

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep from us all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 6: 12-16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom
Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;

be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 62:2-8*

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. [R]
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. [R]
- So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. [R]
- On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. [R]

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (**shorter form 4:13-14*)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:

Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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,

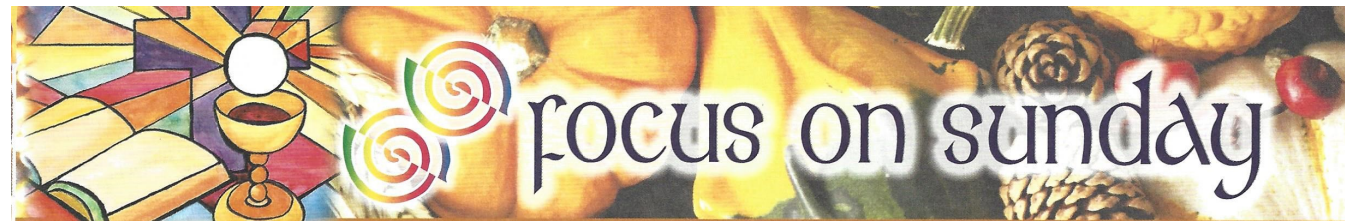
All bow for following three lines:

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.

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 with favour, we pray, O Lord, upon the sacrificial gifts offered here, that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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. 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

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

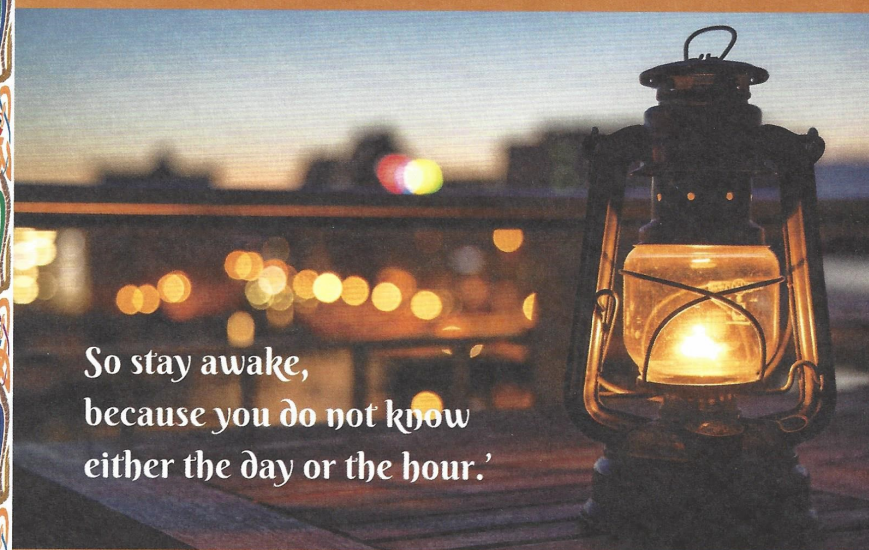
Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord, we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered. Through Christ our Lord.

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.

We are called to follow Jesus. We are called in a way that will prepare us for heaven and our eternal life of friendship with God.



So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.



The parable of the bridesmaids is unique to Matthew. In first-century Palestine it was custom for the bridegroom to be escorted to the home of the bride by the bridesmaids. Then the bridesmaids would escort the couple to the house where the wedding and the party would take place. We hear of the

different levels of preparedness of the bridesmaids, those who took extra oil for the lamps and those who "took no oil with them". One can speculate as to what the oil in the lamps represents: the inner wisdom we know we should trust but are afraid to, that deep awareness of God's indwelling presence, a sense of fulfilment that one receives from doing acts of justice and mercy? The "foolish" were lacking in evidence of such deeds and so, the Lord does not know them. But to hear that they were then "shut out" is horrifying; the disappointment can be felt off the page.

Sometimes, we too find ourselves in this "foolish" position, and when that happens the challenge is not to let ourselves close down. It is during such times we have the opportunity to gain some insight or wisdom. We learn much from these experiences, unpleasant though they may be. If this parable leaves us confused, even a bit shaken, then, good! This is the parable doing its thing. Jesus was certainly not a boring teacher and at this stage of the Gospel, as he is about to be arrested, it is not surprising that he is warning those around him to have enough oil for their lamps. What might the oil in the lamp represent for you? How can you ensure a steady supply?

Jane Mellett

Adapted from "The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew" (Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2002).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Sarah's mother died. Her little child said to me "My mammy now has new breath in Heaven." Jesus promises us happiness in Heaven. We will be gathered together in the peace and love of God our Father.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 13th- 18th NOVEMBER 2023

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

Rita Hopkins, Upper Main St.
 Jim & Vera Gilmore & decd. Upper Main St. & Devlis
 Michael Doherty, Devlis
 Tommy Ronayne, Clagnagh & Teresa Ronayne, Tuam
 Decd. of the McGuire family, Kiltiboe
 Declan Byrne, Gurteen
 Lily & Tom Murphy, Main St & Dermot Winston, Carrick, Ballinlough
 Tom Murphy, Knockbrack
 Ciss & William Kelly, Ballymoe
 Muriel, Delia & Patrick Murphy, Cooloughra
 Thomas & Mary Finnegan, Carraroe, Dunmore
 Tony & Tom Moran, Hazelhill
 Owen, Mary & Teresa Kilduff & decd. Barrack St.
 Michael & Una Comer, Sr. Mary Thomas & decd. of the Comer & Hurley families
 Mary & Peter Gallagher, Derrintogher
 Bridie Goldstein, USA
 Margaret & Bill Kirrane, Began
 Michael A. & Nora Keane, Annagh
 Bernard & Margaret Keane, Coventry
 John, Anne, Séan, Andy & Lillian Glynn, Carrownedon
 Kevin Jordan & decd. Annagh
 JJ O'Reilly, Glenamaddy
 Martin & Mary McHale, Scrigg & decd. of the McHale & Lyons families
 Nora & Jim Hosty, Lavallyroe & decd. of the Finnegan & Hosty families
 Kathleen, John & Miko Morley, Arderry
 Paddy & Mary Freeley, Main St. & Abbeyquarter

13th-19th Nov.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Irene Healy
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Paul Sykes, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney
Sunday 10am	Mike Byrne	Margaret Tarpey, Aileen Burke, Cáit Webb, Geraldine Murphy

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers

Martin Warde, Barrack St.
 Frances Brindley, Manchester & Liscat, Knock—sister of Patricia Grogan,
 Doctor's Road;
 James King, Ballagherreen-nephew of the late Helen Meehan, Curries.



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
 Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.
 Saturday Evening Vigil:
 7.30pm
 Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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.



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

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS & FAMILIES will take
 place this Sunday 12th November at 3pm in St. John's Rest &
 Care Centre, Knock. Candles will be lit for all deceased children
 and their names will be read out during the Mass, which will be
 celebrated by Fr. James Ronayne, PP Clifden. All welcome.

GROW IN LOVE: The preparation programme for children
 who will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy
 Communion in 2024 continues at **7.30pm Mass next Saturday**
evening 18th November. Theme: In November, We Remember.
 Our focus this month is on introducing the children to the
 different ways, during the month of November, in which our
 parish remembers and prays for those who have died.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL: The Team Hope annual
 appeal delivers boxes of gifts to children affected by poverty in
 Africa & Eastern Europe. Shoeboxes of gifts will be collected at
 Masses this weekend in Ballyhaunis. Thank you for supporting
 this worthwhile cause.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA 2024: The
 Archdiocese of Tuam Pilgrimage to Fatima takes place from 9th
 to 16th May 2024. 7 nights ex Dublin with Spiritual Director.
 Discount for early bookings. For details, call 01 2410800.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every
 Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further
 information from Monica Morley at 094-9375320.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are
 returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct
 debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:
 Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D
 IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08
 For those wishing to make a donation to the Priests' Account, the
 IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54. Your ongoing support
 is much appreciated.

LATIN MASS: The Next Latin Mass takes place on Sunday
 12th Nov. at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

CENTRE STAGE: All welcome to Centre Stage— a variety
 show featuring the many talents in our diverse community in
 Ballyhaunis. The show takes place this Sunday afternoon 12th
 November at 1pm in the Community Hall.

BARGAIN HUNT: Ballyhaunis Community Council is hosting a
 Bargain Hunt to raise funds for the Community Hall on Sunday
 next 19th Nov. 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 next week from 6-8pm each evening.
 Enquiries to 087 6982473. Tickets still on sale for our €1,000
 draw & other great prizes. Tickets are €10 each, or a book of 5
 for €40, available from Community Council members or online.
 The draw will take place next Sunday.

CILL TULLACH ICA: Next meeting takes place on Thursday
 16th November at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New
 members welcome. Call Carmel at 087 2125340.

SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY: The annual party
 will be held on Sunday 10th December in Clare Court
 Communal Centre. Food, music & Christmas cheer! Everyone
 welcome. If you would like to attend, call Aisling on 086
 1229702 or Elma on 086 0749032 before 4th December, as
 numbers are needed for catering. Also, forms will be available in
 the Church porch later this month, and should be returned to the
 box in the porch in early December.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
 Cáit Frances Jordan, Annagh

Offertory Collection

All Saints Day
 €791
 Sunday 6th Nov.
 €2,239

CONCERT: An evening of Songs of
 Faith, Hope & Love will take place in Knock Basilica on Friday
 1st December at 8pm, featuring Dana, John McNicholl, Margo,
 Philomena Begley & Marc Roberts with Úna Nolan & Schola
 Cantorum Basilicae Choir. This is a fundraising concert for
 Victim Assistance, a registered charity that supports victims of
 crime and trauma in Ireland. Tickets are now available from
 Ticketmaster.ie and from the Victim Assistance Head Office in
 Kiltimagh at 094 9000251.

VACANCY: Ballyhaunis Community School has a vacancy for
 an Accounts Officer, 20 hours per week. For full details, visit
www.ballyhauniscs.ie

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL AT KNOCK SHRINE on Thursday 7th
 December. The All-Night Vigil is a long-standing tradition at
 Knock Shrine on the date of the Feast of the Immaculate
 Conception. The Vigil begins with Confessions from 10pm to 12
 midnight on 7th December, and continues from midnight with
 Rosary, Holy Hour, reflections and private prayer, concluding
 with Mass at 4am.

THREE TENORS CONCERT: The Three Tenors will return
 to the Friary Church, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 2nd December at
 8pm. Come along for another great night of popular songs, from
 The Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli and a number of Christmas
 favourites with the Three Tenors and local special guests.
 Tickets on sale at The Gem Costcutters, Bridge St. or by email
ballyhaunisabbeytrust@gmail.com
 In aid of the Friary Preservation Fund.

MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK:

The annual Memorial Walk takes place in Knock on Sunday 3rd
 Dec. at 5pm. If you would like to walk in memory of a loved
 one, register at www.hospice.ie/memorialwalk. Walkers will
 arrive back at the Pope Francis Plaza at 6pm for the annual
Shine A Light Tree Lighting Ceremony.

CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF CLASSES: Clinical Somatics uses
 slow gentle exercises to relieve pain, reduce stress and improve
 your posture and movement. One-hour classes every Wednesday
 in Claremorris Family Resource Centre at 2.15pm or 7pm. For
 details contact John at 087 7495573 or the Claremorris FRC at
 094 9377838.

GRETB DUNMORE: QQI Level 5 Care of the Older Person
 course commencing on Wednesday night 29th November from 7
 to 10pm. Register on www.fetchcourses.ie or call 093 39778 for
 more information.