

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:
 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

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 8: 5 - 8. 14 - 17.
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.
 When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for

the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 65: 1-7. 16.20

R. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, or Alleluia!

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!' [R]
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. [R]
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. [R]
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul. Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 3: 15 - 18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
 Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.
 Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14: 15-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:
 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

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....

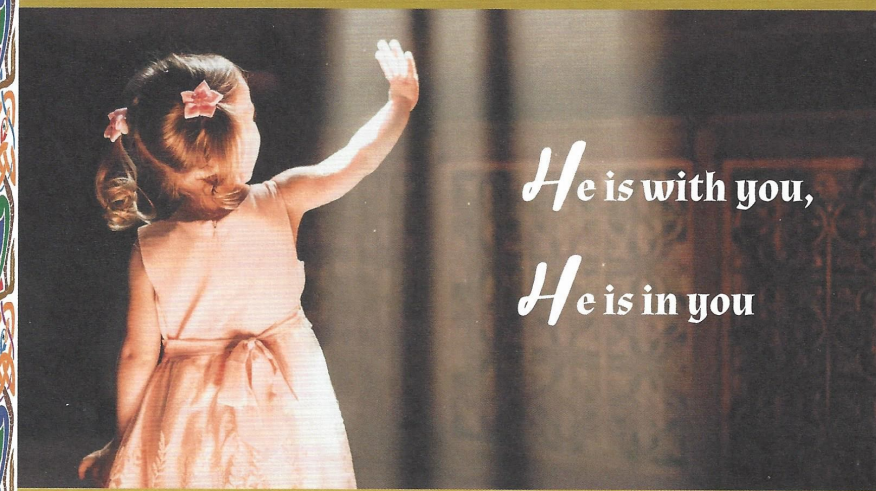
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord

focus on sunday

Wherever the love and compassion of Jesus is present; there we find his Spirit. Wherever his people try to spread some justice and equality, we find his Spirit. In any work of reconciliation or of peace, his Spirit is present. We are called to be people who spread the work and the presence of his Spirit.



*He is with you,
He is in you*

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.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

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

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. 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.

Go in peace, Thanks be to God.



“And you in me and I in you”
 We continue to read this Sunday from the Farewell Discourse of John's Gospel (Ch 14-17) where Jesus is consoling the disciples, "I will not leave you orphaned"; he will send an "advocate" (*paraklētōs*) to them. This term is only found in John's writings and translates as a helper, a comforter, someone whom you call to your aid. Jesus has been this advocate for the disciples but now he will be present for them in a different way, dwelling amongst them, dwelling in them, in-dwelling. This in turn calls for a loving response from the disciples and from all followers of Christ.

In a famous reflection, Joseph Whelan SJ, wrote about this type of love; he said, "Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way." This love will decide everything, what gets you up in the morning, how you spend your time, what breaks your heart, what amazes you. Whelan says, "Fall in Love, stay in love, and it will decide everything." Experiencing something of this indwelling presence of God and keeping God's commandments are deeply interconnected. This love will decide everything because it must flow outwards, be lived out in our daily lives, for it cannot be contained.

The words of the Gospel today are deeply intimate, they cannot be understood with the head, only with the heart. As we spend time with them we begin to realise that it is not just the disciple's story, it is also our story, a story we experience on a deep level. It is another reminder to us that all beings are sacred, all beings carry Divine DNA within. Let us begin again to see God present within ourselves, in others and in all of creation.

"We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trócaire
 Co-author of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus tells that His Spirit will be with us, living in our hearts, enlightening our minds. Signs of The Spirit are everywhere, the breath we take, the sun that gives heat and light, the joy, colour, delight in Nature, smiles, friendship, helping hands, new ideas and inventions. Another name for Spirit is Love. May the love in our hearts grow as we follow the Way of Jesus.

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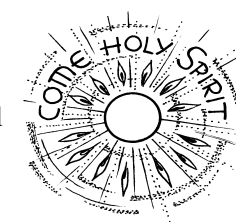
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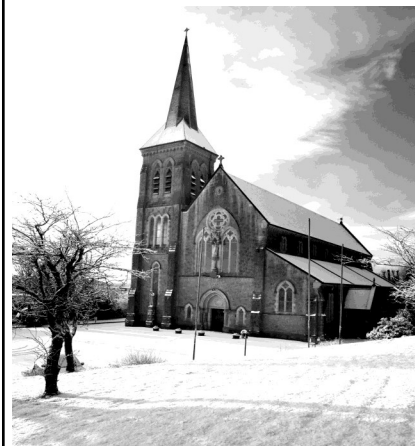
ANNIVERSARY MASSES 15th—20th MAY 2023

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

Susan Keane, Crossbeg, Tooreen
 Agnes, Dominic & Delia Duffy, Mountain, Aghamore
 Jarlath Kelly, Derrynacong & decd. of the Kelly & Warren families
 Timothy Lavin & his father Michael, Lavallyroe
 Gerald & Michael Cleary, and decd. of the Cleary & Lyons families
 Anthony Coyne & decd. Leenane
 Michael Murray & decd. Doctor's Road
 Michael & Lena Byrne, Johnstown & decd.
 Annie & Matt Murrin, Sligo
 Jimmy, Michael & Gertie Loftus & decd.
 Leoncio Neves da Costa & Josefa Baptiste, Brazil

SUNDAY 21st MAY—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Bridie Regan, Killenaugher



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

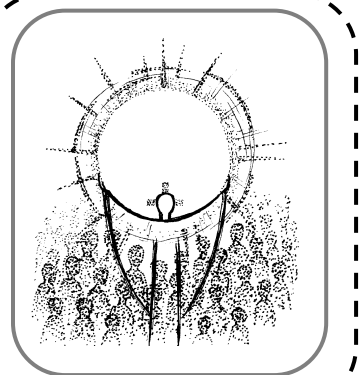
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each day on selected hours between 9am & 7pm

BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Minimum of four weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.



15th-21st May	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Christina Concannon	Helen Freeley, Marie Brennan
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Kay Curley, Willie Broderick
Sat 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Anne Carney, Laura Brogan, Margaret Byrne, Helene McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Bernie Quinn, Mary Murphy, Margaret Tarpey, Mary Freeley

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Kathleen Caulfield née Campbell, Upper Main St. & Eden, Knock;
 Tony O'Malley, Holywell Upper;
 Christina (Teen) Carney, Bekan—sister of Frances Maye, Aisling Drive
 Eveleen Philips née Sloyan, Manchester & formerly Kiltaboe;

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm Mondays to Fridays continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie.

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

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held here in St. Patrick's Church next Saturday 20th May at 12 noon. Archbishop Francis Duffy will confirm over 60 candidates, and we wish them all of God's blessings on this special day.

GRADUATION MASS: A special Mass for students graduating from Ballyhaunis Community School will take place in the school next Thursday 18th May at 7pm.

MASS FOR HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN: On Sunday 4th June, families are invited to Knock Shrine for Mass at 12 noon, where children who have made their First Communion can again actively participate in the Mass, receive Holy Communion and meet with extended family and school friends. Children are welcome to wear their First Communion outfits for the event. Congratulations again to the 2nd class students of Scoil Iosa, Ballyhaunis who received their First Holy Communion here in St. Patrick's Church last weekend.

NOVENA FOR LIFE: The Pray for Life Novena, which starts on Tuesday 23rd May and concludes on the Feast of the Visitation on Wed. 31st May, is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily Novena prayers.

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS: There will be a special blessing ceremony at Knock Basilica on Sat. 20th May at 11am for all parents who are expecting a baby. It will include a short time for prayer, and a blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present.

MARY'S MEALS is a global movement of people from all walks of life who believe that no child should endure a day without a meal. The charity now provides a daily meal to more than 2.4 million children in schools across 18 countries. It costs just €22 to feed a child for an entire school year. Prayer is also an important part of the mission, and during May, Mary's Meals are asking individuals, parishes and prayer groups to include them in your prayers throughout this month.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM will be held on Wed. 24th May in the Community Hall. New members are welcome. Topics for discussion include ongoing management of the Community Hall, ideas for new activities and training / educational courses to be held there, Local Link rural bus services, proposals for the development/ enhancement of Island Lake, the Language Café & more. Reports from the Abbey Partnership / Abbey Trust, the Tidy Towns Committee and Ballyhaunis Defibrillator Group will also feature.

VACANCY FOR CARETAKER: Applications are invited for the role of caretaker of Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Duties include general upkeep and maintenance of this recently refurbished building and interaction with tenants and users. CE/ TÚS/ RSS criteria applies. Contact 087 9777899 or email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

COFFEE MORNING: Jim & Mary Walsh, Knockbrack would like to thank all who supported their recent Coffee Morning, which raised €645 for Western Alzheimers.

ABORTION: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE - A statement of the Catholic Bishops: Five years on from the May 2018 referendum, which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time, the Bishops said, " a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life and wants to support mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, Bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The Bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The Bishops will do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. Read the full statement on www.catholicbishops.ie

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
 Ellery Tarnik, The Maples

Offertory Collection

7th May 2023
 €1,910

MAYO PPN COMMUNITY OPEN EVENING takes place on Tuesday 23rd May at 7pm in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar. Hear all about the new Community Climate Action Fund and find out what's happening around climate action in Mayo. Meet Mayo Person of the Year Darren Forde who will launch the Wellbeing Vision Statement for Co. Mayo. All welcome & refreshments served. To register, email mayoppn@mayococo.ie

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK runs from 13th to 21st May. The next bicycle repair workshop takes place on Sunday 21st May from 10am to 2pm in the Community Hall. The workshop will be followed by a presentation on "high nelly" bicycles by an enthusiast who works on restoring these traditional cycles, and a talk by a cyclist who has pedalled from Malin to Mizen in one day. Tea & coffee will be served, and the event will conclude with a short cycle around the town. The events are funded by Mayo Sports Partnership and organised by the local Community Council. To book a place on the bicycle repair workshop, call 086 9777899 or email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday 18th May at 7.30pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. For details, contact Carmel at 087 2125340.

BEGINNERS GOLF—Introductory evening in Ballyhaunis Golf Club on Thursday 25th May for novices, or those looking to return to golf. Offer of 10 lessons for €60. All equipment Provided. For more details, contact Dee at 086 3821432 or Trish at 086 3745061.