

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to gather the nations into the peace of God's kingdom: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You will come in glory with salvation for your people: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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

O God, who show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 10-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *PS. 64: 10-14*

R. Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R)
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R)
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R)
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R)

SECOND READING *Romans 8: 18-23*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower; whoever finds this seed will remain forever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

*Matthew 13: 1-23 (*shorter form 13: 1-9)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

**Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'* * Then the disciples went up to him and



asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

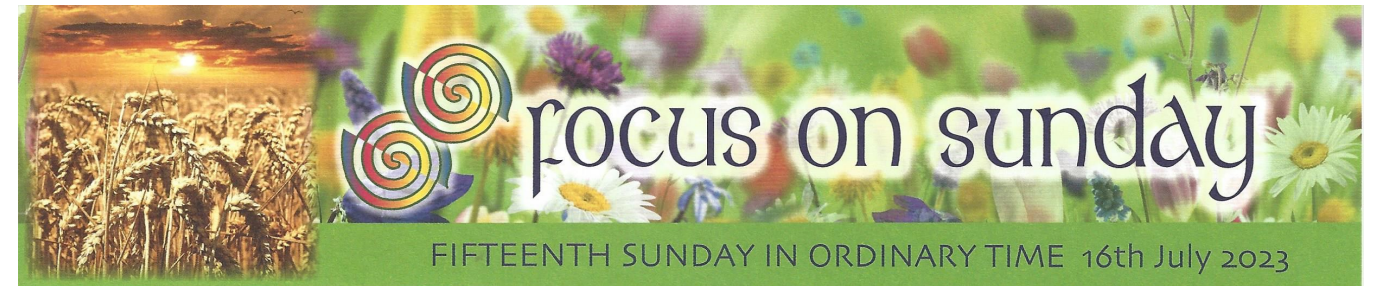
'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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

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 sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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. Amen
Go in peace, Thanks be to God.

Our faith is nourished and grows through the experiences of our lives. It can also weaken and disappear. We need the support of our Church and fellow - christians to strengthen and direct our growth when we lose our way.



Blessed are your ears

Today's Gospel is in three parts: the parable Jesus taught, an explanation on why Jesus teaches in parables and an explanation of the parable of the sower. The parable itself is well known and concerns seeds, where they land and what happens to them. We might take note of the seeds as representing God's Word and the effect it has, or does not have, on us. What makes the difference in the parable is the type of soil the seed lands on and how suitable it is for growth to take place. Let us consider our hearts the soil for a moment: how open are we to receiving seeds that may be planted there? Any decent gardener will know that good soil is key in order to cultivate anything. Soil is basically rock that has been broken down by various forces such as wind, rain, freezing and thawing. It can be too acidic, or it can be too alkaline. Good soil needs lots of air and water, and some manure; it needs to be tended to and prepared. We too are weathered down by various forces in our lives which can either close us down and harden our hearts or can open us up and help us to grow into greater awareness. The disciple is one who hears the word and understands it, and it bears fruit (13:23).

"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all. It is the healer and restorer and resurrector, by which disease passes into health, age into youth, death into life. Without proper care for it we can have no community, because without proper care for it we can have no life." - Wendell Berry

Jane Mellett, Laudato Sí Officer, Trócaire
Co-author of *The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When Jesus saw a farmer sowing seeds in the ground, He was reminded of God Our Father, who gives the seed of life to all the world, and the seed of His Spirit is present in every person's heart. God Our Father can never stop loving us, but sometimes the seed of God's love is forgotten, when we miss giving thanks, and sharing, and when we hurt others. But the seed of God still loves us all the time.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 17th-22nd JULY 2023

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

Carmel, Katie & Thomas Johnston, Knox St.

Betty Regan, Lecarrow

Decd. members of the Hoban, Enright & McCoy families of Derrynacong, Dublin & Dundalk

Michael Waldron, Cave

Carmel & Mary Cahill, Bray; John Hanly, Beech Park & decd. of the Hanly & Cahill families

Josephine & Tony Caulfield, Kilgarraff & decd. of the Caulfield & Kearns families

Seamus Coen, Devlis & decd. of the Moran family, Cong

Patrick Molloy, Gurraune

Kit Mitchell, Knox St. & decd.

Judith Regan, Killinaugher

John Hunt & decd. Killinaugher

Mick & Margaret O'Connell, Upper Main St.

17th- 23rd July	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Mary Freeley
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Marie Brennan
Sat 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Marion Regan, Margaret Byrne, Eavan Caulfield, Helene McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Helen Freeley, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Edith Loftus, Crossmolina—mother of Orla Loftus Moran, Knox St.;
 Chris Catz, Washington DC—son of Merrilyn Finn, Doctor's Road

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm Mondays to Fridays 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.

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.

PRIESTS' SUMMER COLLECTION: We would be grateful if any outstanding envelopes for the Priests' Summer Collection are returned at weekend Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:

Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account, BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

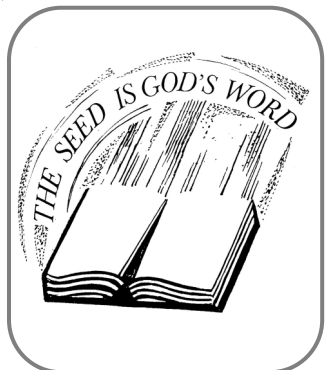
EUCCHARISTIC

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.



PIONEER PILGRIMAGE: The annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Sunday 16th July, with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30, followed by Mass at 3pm. Newsletters and emblems available at PTAA stand in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock or on www.pioneers.ie

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CROAGH PATRICK:

The annual pilgrimage takes place on the last weekend of this month. On Reek Sunday 30th July, there will be hourly Mass on the summit from 8am to 2pm, with confessions on the summit from 7.30am to 2pm. Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh & Primate of All Ireland will join thousands of pilgrims of all ages, and this year's Reek Sunday pilgrimage has been designated as one of the key initiatives to highlight the Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. Further details are available on www.westportparish.ie

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will depart from Ireland West Airport Knock for 5 nights, from Friday 1st to Wed. 6th September 2023. For details & bookings, contact 01 2410800.

Offertory Collection
 9th July 2023
 €1,960

HEALING & ANOINTING SERVICE takes place this Sunday 16th July in the Church of the Holy Rosary, Castlebar from 1.15 to 4pm. Rosary, readings, praise & worship, adoration—led by Eddie Stones. For more details, call Carmel on 086 3836055.

JESUIT WEEK AT KNOCK SHRINE takes place from 23rd to 29th July. The theme this year is "Nourishment for a Hungry Heart". You are invited to participate in all the events throughout the week, or drop in for any session. Each day starts with Morning Prayer at 9.45am followed by talks & workshops, with Mass in the Basilica at 12 noon and Guided Prayer in the afternoon and evenings. Full details are available on www.knockshrine.ie

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE:

Next Sunday 23rd July is the third World Day of Prayer for Grandparents & the Elderly, with the theme "His mercy is from age to age". The annual pilgrimage takes place next Sunday at the Basilica in Knock Shrine, starting with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30, with the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm. The principal celebrant is Bishop Denis Nulty of Kildare & Leighlin, Chair of the Irish Bishops' Council for Marriage & the Family. The music will be provided by the combined choirs of Knock, and Dana will perform her new hymn "Light the Flame". More details are available on www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

"UNDER MARY'S MANTLE"—A conference on faith & culture for young adults takes place in All Hallows College, DCU, Dublin on 19th & 20th August, including talks, prayer, Mass, confession & workshops. Keynote speakers include Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan of Waterford & Lismore, poet and convert Sally Read, Marian theologian Prof. William A. Thomas, & many more. Tickets available on Eventbrite.com. For more details, call 085 1442423 or email deusetpatria@gmail.com

PIONEER REGIONAL COUNCIL: One Day Retreat to Lough Derg takes place on Sat. 2nd September. For information and bookings, call 087 2929372 or 086 3527455

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

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY SCHOOL is seeking applications for the position of Accounts Officer. 20 hours per week, starting on 1st September. More information available on www.ballyhaunises.ie

FORÓIGE BALLYHAUNIS YOUTH SERVICE will run a one day Transition programme / Preparation for Secondary School for young people transitioning from primary to secondary school. It takes place on Wed. 9th August from 12 to 3pm and to book a place or find out more details, contact Sarah at 086 7791881.

NATIONAL NOVENA: The National Novena to Our Lady at Knock Shrine will take place from Monday 14th to Tuesday 22nd August. The National Novena offers 9 days of reflection and prayer and a chance to reconnect with your faith in the unique and sacred space of Knock Shrine. Details of the guest speakers will be published later.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT offers a range of emotional supports to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

SWIMMING POOL: The Ballyhaunis outdoor swimming pool on Clare Street is now open for the Summer. The pool opening hours are 2.30 to 5pm Tuesday-Sunday, closed on Mondays.

SCOUT GROUP: A meeting to restart the Ballyhaunis Scout Group will take place in the Friary House next Tuesday 18th July at 8pm. Any adult interested in finding out more is welcome to attend.

RUNWAY RUN: The Ireland West Airport Knock annual 5K Runway Fun Run takes place this year on Saturday 9th Sept. at 7pm. Funds raised will go towards the airport's 2023 charity partners: Breakthrough Cancer Research, Diabetes Ireland, Childline, Cancer Fund for Children, RNLI Lifeboats and Mayo SPCA. All participants receive a race T-shirt, free parking and refreshments. Register at www.irelandwestairport.com/runwayrun

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place on Wed. 19th July at 8pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

SUMMER CAMPS AT KNOCK SHRINE: "The Ark" Summer Camp for 5-7 year olds will run from 31st July to 4th August from 10am to 2pm daily, while a Summer Camp for 8-11 year olds takes place from 14th to 18th August, with arts & crafts, prayer, sports, dance, music etc. For more details or to book, email youthministry@knockshrine.ie or phone 094 9375321.

BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB wishes to thank all who have supported the 2023 club development draw. This year's draw commences in August with the chance to win one of 222 prizes totalling €97,000. Tickets are available to buy before the end of July from Club Officers Gerry Lyons, Tomás Murphy & Peter Healy, and from club executive members. Funds raised assist with the day to day costs of the local GAA club.

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: A free drop-in bicycle repair clinic will be held on Sunday 23rd July in the Community Hall from 10am to 12 noon. This is an opportunity to learn how to carry out routine repairs and bicycle maintenance. All welcome.