

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

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. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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 and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 1:14-2: 2.8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept

to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS. 130

R. Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord.

- 1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. [R]
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. [R]
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and forever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9.13

A reading from St. Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 23: 1- 12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing

broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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

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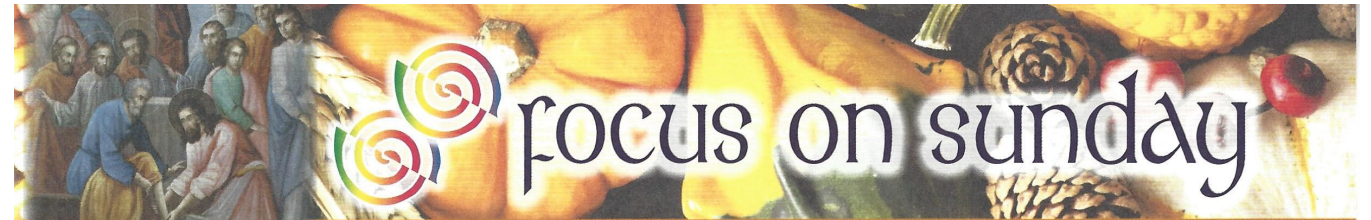
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.



Prisoners' Sunday

God's gospel is best served in the humble way of living among others, without pride, without jealousies, in example of Jesus himself.

The greatest among you must be your servant



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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.



On one of my prison visits, I met with nine prisoners for over an hour. On reflection afterwards, six of them were known to me to have been sexually abused as children; the other three I did not know them well enough to say. Before they made other people victims of their crimes, they themselves had been victims of serious crimes. This is not to excuse their crimes, which can often leave their victims traumatised, but it seeks to explain them. Understanding why people commit crime is necessary if we want to reduce crime.

We often think of prison as full of dangerous people who have committed serious crimes. And some are. But over 80% of those who go to prison are sentenced to less than 12 months. Over 70% have an addiction, and over 50% suffer some form of mental illness. Many have been homeless on admission and will be homeless again on release. Many of those who go in and out of prison ("lifers by instalment") feel trapped in their lifestyle. As one said: "Life outside prison is the same as life inside prison, except there are no bars." Many want to escape but need help to do so. For many, that help will never come.

I know that if I had been born into the circumstances of many of those in prison, I too would now be in prison. And if they had been born into my circumstances, they would be the priest coming up to visit me in prison.

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



There are many everyday ideas in today's Jesus Story, like money, riches, poor, earth and Heaven, work; but the best idea is in our heart. We can know a lot in our minds, but the best treasure is the spirit in our hearts. Sometimes we think that Religion is about knowing, having answers, rules and regulations; no, it is about Heart first, helping the other person. We can see heart religion every day, attentive love, in the minding of children, doing our best at work, shopping, community activities and friendship.



# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th NOVEMBER 2023

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 6th — 11th NOVEMBER 2023

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

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Kathleen & Terence McHugh, Main St.

Patrick & Helen Gilmore, Johnstown

John & Nora Flanagan, Cloonfad

Decd. of the Murphy family, Lurgan

Decd. of the Winston family, Carrick, Ballinlough

Decd. of the Meehan family, Annagh & John Meehan, Coventry

Mary & Frank Davis, Limerick

Mary Agnes & Charlie O'Reilly, Holywell

Thady & Annie Gallagher & decd. Kiltimagh

John & Áine Stevenson, Coventry

John Brennan & decd. Bohola

Decd. of the Waldron & Grogan families, Derrynacong & the

Waldron family, Coogue North

Tom, Delia & Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.

Eamonn & Claire Phillips, Main St.

Bridget & Jack Halpin, Main St.

### SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER—MONTH'S MIND

Noreen Dowd (née O'Boyle) Dublin & Carrowreagh

6th-12th Nov.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Fionnuala Nolan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Paula Donnellan	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Frances Mulhern, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Miriam Judge, Breege Halpin
COLLECTORS FOR NOVEMBER		
Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Padraig Regan, Kieran Connolly, Oliver Cribben	
Sun. 10am	Tom Finn, Eddie Mooney, Mike Griffin, Bernie Quinn	

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  
Renato Luptak, Devlis Cottages & Slovakia



### 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.



**NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS:** The annual Remembrance Mass will be celebrated this **Saturday 4th Nov.** at 7.30pm. We will be remembering our loved ones who have passed away, especially those who have died over the past year.

**CEMETERY PRAYERS:** Prayers will be recited for all our deceased loved ones this **Sunday 5th November** in the Friary Cemetery at 2.30pm and in the Parish Cemetery at 3pm.

**NOVEMBER ENVELOPES:** In November, we remember in our prayers all our deceased loved ones who have gone before us. Envelopes are still available in the Church porch, where you can include the names of your deceased loved ones in the November altar list. All of those included will be prayed for during our daily Masses throughout the month. The envelopes & enclosed lists can be returned to the box at St. Joseph's altar. Please do not include money in these envelopes.

**MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS & FAMILIES** will take place next 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.

**CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL:** The Team Hope annual appeal delivers boxes of gifts to children affected by poverty in Africa & Eastern Europe. Leaflets available in the Church porch. Boxes will be collected at Masses on 11th/12th November or can be dropped into Scoil Íosa next week. You can build your shoebox at home, including a €5 donation, or online on [www.teamhope.ie](http://www.teamhope.ie)

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 29th Oct. 2023  
€2,475

**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.

**FAMILY CENTRE, CASTLEBAR:** The Family Centre on Chapel Street, Castlebar provides a number of services, in association with the HSE and Túsla. These include counselling services, the Mayo Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service, bereavement support service, family mediation service, education & training courses, a support group for carers of people with dementia and a peer support group for widows, widowers & partners. For information, contact the centre on 094 9025900.

**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**

**BARGAIN HUNT:** Ballyhaunis Community Council is hosting a Bargain Hunt event to raise funds for the Community Hall on Saturday 19th November. 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 during the week starting Monday 13th November from 6-8pm. Enquiries to 087 6982473. Tickets still on sale for our €1,000 draw & other great prizes.

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

**ST MUREDACH'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR** will perform Handel's "Messiah" under the direction of Regina Deacy in St Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina next Sat Nov 11th at 8pm. The Cathedral choir will be joined for this choral masterpiece by members of Westport-based choir 'Cór Mhaigh Eo', along with a professional chamber orchestra and soloists. This performance is also part of Ballina 2023 celebrations. Tickets available at [www.ballinaparish.org](http://www.ballinaparish.org) or [www.ballina2023.ie](http://www.ballina2023.ie) or from the parish office at 096 70555. All proceeds go to the restoration of the stained-glass windows in St Muredach's Cathedral.

**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 available from Ticketmaster.ie and from the Victim Assistance Head Office in Kiltimagh at 094 9000251.

**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.

**BALLYHAUNIS SUSTAINABLE ENERGY COMMUNITY:** Ballyhaunis SEC has recently joined the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland network and a committee is being formed to oversee the delivery of the programme. Dr. Orla Nic Suibhne will give a presentation on the SEC programme and how it can benefit Ballyhaunis in the Family Resource Centre at The Friary this Wed. evening 8th Nov. at 7pm. Come along if you're interested in learning more about developing a sustainable energy system for the benefit of the local community.

**CATHAOIRLEACH AWARDS:** Entries are now being invited for the Mayo County Council Cathaoirleach's Awards, which honour and celebrate the individuals and groups that work behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant and caring. There are eight categories open for nominations, and for more information and nomination forms, log onto [www.mayo.ie](http://www.mayo.ie)

**ILLEGAL DUMPING:** Residents in the Ballyhaunis area are urged to report any illegal dumping or burning to the local Environmental Officer on 087 0645420—particularly illegal dumping around the bottle banks at the rear of Main Street.

**ART WORKSHOPS WITH XANTHE PRATT** every Monday for 6 weeks from 6th Nov. to 11th December from 4.30 to 6pm in the Family Resource Centre at the Friary. Art lovers are welcome to come and work in an informal atmosphere and share skills. Admission free but booking essential as places are limited. Call 086 4402772 to book a place.

**LOCAL LINK MAYO:** Anyone who would like to avail of the Local Link bus service into Ballyhaunis - which is free to pensioners and other travel card holders - can contact Local Link Mayo at 094 900 5150 or email: [mayo@locallink.ie](mailto:mayo@locallink.ie)

**SOCIAL DANCE CLASSES** in the McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris every Tuesday night from 8 to 9pm followed by social dancing. Learn to jive, waltz, quick step and foxtrot with Patrick Geraghty. No partners required.