

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

**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**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,  
through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault;  
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.  
May almighty God have mercy on us.....  
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, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Wisdom 2:12. 17-20**  
**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

The godless say to themselves, 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after - we have his word for it.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 53:3-6, 8**

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

- O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth. [R]
- For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God. [R]
- But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good. [R]

**SECOND READING James 3:16-4:3**

**A reading from the letter of St. James**

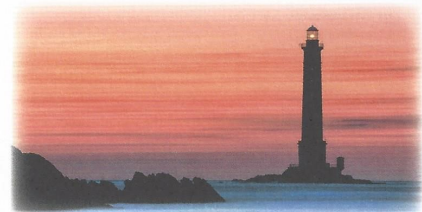
Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**The word of the Lord.**  
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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL Mark 9:30-37**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again'. But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**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

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th September 2021

**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**

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries.  
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.

**ANCTUS**

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**

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life.  
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.

There is no such question as to who is "the greatest in the service of God". We are all infinitely loveable in the sight of God.



**'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.'**

Competition starts very young in life – we have here a story about jealousies among the first disciples of Jesus. He has just spoken about his death and now they are arguing who is the best of the group. But... He does not get involved in their argument instead He calls a child – the child was a nobody in those days and greets that child with love. He does not ask us here to become like little children but to welcome them just as they are. He is somehow highlighting something very important – welcome and hospitality. A welcome for everyone in the love of God and in the church. This was his lesson to their jealousies. Our care for all whom we meet. Our care should also extend not just to each other as individuals but to all of creation.

We are here to care for and not subdue creation. This requires a change of mindset. Climate change affects us all; but it affects the poorest and weakest of us most of all. Children, suffering poverty and hunger, families made homeless, farmland made barren or flooded. We have a duty to act to protect these most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters.

Take time each day to give thanks for the earth, for the food we eat and the air we breathe. Give thanks for the beauty of creation – the things that nurture not our bodies but our souls. The quiet places we escape to when the busyness of life is too much, the beauty of nature which can brighten our dark days. The more we remember to be grateful for the earth the more we will remember our duty to care for it. Jesus reminded His disciples that they must be humble servants – in our care for creation we are the humble servants of future generations.

This week – start making some small changes: refuse plastic in a store; turn off lights you do not need; it won't change the world immediately but if we all get into this mindset, things can change.

Why care – because the heart of God goes out to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

*Donal Neary SJ is editor of the Sacred Heart Messenger.*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Before we drive a motor car, or cycle or skate on the footpath, we have to read rules and instructions. Jesus says that is good, but it is more important to respect other people on the road or footpaths. We serve others by giving way, and leaving room for walkers with babies and little children. Rules give us knowledge. Heart gives us manners, courtesy, and respect.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th SEPTEMBER 2021

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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 20th - 26th SEPTEMBER 2021

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

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Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.

Fr. Joe Cooney, former PP Ballyhaunis

Michael Curley, Crossbeg

Delia & Michael Freeley, Gurteen

Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo

James & Bridget Sloyan, Brackloon

Edward & Margaret Egan, Clagnaugh

Sean Biesty & decd. Carrowkeel

Bridie & Johnny Lyons, Upper Main St.

Martin & May Fahey, Lavallyroe

Kathleen & Bill Lyons, Knockbrack

Rev. Fr. S. John Joseph

Michael Murray, Doctor's Road, & decd. of the Murray family

Anthony Coyne, Leenane, & decd. of the Coyne family

Josie Regan, Loughglynn

Michael, Mary & Joe Rattigan, Lecarrow

Joe Grealy & decd. Annagh

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Sunday 10.00 First Anniversary: Mary Waldron, Devlis

Also remembering her husband Noel & son James

20th - 26th Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Fionnuala Nolan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Margaret Byrne, Eileen Jordan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary McGuire, Eavan Caulfield
Saturday 7.30pm.	Emer Gallagher	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10.00am.	Tommy Caulfield	Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy
Sunday 12.00	Brendan Donnellan	Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.

Ann Tevnan, Tooreen  
Tom Hopkins, Derby, UK, brother of  
Teresa Keane, Knock Road

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>

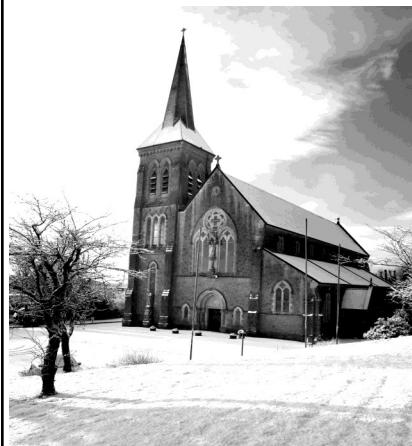
### Offertory Collection

12th Sept. 2021  
€975

envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection are available in the sacristy this weekend, We would be grateful if the distributors could collect them from the sacristy after any of the Masses.

### PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION:

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.



### 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.



### PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING MASS:

With the easing of restrictions we are now allowed to have 50% capacity in our church. This means that every second pew can now be occupied. The Ushers are being stepped down for the present. However, we are still obliged to wear some form of face covering while in church and sanitise our hands- even if we have received the vaccine. We will continue to distribute Communion at the end of Mass for the present with the intention of reverting to distribution at the normal time in the near future.

**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)

**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

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets every Wednesday at 11.00am. at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine, 094-9375320.

**GUIDED PILGRIMAGES on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** will be offered Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0719861518.

### MAYO/ROSCOMMON HOSPICE TEA/COFFEE DAYS:

- Ballyhaunis Active Retirement will host a Coffee/Tea Day in the Communal House, Clare Court, on Monday 20th September, from 1.30 to 5.30pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated - there will be cake and hopefully music!
- Joe & Helen Byrne will host a Coffee Day on Thursday 23rd September from 11.00am. - 5.00pm. at their home in Johnstown. All are welcome.
- Gerry & Anne Lyons will host a Drive through/Walk by Coffee Morning on Thursday 23rd September from 10.00am - 2.00pm. at their home in Knockbrack. Weather permitting there will be seating in the garden.

**BALLYHAUNIS WALKING GROUP** commences on Tuesday 21st Sept. at 7.00pm. Meet at the ball court in the Friary grounds. Duration 6 weeks, all fitness levels welcome.

To register your name and for information email [healthofficerballyhaunis@gmail.com](mailto:healthofficerballyhaunis@gmail.com)

**BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS:** If you find that the bottle banks are full when you come to deposit your bottles/cans, please do not leave them on the ground, rather phone Glasco on 091-395400 to request that the banks be emptied.

**ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2021:** Annagh Magazine is now accepting articles, club reports and photographs for its 2021 Edition. These may be emailed to [info@annaghmag.ie](mailto:info@annaghmag.ie) or submitted to any committee member: Seamus Mulrennan (086-8535661), Edward Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, Paul Waldron, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, John Kilduff. The deadline for submitting material is Friday, 8th October 2021.

**MARY'S MEALS** the International school feeding charity, have announced that they are now feeding more than 2 million children every school day, in 19 of the poorest countries around the world. To celebrate this wonderful achievement, Mary's Meals Ireland is hoping to raise enough funds to feed ALL of the children, for one day. **It costs just 9c** to provide a nourishing meal in school, and so, a little goes a long way. To find out more, or to donate, please visit their website [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie), or call Patricia Friel on 086 314 0814.

**FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS:** The Croí Third Age Mayo project is partnering with numerous pharmacies across Mayo for the month of September to offer free blood pressure checks to adults who have not had their blood pressure checked in the past year. People who wish to avail of a free blood pressure check can simply contact one of the over 30 participating pharmacies. Log on to [www.croi.ie](http://www.croi.ie) for the full list of participating pharmacies across Mayo or contact Croí on 091-544310.

**LOCAL LINK MAYO** is now resuming passenger services but continues to provide a collect and delivery service on all routes for the elderly and vulnerable requiring groceries and medical supplies. If you need to avail of the service or know somebody who could benefit, please contact 094-9005150 or email [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie). The routes into Ballyhaunis on Fridays are from Derrynacong & Killinaugher via Spaddagh & Classaroe, from Tullaghaune via Derrintogher, Lecarrow & Devlis, from Kilkelly via Aghamore, Coogue North & Kilgarraff, and from Brickens & Bekan.

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On Monday morning, 13th September, Pope Francis met with Slovakia's Authorities, Civil Society and the Diplomatic Corps at the Presidential Palace in Bratislava.

The following is part of the English text of the words he addressed to them after hearing a greeting from the country's President Ms Zuzana Čaputová.

"The pandemic is the great test of our own time. It has taught us how easy it is, even when we are all in the same boat, to withdraw and think only of ourselves. Let us instead set out anew from the realization that all of us are frail and in need of others. None can stand apart, either as individuals or as a nation.

May we take up the challenge of this crisis, which only makes it "all the more urgent that we re-think our styles of life" (Fra t e l l i Tu t t I ,33). It is useless to hurl recriminations about events in the past; we need to roll up our sleeves and together work to build the future. I encourage you to do so, lifting up your eyes as when you gaze upon your splendid Tatra mountains. There, amid forests and mountaintops that point heavenward, God seems more close and creation appears as an unspoiled home that over the centuries has sheltered one generation after another. Your mountains combine in one range a variety of peaks and landscapes, spilling over national borders in order to join together in beauty different peoples".

