

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.**

**GREETING**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you are mighty God and prince of peace:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you are Word made flesh and splendour of the Father:

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**

Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe,

grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11 - 12. 15 - 17**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel.**

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest - it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22**

**R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. [R]

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. [R]

3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 26.28.**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL Matthew 25: 31 - 46.**

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place

the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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

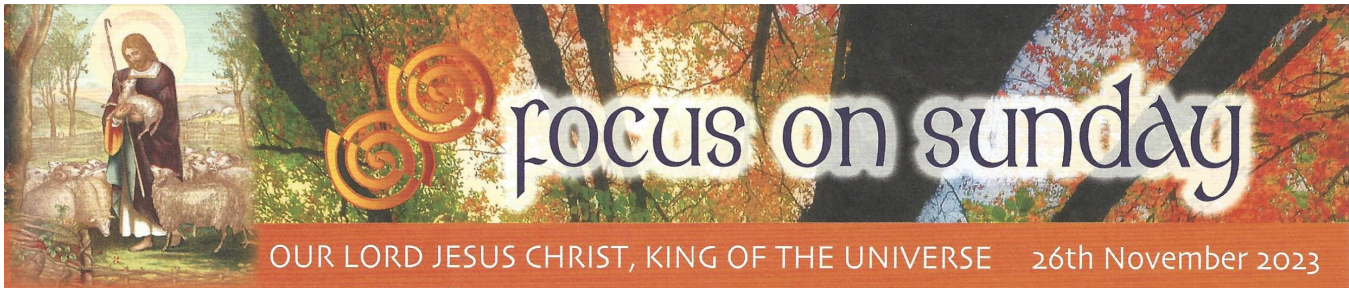
**NICENE CREED**

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**

As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. 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.

**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 sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Go in your spirit. Thanks be to God.

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Jesus' kingship is the kingship of one who is dedicated to his Father. He lives and dies for the truth. In his death and resurrection he is enthroned in the glory of his Father. This is the kingship we celebrate: one who has passed through the worst of human life to a life and joy that is eternal.



**The Kingdom of God is accessible to all.**


We might expect readings full of praise for the feast of Christ the King; they are rather readings of care. Ezekiel writes of the God who looks after the lost, the stray, the wounded. He has God going out with bandages for our wounds! Our gospel goes further – that in caring for people, especially the needy, we are in fact caring for Jesus, Son of God. He thanks us for doing good for others, for that is doing good for him.

In the gospel Jesus presents us with a representative list of those who need the most looking after in the world then and now, like the hungry and thirsty, who will die if help is not given. He highlights people who are often neglected as not worth our time – the stranger, the prisoner and the sick. He looks out for the least ones. He had a care for children who were often forgotten in his time.

A challenge today in trying to care for the millions who starve and lack good water; the people confined in nursing homes because of age and infirmity; the prisoner, locked and hidden away. And many others. They are ones Jesus remembers every day himself. Can we do the same, and put our remembrance into action?

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey



Heaven will be full of surprises. God will say "Thank you for helping me." I will say that I don't remember seeing YOU, and God will say that whenever you helped another person, at home, at school, at work, playing games, as long as you do good to make a better world, you helped Me.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th NOVEMBER 2023

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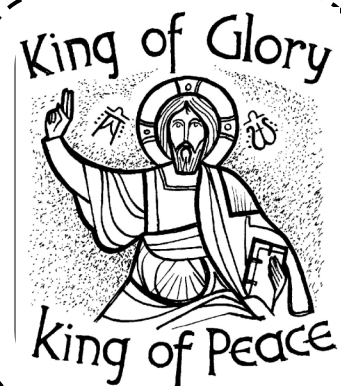


**MASSES:**  
 Monday, Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.  
 Saturday Evening Vigil:  
 7.30pm  
 Sunday: 10.00am.

**CONFESSIONS:**  
 Before Saturday Vigil Mass

**EUCCHARISTIC 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.



### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 27th NOV. – 3rd DECEMBER 2023

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am. Saturday 7.30pm.**  
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Katie Webb, Tooraree & Brickets  
 Anne & Larry Lynch & decd. of the Grogan family, Holywell  
 Fintan Lynch, Ennis & formerly Main St.  
 Jim Healy, Johnstown, & decd. of the Fitzgerald & Healy families  
 Decd. of the Judge family, Ballinphuill  
 William & Bridget Curran, Doctor's Road  
 Mary Connolly, Lecarrow  
 Walter & Josephine Healy, Frenchpark  
 Anthony & Mary Ellen Morley, Clagnagh  
 Patrick & Kit Murphy, Greenwood  
 Thomas & Nora Greene & decd. Knox St.  
 Geraldine Hunt, Lecarrow, & Joe Fahey, & decd.  
 Joe & Margaret Leckey & decd.  
 David Fitzmaurice, his mother Ann & grandparents, Forthill & Mountain  
 John, Eileen & Dolores Nolan, Lisbane, Brackloon  
 Pat & Margaret Byrne, Knox St.  
 Anne O'Beirne, Collooney, Co. Sligo

27 Nov. - 3 Dec.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Helen Freeley
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Marie Brennan
<b>Friday</b>	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Irene Healy
<b>Sat 7.30pm</b>	Margaret Monaghan	Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Frank Browne	Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves, Bernie Quinn

#### COLLECTORS FOR DECEMBER

<b>Sat. 7.30pm.</b>	Pat Devine, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva, Peter McCafferty
<b>Sun. 10.00am.</b>	Martin Finan, Gabriel Smith, Seamus Coffey, Jaroslav Drunnik

#### MASS SERVERS FOR DECEMBER

<b>Sat. 7.30pm.</b>	Team A - Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh, Eva Grace Kilcourse
<b>Sun. 10.00am.</b>	Team B - Evan & Olivia Feeney, Ben Jordan, Jonathan Powers

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)

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** takes place at the 10.00am. Mass this Sunday 26th Nov. Children from age 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass and will return to their parents after Communion.

**PPC MEETING:** A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will be held on Monday 27th Nov. at 8.30pm. in the Community Hall.

**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. Envelopes with donations can be returned to the collection box in the church at Mass times, or to Fr. Stephen's house. Donations can also be made online to: Account No: 55855348. IBAN: IE96 BOFI 9037 2855 8553 48. BIC: BOFIE2D.

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

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EMIGRANTS:** As in previous years, we will shortly be sending Christmas cards to Ballyhaunis people overseas. **This year we are updating our emigrant list & database**, so if you have family members or friends abroad who you think would appreciate a card from the parish, please email their names & addresses to [ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com), or hand them into the parish office (in Fr. Stephen's house) as soon as possible. **Even if we have sent cards to them in the past, please provide their names & full addresses again for inclusion this Christmas.**

#### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community  
 Isaac Francisco Dos Santos, Hazelcourt;  
 Csege Grace Penzes, Annagh;  
 Natalia Dosek, Manor Brook

#### Offertory Collection

Sunday 19th  
 Nov. 2023  
 €1,695

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers  
 John Durkin, Ballyroe, Knock, brother of Kevin Durkin,  
 Classaroe

**SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The annual party will be held on Sunday 10th December in Clare Court. 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.

**THREE TENORS CONCERT:** The Three Tenors will return to the Friary Church, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 2nd December at 8pm, in aid of the Friary Preservation Fund.. 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 online at [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

**FESTIVE FAVOURITES AT THE FRIARY:** A Christmas Carol service will take place in the historic Ballyhaunis Friary on Sunday 17th December at 7pm, featuring the Abbey Male Choir, Parish Choir, Scoil Íosa Children's Choir and Le Cárde. Donations to the evening to the local St. Vincent de Paul.

**BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB AGM** will take place on Saturday 9th December at 6.00pm in the Community Hall. All welcome.

**ANNAGH 2023:** Annagh Magazine will be on sale next week-end in all the usual outlets. This year's magazine is the forty-sixth annual issue and retails at €12. Running to over 200 pages, this is one of the biggest issues in recent years and features the usual mix of articles, reports and photographs that has made 'Annagh' so popular with Ballyhaunis people at home and abroad since 1978. It should be in plenty of time for posting to family and friends overseas before Christmas.

Annagh Magazine Society would like to thank all contributors of written submissions and photographs, and our generous patrons - all of whom helped to bring Annagh 2023 to fruition.

**BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** On Saturday 2nd December, a blessing ceremony for all parents who are expecting a baby, will take place at Knock Shrine at 11am. It will include a short prayer for protection and safe delivery with an individual blessing for all mothers-to-be who are present. All welcome.

**BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS MEETING** - Monday 27th November at 8.00pm. in the Community Hall.

**MAYO SPCA** Christmas Fair takes place on Sunday 3rd December, 10.00am. - 4.00pm. in the Community Hall.

**GAEILGE CLASS:** A fun weekly lesson for beginners and improvers in the native language each Tuesday at 7.00pm. at the Community Hall, €5pp includes tea and coffee.

**SALSA DANCING:** A class for all levels each Sunday at 8.00pm at Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Tel: 087 9777899.

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

**RECRUITMENT FAIR:** Home Instead and Intreo together are recruiting Health Care Workers for Home Instead. Meet them in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Monday 27th Nov. 10:30am- 12pm. Part-time, full-time, evenings and weekend work available. Apply now: <https://careers.homeinstead.ie/apply-now>

**CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR** at Knock Basilica on Friday 1st December. An evening of songs of faith, hope and love, featuring John McNicholl, Donna Taggart, Philomena Begley, Margo and Marc Roberts, with Una Nolan and Schola Cantorum Basilicae. Tickets (€30 + handling fee) are available at [www.ticketmaster.ie](http://www.ticketmaster.ie). Limited number of tickets available at the door. Proceeds in aid of the Federation For Victim Assistance. 094 9000251.

**MAYO ROSCOMMON HOSPICE MEMORIAL WALK** takes place in Knock on Sunday 3rd Dec. at 5pm. Register at [www.hospice.ie/memorialwalk](http://www.hospice.ie/memorialwalk) if you would like to take part. Shine A Light Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Pope Francis Plaza at 6pm.

**RADIO MARIA IRELAND** Christmas Fundraiser - Thursday 30th November in Knock House Hotel. Doors open at 6.00pm followed by a four course meal, live music, meet some new friends and learn more about Radio Maria. To book a ticket (€70 per person) contact the station on 01 4123456. To listen to Radio Maria: 1. Digital TV: Freeview, 2. Free App: "Radio Maria Ireland", 3. Website: [www.radiomaria.ie](http://www.radiomaria.ie), 4. Facebook: 'Listen Live Radio' & 5. Phone: +353 (0)1 4373277 (no extra charges apply).

**Meeting with Fr. Charles Nyameh** from Northern Nigeria on their story of charity and forgiveness despite facing militant persecution in his region. Venue: Room 2, St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock Shrine on Sunday 26th November at 7:30pm. Organised by Family & Life. All welcome.