

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us....
Amen.



(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)

OPENING PRAYER

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 2: 1 - 5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.
In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'
He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 121: 1-2.4-5, 6-9
R. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. [R]
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. [R]
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' [R]
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!
For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. [R]

SECOND READING Romans 13:11 - 14

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon - let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 24:37 - 44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.
'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too

must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

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

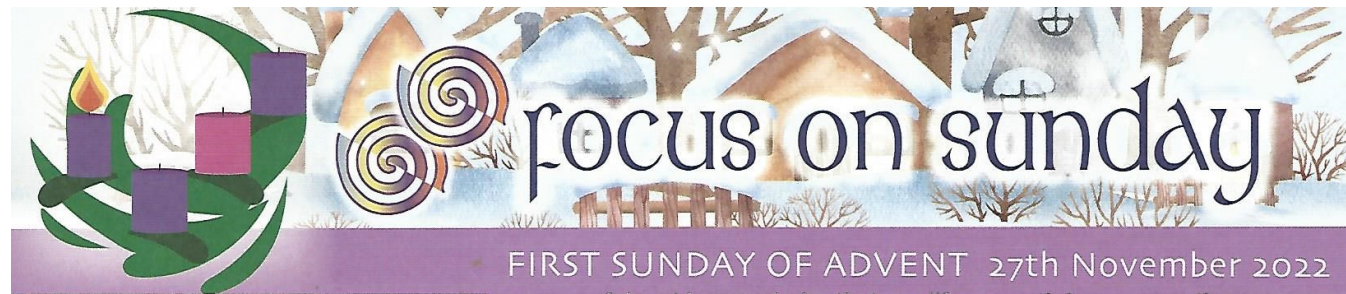
Pray brothers and sisters.....
May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. 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.



Advent is a reminder that our life on earth is a preparation for the life of eternity in heaven; and that we wait for the coming of Christ to take us home.

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 will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.
Through Christ our Lord.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end. The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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.



So stay awake,
because you do not know the day
when your master is coming.



The of today's Gospel on this First Sunday of Advent is to "Keep Awake" for we never know what life may bring. As recent events in our country and around the world this year have shown us, everything can change in an instant, with a phone call, an accident, the death of someone we love. These are the moments that stop us in our tracks. They come unexpectedly, like a 'thief in the night'. As we begin Advent, a season of joy and expectation, this might seem like a gloomy gospel to reflect on. Its tone is apocalyptic, but when Matthew was writing his Gospel, his community had these questions at the forefront of their minds: When will Jesus return? What signs will there be? Why is it taking so long? Jesus does not offer an answer to this question except to say, 'Keep awake!' Instead of worrying about questions that we cannot possibly know the answer to, we might remember that what is important is how we are living now, today, in the present moment. Are we living aware of Christ present here and now in each person and in all of creation? Awakening to this miracle of universal love is a second coming or re-awakening we can get on board with.

Advent is a very special time, a liminal space where we are full of expectant hope. It is an opportunity to take stock and see what is truly important; then we can experience the true joy which the season offers. Today's gospel invites us to be ready, not on tenterhooks and full of anxiety, but to be attentive, with open hearts, so that God's grace and love can enter once more this Christmas. It is through such an awareness that we can reflect on where we are being called to use our gifts and talents to work together for a more just world.

Jane Mellett, Laudato Si Officer, Trócaire

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Come Lord Jesus, Come and be born in our hearts, this Christmas. Jesus was born in Mary's heart first, when she listened to the Angel, and she said "Yes." Then she went quickly to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who was expecting a baby. To see ways that we can help others at home, at work, and to share our gifts, and be attentive to God's blessing is the best way to celebrate Christmas.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 28th NOV—4th DEC. 2022

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

Walter & Josephine Healy & decd. of the Healy & McGovern families

Jim Healy, Johnstown & decd. of the Fitzgerald family

Mary Connolly, Lecarrow

William & Bridget Curran, Doctors' Road

Mary & John Horan & decd.

Michael A. & Nora Keane, Annagh

Bernard & Margaret Keane, Coventry

Nora & Michael Regan & decd.

John, Anne, Séan & Andy Glynn, Carrownden

Kevin & Greta Jordan, Annagh

John & Bridget Gilmore & their daughter Bridget, Knox St.

Vera & John Waldron, Scrigg

Thomas & Mary Finnegan, Carraroe, Dunmore

David & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Forthill & Mountain

Bridget, Mary & Jack Halpin and their granddaughter Brídann

Judith Regan & decd. of the Regan family

Decd. of the Lyons family, Classaroe

Nan, Jack & Tom Regan, Killinaugher

Sunday 4th December - First Anniversary

Kate Hopkins, Carrick, Ballinlough & formerly Island

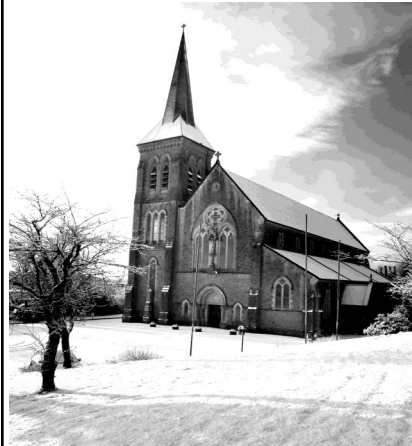
28th Nov-4th Dec.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Laura Brogan, Claire Higgins
Sunday 10.00am	Julia Kelly	Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy, Cáit Webb, Eileen Lynch
COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER		
Sat 7.30pm	Ann Curley, Pat Devine, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sun 10am	Martin Finan, Gabriel Smith, Anthony Plunkett, Seamus Coffey	

Recently Deceased—

We remember in our prayers
James Connolly, Dublin, father of Katherine Kilbride,
Doctors' Road
Jimmy Jordan, Manchester & Knox St.

Offertory Collection

20th November 2022
€1,880



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil:
7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 7.00pm.

BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday
of the month at 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks'
notice required. Contact the
parish office, 094-9630006.



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> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie.

Sunday Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 4th, 11th & 18th December and on Christmas Day at 10am.

MASS CHANGES: From this weekend, the 12.00 Sunday Mass is being discontinued. The Saturday evening Vigil Mass at 7.30pm and the 10am Mass on Sunday mornings will continue as usual. No funerals will take place on Sundays, and baptisms will take place on the first Saturday and third Sunday of each month. Baptisms must be booked in advance by calling the parish office.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGES: Archbishop Francis Duffy has confirmed that the Sacrament of Marriage will no longer be celebrated on Sundays in the Archdiocese of Tuam. The decision arises from the ongoing decline in the number of priests, and the existing commitments to Sunday Masses and Baptisms.

Archbishop Francis Duffy's Pastoral Letter will be read at all Masses this weekend, and copies are also available to bring home.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith
Community
Rachel Helen Margaret Byrne,
Belcarra

LAUNCH OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Thanks to all who responded to the recent invitation for weekly Eucharistic Adoration. There will be an inauguration of the new Eucharistic Adoration schedule after 7.30pm Mass on Saturday 3rd Dec. with commissioning of adorers and a special mini-Adoration period, followed by Benediction. **All who completed an adoration invitation card are asked to attend.** Adoration will commence on Sun 4th Dec from 6 to 7pm, see Church porch for full details. It's not too late to be included, even if you're not free for an hour per week but could commit to an occasional hour, as substitutes are always needed. Contact Mike Byrne at 086 4500706.

ADVENT: "Walk With Me" Advent booklets are available in the Church porch. €2 each. Please place money in candelabra.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS SERIES: Advent is a time of preparation and waiting for the birth of the Christ child. At Knock Shrine, Advent Reflections will take place during 7.30 pm Mass on Friday 2nd, 9th & 16th December in the Parish Church. All welcome.

Friday 2nd Dec – Fr Eugene Duffy- 'Vatican II, 60 years On'

Friday 9th Dec – Trish O'Brien—'Advent, Waiting in Hope'

Friday 16th Dec – Fr Vincent Sherlock -'Responding to the Christmas Invitation'.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Collection envelopes for the local branch of St. Vincent de Paul are available in the Church porch and in local outlets, while a Church gate collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Donations may also be made on-line to: Account No: 5585 5348 BIC:BOFIE2D IBAN: IE96 BOFI 903728 5585 5348

If you are in need of help from St Vincent de Paul Ballyhaunis this Christmas, please outline your specific needs in writing. Letters should be addressed to Ballyhaunis SVP, The Friary House, Ballyhaunis.

PPC MEETING: Last week's meeting was postponed to this Monday night 28th Nov. at 8pm in the Community Hall.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EMIGRANTS: As in previous years, we will shortly be sending Christmas cards to our emigrants overseas. If you have family members abroad who you feel would appreciate a Christmas card from the parish, please email the names & addresses to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com or hand them into the parish office as soon as possible. **Also, please let us know of any change of address for those to whom we sent cards last year.**

BALLYHAUNIS CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: A series of events are planned for next Sunday, 4th December, in conjunction with the turning on of the Christmas lights. An arts & crafts street market will take place on Clare St from 11am, while Mayo SPCA will hold their annual craft fair in the Community Hall. A Food & Wine Exhibition will be held in the Friary Church from 12pm until 3pm. The turning on of the lights is expected to take place at 5pm in The Square with carol singing and a special guest from the North Pole in attendance. More information can be found on Ballyhaunis Events/Festival Page on Facebook and Instagram.

MAYO SPCA Christmas Craft Fair will take place on Sunday 4th Dec. from 10am to 5pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. There will be a variety of stalls, tombola and raffles with great prizes to be won. Tea, cake & refreshments available. Pop along to help raise much-needed funds for all the animals in our care.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS next meeting takes place in the Community Hall on Wednesday evening next 30th Nov. at 8pm. The report from the National Tidy Towns competition will be discussed, along with an update on the Biodiversity Action Plan and plans for next year. All welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS GAA: The GAA Club AGM will take place on Saturday 10th Dec. at 8pm in the Community Hall. All club members are invited to attend, and new members and volunteers are welcome to help with the running of the club and coaching our players. Thanks to all who supported the club in 2022, and we look forward to your continued support next year.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2022 will be on sale next weekend (hopefully from Friday 2nd Dec.) in all the usual outlets. This year's magazine is the forty-fifth annual issue. Running to over 200 pages, this is one of the biggest issues in recent years and promises to feature the usual mix of articles, reports and photographs that has made 'Annagh' so popular with Ballyhaunis people at home and abroad since 1978. The Annagh Magazine Society would like to thank all contributors of written submissions and photographs, and our generous patrons.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL is now seeking applications from suitably qualified people for a fulltime Caretaker position. Full details on the job and how to apply are available on www.ballyhauniscs.ie

KNOCK MARKET @ THE PLAZA takes place this Sunday 27th Nov. from 10am to 3pm. Enjoy a family day out and view the handcrafted gifts made by local crafters. If you would like to take part in the market, contact Leonie at 086 8486924 or email leoniekilroy@gmail.com

CHARITY ZUMBA: Sincere thanks to all who supported the charity Zumba event in the Community Hall on Sunday 6th Nov. €511 was raised in aid of the Cancer Care West Mayo Bus Service. Thanks also to the local businesses who donated vouchers for the raffle.