

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

GREETING

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL RITE

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....

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

May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, you Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25: 6 - 10*

A reading from the prophet of Isaiah.
On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enveloping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.

We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps.22*

R. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

- The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **[R]**
- He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **[R]**
- 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]**
- 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

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 22: 1-14* (**shorter form 22:1-10*)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding."*

*But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.**

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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

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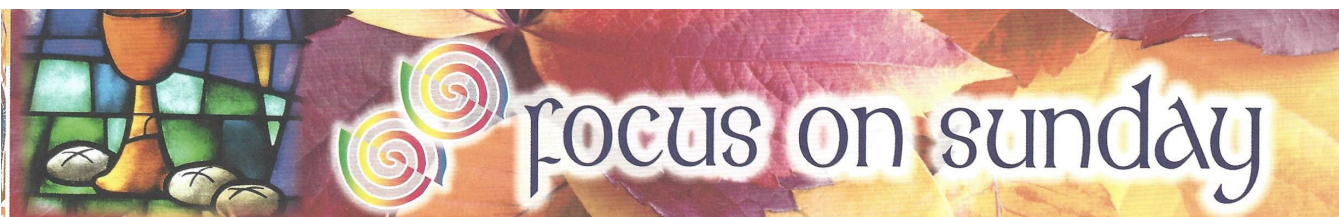
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with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

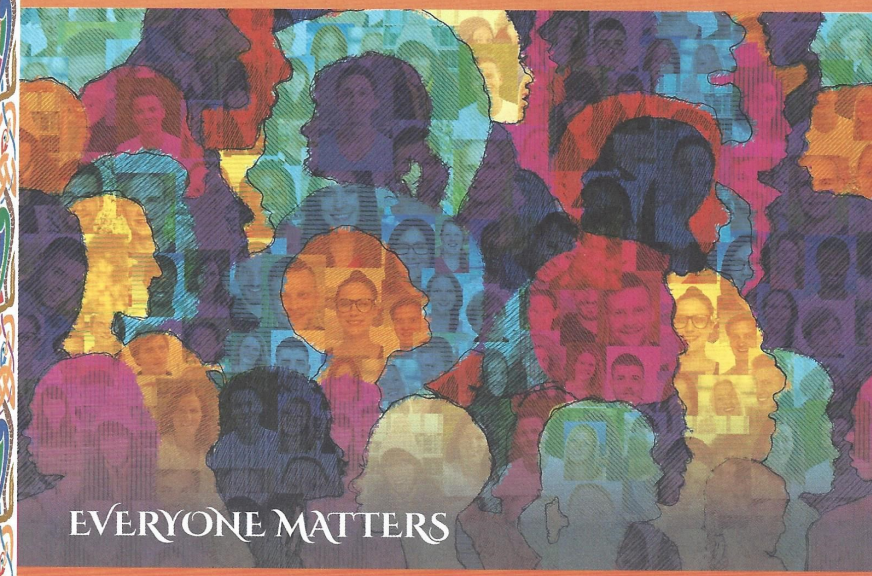
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will 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.



God is generous to his people; his is the gift of life and love, of reconciliation and of justice. He expects us to be generous in return so that others may know his generosity.



EVERYONE MATTERS

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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.
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

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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, glorifying the Lord by your life. Thanks be to God.



Jesus often refers to the Kingdom of God as a feast, at which God presides.

He always talks about the guests who will be present. In this Gospel, Matthew had in mind the Jewish authorities who believed that they were entitled to be at the feast, but, by rejecting Jesus, the king's son, they were rejecting God's invitation. Jesus announces that everyone was welcome, "good and bad alike," some with whom the Jewish leaders would simply refuse to share a meal. And the poor man without a wedding garment? At first sight, it seems very unjust to banish him, maybe he couldn't afford a proper garment or didn't know he needed one. But no, Matthew was writing to a Christian community, many of whom had converted from Judaism. They were having a very hard time, their families often rejected them and their Jewish communities ostracised them for abandoning the God of their ancestors. So some of them were minded to give up the Christian commitment and return back to their Jewish faith. The wedding garment refers to the Christian faith that they had accepted and put on. Matthew is trying to encourage them to stay, even though life is very difficult for them.

He is warning them, that if they renounce the Christian faith, they may be excluded from the feast in the Kingdom. In the midst of all the difficulties in life which we may face, Jesus asks us to continue being faithful to him.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Heaven, seeing The Face of God, is like a happy birthday party. Everyone is invited. Everyone is happy. St. Peter will meet us at The Door of Heaven, and give us a big welcome. We don't need to bring any presents to heaven. We need only empty hands to receive all God's gifts.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 16th-21st OCTOBER 2023

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

Pat Moran, Bracklaghboy & Manchester

Dan & Theresa Tarpey & decd. Carrowkeel

Séan & Nancy Jordan, Johnstown

David Judge, Agloragh & decd.

Patrick, Sarah Anne, Michael & Tom Waldron, Cave

Patsy Naughton & Reuben Sykes, Leeds & Cave

Michael & Denise Nolan, Togher & decd. of the Nolan family, Mountain

Martin & Margaret Finnegan & decd.

Thomas, Mary, Martin & Terry McDonagh, Tooraree

Michael, Kate, James & Michael Murphy, Logboy

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Úna Phillips, Main St.



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.

16th-22nd Oct.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Irene Healy, Willie Broderick
Friday	Christina Concannon	Eileen Jordan, Kay Curley
Sat 7.30pm	John Doyle	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Margaret Tarpey, Breege Halpin, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers

Noreen Dowd née O'Boyle, Ballinteer, Dublin & formerly Carrowreagh;
Bernard Fetherston, Manchester & formerly Cloonfenian, Ballinlough—
brother of the late Frank, Abbeyquarter

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

THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available at the back of the church. Cost €3, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/partners on the first Thursday each month. More details from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

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 next Saturday evening 21st October. Our focus this month is on helping them to understand the Rosary as a special prayer said by the parish family, in which we recall events in the life of Jesus and his mother Mary. We can all make a special effort to say the Rosary, or part of it, during the month of October, which is the month dedicated to the Rosary and Our Lady.

STATION MASSES: Autumn Station Masses this week:
Beech Park: John & Bernie Gill, Friday 20th Oct. at 8pm
Lecarrow/Curries: Mary & Michael Joe Lyons, Saturday 21st October at 11am.

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Ballyhaunis Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday evening 16th October at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection. Your ongoing support and generosity is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.

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Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Alex Sustr, The Maples;
Páidí John Kelly, Abbeyquarter

Offertory Collection

8th Oct. 2023
€2,055

CELEBRATIONS OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES:

Couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year are invited to a Mass in Tuam Cathedral on Sunday 29th October at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy. Refreshments afterwards in St. Jarlath's College. If you're celebrating a special anniversary and wish to attend with your family, contact the parish office at 094 9630006.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY takes place next Sunday 22nd October and is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Your generosity will support missionary activities in over 1,100 struggling dioceses, mostly in Africa, Asia & Latin America. You can help by donating at www.missio.ie or call Missio Ireland on 01 4972035. Alternatively, donate €4 by texting the word "Mission" to 50300.

MONASTIC VOCATIONS: If you feel called to seek God in prayer & contemplation, monastic work and community life, the Cistercian community of nuns at St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co. Waterford are holding a Monastic Vocations Weekend from 27-29th October. Single women aged between 19 and 40 are welcome to find out more about this way of life. For details, email Sr. Sarah at vocations@glencairnabbey.org Also, the Adorers of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of Montmartre, Order of St. Benedict will hold a Vocations Weekend on 28th & 29th October in St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh, Co. Cork. For more details, email cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com or call 021 4811354.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE: Gerry & Anne Lyons, Knockbrack would like to thank all who supported their recent coffee day which raised €1,000 for Mayo / Roscommon Hospice.

HOLY LAND: Ireland's four Catholic Archbishops, including Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy, have issued a statement urging a cessation of violence in the Holy Land. Following the events that have unfolded over the past week in the land of Our Lord's birth, Archbishops Eamon Martin, Dermot Farrell, Francis Duffy and Kieran O'Reilly say "the ongoing situation has caused great suffering to many innocent people on all sides in the present conflict". They are calling for a cessation of violence, ensuring that civilian populations be respected and that all hostages are released without harm. The Irish Archbishops are joining with Pope Francis in calling for prayers for peace, and for the families and individuals suffering through these events. "Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us".

ST MUREDACH'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR will perform Handel's "Messiah" under the direction of Regina Deacy in St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina on Saturday 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 or 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.

TIDY TOWNS: Well done to Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns-winner of the Waters & Communities Award for the West/Northwest region in the 2023 Supervalu Tidy Towns competition. It's a great achievement for the committee and for the local community.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL will stage their production of "High School Musical" in the school auditorium on Thursday, Friday & Saturday, Oct. 19th to 21st at 7.30pm sharp.

MAYO SPCA: Annual Table Quiz in The Clock, Knox St. on Thursday 26th October at 8.30pm. €40 per table of four with great prizes and spot prizes. Please support.

CARD GAME in aid of Cancer Care West will be held in Brickens Community Centre on Tuesday next 17th October. Refreshments at 7pm, card game at 9pm. Raffle & spot prizes.

KILMOVEE HERITAGE OCTOBER CELEBRATIONS:

Sat. 21st Oct: Official launch of the Heritage Trail audio guide and photo exhibition "Kilmovee Through the Years" from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in Kilmovee Community Centre.

Sun. 22nd Oct: Tea Room in The Thatch, 11am to 4pm.

Kilmovee Family Treasure Hunt from 12 to 4pm.

Official launch of new Kilmovee Loop Walk at 4pm.

Free Heritage Workshops from 12.30 to 3.30pm in Willow

Weaving, Strawboy Hat-Making, Intro to Genealogy.

Free admission but booking essential for workshops by emailing kilmoveeheritage@kilmovee.info

ICA: The next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday 19th October at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact Carmel at 087 2125340

TREE PLANTING: The Abbey Partnership is delighted to partner with LEAF Ireland (An Taisce) to establish "An Choill Bheag" - a small, dense, biodiverse native woodland habitat in the grounds of the Friary. Also joining the partnership are the two local schools, Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns and Mayo Co Co. The planting will be done over several days in the Autumn with volunteers led by trained arborists. Anyone who would like to participate is welcome to the first general planning meeting with LEAF on Monday 16th Oct. at 12 noon in the Friary House. Enquiries to ballyhaunisabbey@gmail.com or 087 9777899

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