

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**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**

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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 us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

**Proverbs 31: 10-13.19-20. 30-31.**

**A reading from the Book of Proverbs.** A perfect wife - who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 127: 1 - 5**

**R. O blessed are those who fear the Lord.**

- O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. [R]
- Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. [R]
- Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. [R]

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6**

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of life. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL Matthew 25: 14 - 30**

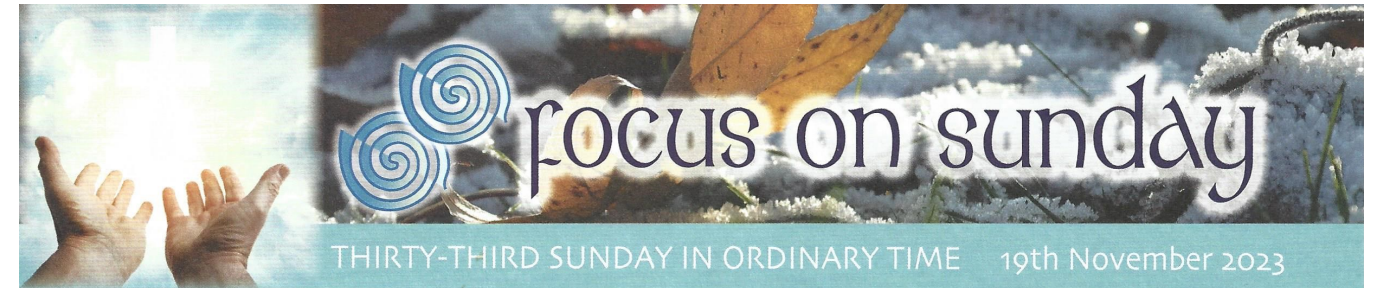
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. (\*Shorter from in italics)** \*Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.\* The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who

had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. \*Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.\* His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."

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

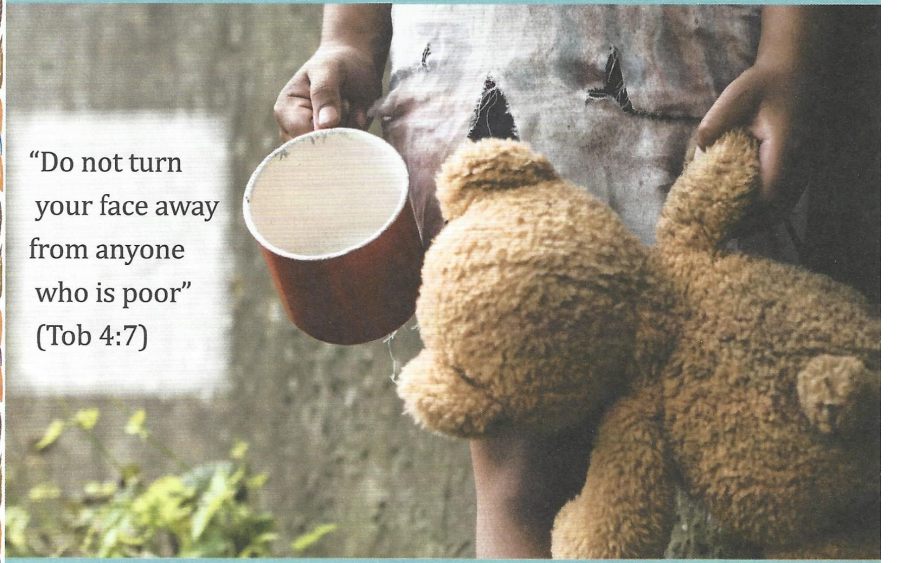
**NICENE CREED**

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.



**World Day of the Poor**

We find today an invitation from the gospel to put all our talents at the service of God and of his kingdom.



"Do not turn your face away from anyone who is poor" (Tob 4:7)

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**

Grant, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer in the sight of your majesty may obtain for us the grace of being devoted to you and gain us the prize of everlasting happiness. 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.* We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**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**

**To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

We have partaken of the gifts of this sacred mystery, humbly imploring, O Lord, that what your Son commanded us to do in memory of him may bring us growth in charity. Through Christ our Lord.



The context for today's gospel is the Last Judgement scene which immediately follows, "I was hungry and you gave me to eat, welcome into the Kingdom." We have all been given talents, in varying degrees, our intelligence, the skills we have acquired, our health, our limited time on earth. Some may have ten talents, some five, some one. Those talents were not given to us to bury in the ground, to possess just for our own personal advantage. We are asked to use whatever gifts we have been given in the service of those in need, those who are poor and unwanted. The greater the gifts we have been given, the more responsibility we have to use them.

Unfortunately, our culture often blames the poor for being poor. They are often considered to be lazy, untrustworthy, or irresponsible and therefore undeserving. But we can hardly blame the 89,000 children who are living in poverty in Ireland today for being poor!

Gratitude is the only solid foundation for our relationship with God. How can we repay God for all that God has given to us? God needs nothing from us. But God's children do. We express our gratitude to God by sharing our talents and gifts in the service of God's children who are in need, the poor, lonely, homeless, or unwanted. We are only stewards of the gifts we have been given, called to use them responsibly in the light of the needs of others.

Fr. Peter McVerry

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



I liked the colours in The Church Window. All were different and held together in light, like a happy family. Every person is a colour of God, and is like a talent, to let the light of God's Love shine through us. We let the love of God shine through us when we smile, offer to help, say please and thanks and respect our mother Nature.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 20th– 25th NOVEMBER 2023

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

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Decd. of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families, Derrynacong, Dublin & Dundalk  
 Thomas Lenahan, Station Rise  
 Kathleen Egan & Jack Dempsey  
 James & Agnes Caulfield, Bohogue  
 Anne May & Patrick McDonagh & their grandson PJ Reilly  
 Ted & Delia Healy, Holywell & decd. of the Healy & Grogan families  
 Bill & Rosaleen Eagney, Clare St.  
 Thomas, Mary, Martin & Terry McDonagh, Tooraree  
 Lena & Stephen Caffrey, Tooreen  
 Dom, Celia & Tom Murphy, Brackloon North  
 Delia & Pat Finn, Carrowkeel  
 Decd. members of the Lyons family, Classaroe  
 Jim, Micheál & Mary Maher, Mullingar & Thurles  
 Alfred Webb Jnr. Tooraree  
 Pdraig Murphy, Ballyveal & decd. of the Murphy family, Cooloughra  
 John & Delia Regan, Carrowkeel

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### SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER—MONTH'S MIND

Pat Donnellan, Clare St.

20th-26th Nov.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Martin Fitzmaurice	Irene Healy, Helen Freeley
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Frances Mulhern
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
<b>Friday</b>	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
<b>Sat 7.30pm</b>	Marie Jordan	Laura Brogan, Eavan Caulfield, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Brendan Donnellan	Kay Curley, Breege Halpin, Eileen Lynch, Eileen Donnellan

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)

#### Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers

Liam Casserly, Ballinlough - brother of Marian Dyer, Brackloon;  
 James Browne, Celbridge, Co Kildare-brother of the late Betty Regan, Lecarrow;  
 Kevin Prendergast, Carrmack, Tulrahan & Lohan Park, Brickens;  
 Tom Waldron, Crossard, Tooreen;



#### 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.



**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 this Saturday evening 18th November. 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.

**WORLD REMEMBRANCE DAY FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS** is this Sunday 19th November. Mass will be held in Knock Basilica at 12 noon to remember the victims of road traffic crashes and their loved ones.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** next Sunday 26th Nov. at 10am Mass. 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. If possible, families are asked to sit to the right of the altar, near the Sacristy entrance.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:** 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.

**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 bookings made in November. 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.

**BARGAIN HUNT:** Ballyhaunis Community Council is hosting a Bargain Hunt to raise funds for the Community Hall this Sunday 19th Nov. from 10.30am with a great selection of toys, books, household bric-a-brac, gifts, good quality clothing and furniture. The raffle will also take place for our big €1,000 draw.

**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)

**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.

**VACANCIES:** Ballyhaunis Community School has a vacancy for an Accounts Officer, 20 hours per week. For full details, visit [www.ballyhauniscs.ie](http://www.ballyhauniscs.ie)

**GRET B** CE scheme in Dunmore is seeking applications for the position of Kitchen Assistant. This job is aimed at those on a qualifying payment from the Dept. of Social Protection for a period of 12 months. The position offers entry into a career for those who might be interested in kitchen management, culinary skills etc. For more details, ring Damian on 087 6352678 or email [damian.cunniffe@gretb.ie](mailto:damian.cunniffe@gretb.ie)

**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.**

#### 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](http://www.hospice.ie/memorialwalk).

Walkers will arrive back at the Pope Francis Plaza at 6pm for the annual Shine A Light Tree Lighting Ceremony.

**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 on the evening to the local St. Vincent de Paul.

**BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB AGM** will take place on Saturday 9th December at 6pm in the Community Hall. All welcome to attend.

**ALONE** is looking for volunteers across Mayo. With Christmas approaching, it can be a lonely time for older people. If you can volunteer to visit or phone older people in your area for one to two hours per week to help combat loneliness & isolation, ring 086 0135043 or email [paul.stafford@alone.ie](mailto:paul.stafford@alone.ie)

**PIONEERS:** The 2024 Pioneer calendar is now available from Pioneer centres and from Central Office on 01 8054226. The calendar is designed to offer spiritual support to families being impacted by alcohol & addiction. Price €5. Further information from [www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar](http://www.pioneerassociation.org/calendar)

**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.

**ANOINTING FIRE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES IRELAND:** On 1st & 2nd December at The Good Shepherd Catholic Church, Doughiska, Galway—including Mass, healing prayer, individual prayer, Adoration and confessions. For details, contact Tom at 087 6209090 or Dymrna at 087 2302681.

**MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS GIFTS:** Mary's Meals, which provide hot meals to almost 2.5 million children every school day, have launched their Christmas Gifts Campaign, giving gifts that have a real and tangible impact on those in need. For as little as €5.50, which can provide 50 meals for children in their school, you can play a part in changing the lives of those most in need. Visit [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to download a gift, or call 01 8535163.

**BCS:** Ballyhaunis Community School is holding its Enrolment/ Open Day for prospective 1st year students and their parents/ guardians on Friday 24th Nov. from 2.30 to 5pm.

**Offertory Collection**  
 Sunday 12th Nov. 2023  
 €1,975