to have their parents/guardians and a sponsor to be present in the church. The ceremony will be streamed on the parish webcam. Candidates are expected to wear school uniform.

The Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday, September 18th at 11.00am. in our parish church.** Each child will be allowed three guests in the church.

BALLYHAUNIS CEMETERY COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone for the 2021 contributions received so far & remind you that contributions can be handed in to St Patrick's Church or the Parochial House or to any committee member

LAKE O'FLYNN: The official opening of the Lake O'Flynn harbour and amenity facility will take place on Friday 3rd September at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

A SYNODAL PATHWAY FOR THE CHURCH IN IRELAND (contd.)

For a synodal Church: Communion, participation and mission.

Context: Challenges and Hopes for the Synodal Pathway

Listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in an Ireland faced with rapid transformation

Secularisation of Society: A synodal pathway leading to a National Synod is inviting us to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in Ireland at this time. We are acutely aware of the huge challenges to the faith over the past fifty years from the rapid transformation and secularisation of society in Ireland bringing with it a major decline in practice of the faith and in the number of vocations to the priesthood and the religious life.

Shocking Revelations: Like so many others we are appalled by the findings in published Reports into institutional and clerical abuse; the recent shocking revelations about Mother and Baby homes in Ireland – north and south – have further reminded us of the deep trauma felt by so many in the Body of Christ and the need for inner healing and hope.

The need to promote peace-making and a culture of welcome. One hundred years on from the partition of Ireland we also recognise the need for ongoing peace-making, the building of trust and reconciliation, and for a culture of welcome and integration for migrants and the many newcomers who have arrived to live on this island.

Listening to the Cry for Transparency: We hear a cry for transparency, greater participation and accountability in the Church. Discovering the Family as "Domestic Church": We see the tremendous potential for the support and renewal of faith within the family. The restrictions imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic prompted a new discovery of the family as the "domestic Church".

Connecting with Young People: We are alert to the need to connect with the energy and gifts of our young people, forming and enabling them to be missionaries to each other and inviting them to spread the Good News not only in Ireland but around the world that *Christ is Alive!*

Honouring the Contribution of Women: While many women are very engaged in Church life in Ireland, we acknowledge the critical need to honour the contribution of women, to hear their deep concerns, to formally recognise their roles and articulate new models of co-responsibility and leadership involving all lay people – women and men. We are also aware that many people have left Church behind and in some cases feel ignored, excluded or forgotten – we need to hear their voices also.

TFI LOCAL LINK MAYO services are currently operating at 75% capacity due to Covid regulations. Pre booking is recommended. Contact 094 900 5150 or visit <https://locallinkmayo.ie/time-table/> for more information about services in the area.

INTERACTIVE TALK ON AUTISM (Online): Knock Counselling Service is hosting an online Interactive Talk on Autism by Max Marnau, an autistic Psychotherapist, on Thursday 3rd September from 7.00 - 9.00pm. For further details and to register, please call Peter Devers, Knock Counselling Centre at (094) 93 75032.

