

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek 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**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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**

Almighty ever-living God, whom, taught by the Holy Spirit, we dare to call our Father, bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters, that we may merit to enter into the inheritance which you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:4-8**

A reading from the first book of Kings Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord,' he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened

by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM P.S. 33: 2-9**

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

- I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
- Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]
- Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. [R]
- The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him. [R]

**SECOND READING Ephesians 4: 30-5:2**

A reading from St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 6. 41-51**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.'

'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day.

It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father.

I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life.

Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

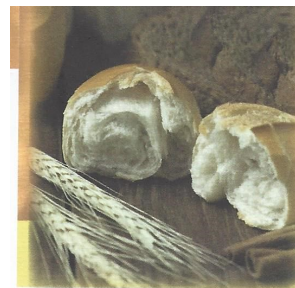
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**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, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Be pleased, O Lord, to accept the offerings of your Church, for in your mercy you have given them to be offered and by your power you transform them into the mystery of our salvation. 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. 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**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the communion in your Sacrament that we have consumed, save us, O Lord, and confirm us in the light of your 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. So forth, the Mass is ended. Thanks be to God.



The companionship of Christ is "food for the journey". He is the one who strengthens us to live in his love and according to his gospel. When I give to another in love, I am giving communion. I am a minister of the Eucharist.



An aunt of mine left for England in the 50s with a large family. Looking back, she once said to me – 'if we didn't have the church in London what would we have had?' Another man said – 'over my life I have a lot to be thankful to the Sacred Heart for'. Prayer, Eucharist and the Christian community nourished their

faith and life. Jesus gives us the bread of life, Himself! The love of Jesus is a self-sacrificing love. It reaches us in our lives now and promises us life forever. Life is a precious gift. The most precious we have. So, we protect it by law. We are upset when life is devalued at beginning or end. We honour the body or ashes of our loved ones; consequently, the church is fussy about what we do with the ashes. Jesus gave his life – so that we may live in the love of God. This is the type of love we admire. The mother's love and the father's love which will do anything for the children. Siblings too. Mother and daughter used to fight a lot but visited each other every day! Why? Mother says, 'because we love each other!' Love nourishes. This is the bread of the first reading. What is his promise? Love and love always. Each time we receive the Eucharist we are gifted with this love and invited into it as the primary environment of our lives. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of yourself in the Eucharist at Mass and in the ordinary loves of our ordinary lives.

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

Elijah was a friend of God. He was very sad and afraid. He wanted to die. He would not eat or drink. Then an angel came to him with food and said 'Elijah Get up and eat'. He got up, ate and became well and strong. Jesus invites us too, when we are sad, lonely and afraid to 'Come, take and eat'. That is the food of Holy Communion that we receive at Mass.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th AUGUST 2021

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 9th - 15th AUGUST 2021

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

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Triona Morley, Dublin & Knox St.

Bill O'Boyle, Carrowkeel

Terry McDonagh, Oxford, UK & formerly Tooraree (Month's Mind on Wednesday)

John & Patrick Mangan, Roy, Doohoma

Martin & Catherine Devane, Kilvine, Irishtown

Luke & Lillie Lyons, Gurteenmore

John, Richard & Val Lyons & decd. Arderry, Spaddagh

Tom, Delia, Joe & John Stenson, Tooreen

Mick Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel

Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St. & Dermot Winston, Carrick

Mary McGuire & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Johnstown

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Sunday 10.00am. Month's Mind: Josie O'Brien (nee Glynn), Claremorris & Bushisland

Michael O'Connor, Surrey, UK & formerly Castlebar

| 9th - 15th AUGUST | READERS            | MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST         |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday            | Martin Fitzmaurice | Anne Carney, Joe Byrne             |
| Tuesday           | Mary Donnelly      | Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern     |
| Wednesday         | Tommy Caulfield    | Marie Brennan, Margie Gallagher    |
| Friday            | Willie Broderick   | Marion Regan, Mary McGuire         |
| Saturday 7.30pm.  | Norrie Dillon      | Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan |
| Sunday 10.00am.   | Anne Durkan        | Geraldine Murphy, Cait Webb        |
| Sunday 12.00      | Murt Hunt          | Helena Byrne, Helene McCafferty    |

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
Elizabeth Jordan, Annagh  
Prionnsias Boyle, Kilcar, Co. Donegal,  
brother of Con Boyle, Station Rise

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 will be broadcast on Mid West Radio on 8th, 15th & 29th August.

### Offertory Collection

1st August 2021  
€1,620

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.

**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



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

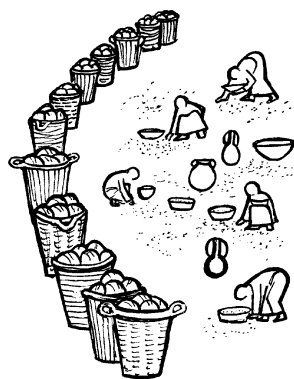
### EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



### RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR MASSES:

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

### 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.

### HER OUTDOORS WEEK- 9th to 15th August - a Sport Ireland initiative:

Ballyhaunis Sports Hub is hosting the following free classes:

**Stroller Fitness Class** - bring baby along in the pushchair, go for a walk adding gentle bodyweight exercises as we go. Tuesday 10th August, 10.00am. at the ball court in the Friary field. Class lasts for 45 minutes.

**Activator Pole Walking** - Wednesday 11th August at 11.00am. at Clare Court. Suitable for Active Age.

**Ladies Fitness Class** - Friday 13th August at 10.00am. at the ball court in the Friary field.

Bookings by call or text to Tracy 087-4479227, or contact Geraldine/Patricia at Ballyhaunis Chamber, 094-9630311.

Existing Government guidelines and social distancing apply.

### BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB DEVELOPMENT DRAW 2021

Ballyhaunis GAA Club would like to thank our members and supporters who have subscribed to the Club Development Draw to date. Draw has been extended by 2 weeks, new final date for return of tickets is Sunday 15th August. First draw will now take place on Saturday 21st August. You can pass on sold tickets or alternatively purchase same from any of the club officers or executive members. Your support is greatly appreciated. Tickets €100, 6-draws in total. Total prize money to be won €97,000.

### BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 3.00pm. in the Communal Hall, Clare Court. Don't forget to wear your masks please!

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### Pope Francis' Prayer intention for the Month of August: "Church on the Way"

The theme of the prayer intention for August is "Church on the Way". The Pontiff invites us to "pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel".

The message helps prepare for the beginning of the process of the Synod scheduled for October. The following is the English text of Pope Francis' video message, which was made available

on Tuesday, 3 August, on the website of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network:

I have in mind the reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices, without rigidity, but rather by moving forward based on spiritual experience - an experience of prayer, an experience of charity, an experience of service.

I dream of an even more missionary option: one that goes out to meet others without proselytism and that transforms all its structures for the evangelization of today's world.

Let us remember that the Church always has difficulties, always is in crisis, because she's alive. Living things go through crises.

Only the dead don't have crises.

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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### Malnutrition is an offense that violates human rights

"We produce enough food for all people, but many go without their daily bread ...an offense that violates basic human rights", Pope Francis said in a message sent to United Nations Secretary General António Guterres on the occasion of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit 2021, on Monday, 26 July. "It is everyone's duty to eliminate this injustice", he stressed, launching a strong appeal against malnutrition and food insecurity.

The Pre-Summit was held in Rome from 26th - 28th July at the headquarters of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization in preparation for the Summit to be held in New York in September. The following is a translation of the Holy Father's message in Spanish, which was read out to participants by Archbishop Paul Richard Gallagher, Secretary for Relations with States.

I greet all those participating in this important meeting, which once again highlights how one of our greatest challenges today is to overcome hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in the era of Covid-19. This pandemic has confronted us with the systemic injustices that undermine our unity as a human family.

Our poorest brothers and sisters, and the Earth, our Common Home that "cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her", demand radical change.

We develop new technologies with which we are able to increase the planet's capacity to bear fruit, yet we continue to exploit nature to the point of barrenness, thus expanding not only the deserts of the earth, but also internal spiritual deserts.

We produce enough food for all people, but many go without their daily bread. This constitutes a genuine scandal, an offense that violates basic human rights. Therefore, it is everyone's duty to eliminate this injustice through concrete actions and good practices, and through bold local and international policies.

From this perspective, the careful and correct transformation of food systems plays an important role, which must be geared towards being able to increase resilience, strengthen local economies, improve nutrition, reduce food waste, provide healthy diets accessible to all and be environmentally sustainable and respectful of local cultures....

(To be continued next week)

