

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You bring light to those in darkness: 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**

O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to your servants, that, listening to the voice of your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with him. Who lives and reigns with you .....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Daniel 7:9-10,13 -14**

**A reading from the book of Daniel**  
As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood

before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 96:1-2, 5-6**

- R. The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.**
- The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. [R]
  - The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. [R]
  - For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. [R]

**SECOND READING 2 Peter 1:16 - 19**

**A reading from the second letter of St Peter**  
It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved, he enjoys my favour; listen to him. Alleluia**



**GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9**

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

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said, 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

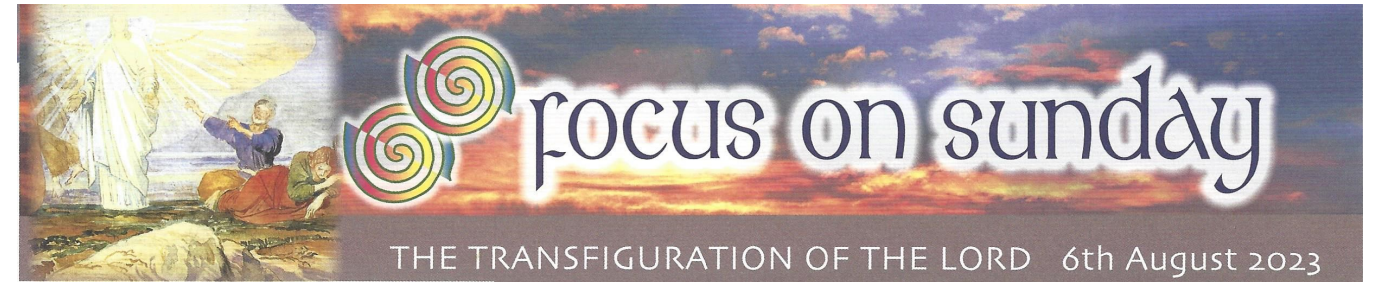
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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**

Sanctify, O Lord, we pray, these offerings here made to celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of your Only Begotten Son, and by his radiant splendour cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through Christ our Lord.



At every moment of our lives God is caring for us. He knows our hopes and our fears, our joys and our worries. When we feel anxious he is close to us, saying, 'I will never forget you.'

*'This is my Son, the Beloved.... Listen to him.'*



**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.....

**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**

**When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May the heavenly nourishment we have received, O Lord, we pray, transform us into the likeness of of your Son, whose radiant splendour you willed to make manifest in His glorious Transfiguration. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**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.



We are told that Jesus took three disciples up a high mountain where they could be alone. Already there's an intimation of mystery. Jesus was surrounded by mystery. When we enter a church, whether for Mass or otherwise, we enter a place of mystery, wrapped in it as if in a blanket. The poet William Wordsworth, in his long poem The Prelude spoke of such a mysterious experience when he crossed the Alps. God seems overwhelmingly present at certain vantage points in nature. A kind of rapture in a horizon beyond our knowing. We need to be touched by such moments as we go through life. "This is my Son, the Beloved...Listen to him!" Talking comes to us more easily than listening despite that we have two ears and only one tongue! And Bob Dylan asked "How many ears must one man have before he can hear people cry? The experts say there's a difference between hearing and listening: hearing informs, listening transforms. How keenly do we listen to the cry of those who are in need of help? While sacred scripture doesn't distinguish between hearing and listening we can be sure that 'listening' is meant whenever we are told in the bible to hear God's word. Jesus came from God to transform us by his message. Listening involves mind, heart and conscience, and has a way of making us stop and think. How often have we allowed the cry of the poor to change us?

Fr. Joe Walsh

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus asks why do we worry so much, about yesterday or tomorrow when A LOVING FATHER carries us in his hands, through all the sorrows and joys of life. At Mass we pray for joyful hope in the coming of Our Saviour Jesus Christ.

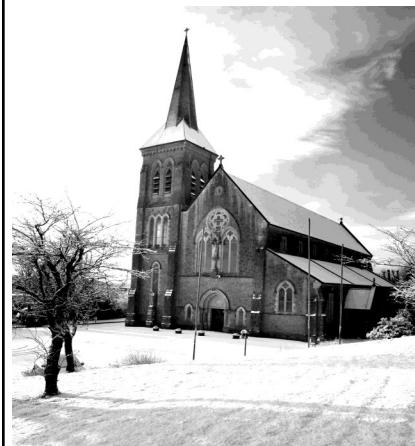


# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th AUGUST 2023

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 7th-12th AUGUST 2023

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

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Ann O'Brien née Connell, Beechpark & Gurrane  
 John, Ann, Annie & Donal Rogers, Ballybeg  
 Bill O'Boyle, Carrowkeel  
 Dolores Jordan, Annagh  
 Luke & Lillie Lyons, Gurteenmore & decd. of the Lyons & Morley families  
 John, Richard & Val Lyons, Arderry & decd. of the Lyons family  
 Frank Garside & decd. Agloragh  
 Edward Judge & decd, Agloragh  
 Decd. members of the Fitzmaurice family, Lisbane

### SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

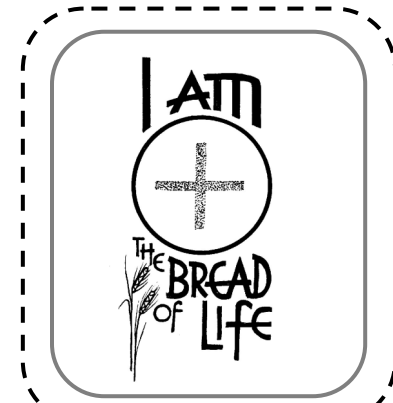
Noel Patterson, Knock Road

7th-12th Aug.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Margaret Tarpey
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Helen Freeley
<b>Friday</b>	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Willie Broderick
<b>Sat 7.30pm</b>	John Doyle	Jacinta Flynn, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Orla Phillips	Bernie Quinn, Mary Sykes, Kay Curley, Mike Griffin
COLLECTORS FOR AUGUST		
<b>Sat. 7.30pm</b>	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva	
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Gabriel Smith, Vincent Higgins, Jaroslav Drunnik, Anthony Plunkett	

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

**MÁMÉAN PILGRIMAGE:** The annual August pilgrimage to Máméan takes place this Sunday 6th August with Turas na Croise at 3pm followed by Mass. This ancient pilgrimage site in the Maumturk mountains in Connemara is dedicated to St. Patrick.

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers  
 Frank Loughran, Upper Main St;  
 Luke Cameron, Ballinrobe—brother of the late Michael Cameron,  
 Knockroe, Carrowkeel



**LIGHT THE FIRE:** Archbishop Eamon Martin will celebrate Mass on the Hill of Slane this Sunday 6th August as part of the Light the Fire rosary / healing service on World Youth Day. Sr. Briege McKenna will lead the healing service, while Dana will sing her new hymn "Light the Fire". All welcome from 12.15 to 4.30 pm at the Hill of Slane, Co. Meath C15 DV76.

**NATIONAL NOVENA AT KNOCK SHRINE:** The National Novena to Our Lady will take place from 14th to 22nd August. The Novena offers 9 days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. Ceremonies are held in the Basilica at 3pm and 8pm each day, with daily workshops at 12 noon in the Novena Village (adjacent to the Basilica). The theme for this year's Novena is "Caring for Creation". Over the course of the nine-day Novena, guest speakers will offer insights into a variety of topics, from personal faith stories to how we are responding to a changing world. This is the line-up of speakers:

**Mon. 14th August-** 3pm & 8pm: Fr. John Joe Duffy, C.C. Creeslough, Co. Donegal where an explosion ripped through a petrol station last October, claiming the lives of 10 people. He will share his first-hand experience of the tragedy, and explain how his faith sustained him and others in the aftermath.

**Tues. 15th August-** The Feast of the Assumption: 3pm: Archbishop Luis Mariona Montemayor, the new Papal Nuncio to Ireland. 8pm: Paula McKeown.

**Wed. 16th August**—3pm & 8pm: Broadcaster Séan O'Rourke.

**Thurs 17th August**—Feast of Our Lady of Knock 3pm & 8pm: Nóirín Lynch.

**Fri 18th August**—3pm & 8pm: Geraldine Mullan, a native of Williamstown, who lost her husband & two children in a tragic car accident in Co. Donegal three years ago.

**Sat. 19th August**—3pm: Bishop of Raphoe Alan McGuckian SJ. 8pm: Juliann Moran, General Sec. of the Synodal Pathway.

**Sun. 20th August**—3pm: Bishop of Elphin Kevin Doran. 8pm: Elma Walsh will speak about her son Donal, who passed away from cancer at the age of 16. The Donal Walsh Day takes place at Knock Shrine in May each year, where Donal's legacy of "Live Life" continue to grow and inspire.

**Mon 21st August-** Anniversary of the Apparition at Knock 3pm: Fr. Shane Costello who was ordained in 2020, will speak about vocations to the priesthood.

6.30pm: "Witness Walk" - meet at the Novena Village. 8pm: Fr. Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector of Knock Shrine.

**Tues. 22nd August**—3pm & 8pm: Fr. Tony O'Rourke of the Jesuit Refugee Service which is working with victims of the February earthquake in Syria.

Free historical guided walking tours of Knock Shrine & Museum at 10.30 each morning, meeting at the Novena Village. All welcome—booking not necessary.

**Sunday 20th August** is also Family Day on the Shrine grounds from 11am to 3pm. There will be a range of outdoor activities on the green ( weather permitting) and marquees with indoor games, workshops, arts & crafts and more. All events free of charge.

**YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2023** takes place from 10th to 13th August in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare. Join over 1,000 young people aged between 16 and 35 for inspiring talks, music, prayer, workshops, drama, concert, reconciliation & healing service and Mass. For more details on the festival and the free bus service, contact 01 6753690 or visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**WORLD YOUTH DAY:** Pope Francis travelled to Lisbon, Portugal earlier this week to join hundreds of thousands of Catholics for World Youth Day—the first time this event was held since the Covid 19 pandemic. Archbishop Francis Duffy led a group of young people from the Archdiocese of Tuam. World Youth Day encourages younger generations of Catholics to celebrate their faith through prayer, laughter and music.



**"UNDER MARY'S MANTLE":** A conference on faith & culture for young adults takes place in All Hallows College, DCU, Dublin on 19th & 20th August, including talks, prayer, Mass, confession & workshops. Keynote speakers include Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore, poet and convert Sally Read, Marian theologian Prof. William A. Thomas & more. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. For more details, call 085 1442423 or email [deusetpatria@gmail.com](mailto:deusetpatria@gmail.com)

### MAYO STOMA SUPPORT

**GROUP:** Next meeting takes place on Thursday 10th August at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Everyone welcome. Please text JJ on 087 2300580 if attending.

**Offertory Collection**  
 30th July 2023  
 €1,930

### HERITAGE WEEK IN BALLYHAUNIS:

**Sat. 12th August:** Irish Night of music, song, dance & recitation at 8pm in the Community Hall.

**Sunday 13th:** Nature "Walk and Talk" with ecologist Aengus Kennedy of Nature Northwest in the Friary grounds, followed by scavenger hunt for children. Meet in Friary carpark at 2.30pm.

**Friday 18th:** "Reeling in the Years"- memories from the Glynn Photography Collection at 8pm in the Community Hall.

**Sunday 20th:** Harvest Mass at 1pm in the Friary, followed by a walkabout and talk with Paul Waldron on items of interest. The Church will remain open for some time afterwards.

**Monday 21st:** Building a Multinational Business and Mosque in Ballyhaunis: a pictorial history at 8pm in the Community Hall. Tea & coffee served for events in the Community Hall.

Free admission but donations accepted. All are welcome.

**ST. PATRICK'S UNIVERSITY:** Postgraduate programmes in Theology & Philosophy are available at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Applications are open until 14th August. For more information, visit [sppu.ie/](http://sppu.ie/) or ring 01 7083391.

**TECH REUNION:** Ballyhaunis Vocational School (the Tech) Reunion for past pupils takes place on Friday 25th August in the Community Hall at 7pm. Come along for refreshments, music, fun and lots of reminiscing. Admission by ticket only, and tickets are available at The Gem, Colerans Chemist, Herr's shop and Phillips Butchers.

**MAYO PPN:** Have you or your community group an event or activity coming up? Avail of free advertising with the Mayo Public Participation Network. Just email details of the event to [mayoppn@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoppn@mayococo.ie) and include a Jpeg poster. Mayo PPN will promote the event to over 1200 member groups across the county.

**COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER** are available at the back of the church. Cost €3, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.