

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55: 6 - 9*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts,

my ways not your ways - it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

R. The Lord is close to all who call him.

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. [R]
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. [R]
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. [R]

SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens! Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 20: 1-16*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them. "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here

idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

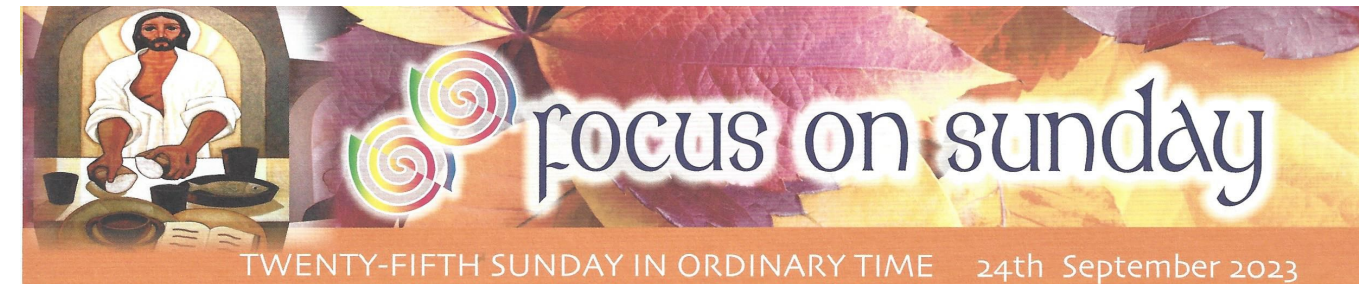
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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.

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

It is not easy to understand the mind of God. He sees goodness where we see none; he showers blessings where none seem to be deserved. Yet even with our limited vision we can be sure he is near us whenever we call him.

"Free to CHOOSE whether to MIGRATE or to STAY"

Pope Francis theme for 2023



Forgiveness Fills the Gap



Maybe at the end – the man didn't deserve a day's wage for the work he did, compared to the other like the fellow getting the All Ireland medal for 5 mins play! Is the gospel telling us that everyone deserves to get enough to live on, and the rest is a bonus? Maybe one or two others saw it that way, and that's the way the kingdom grows. It grows within us in thanks and sharing. That's what we do at every Mass. Is Jesus pointing the way to the first truth of our faith: that God is supergenerous in love to all? From believing that in the heart, we are empowered to love others like him, or try to. God says in the parable not to be envious "because I am generous". It is only human to find this approach difficult. We very often repay love with love and withdraw love when it is not given. A child will sometimes say after being bold, 'Mammy, do you still love me?' Pope Francis writes: "There are two aspects of love. First, love is more about giving than receiving. Second, love is more about deeds than words. Love is always given or transmitted to another, he said, and "love always gives life, fosters growth." Feast of the Sacred Heart 2016).

The first reading proclaims the generosity of God and God's 'richness in forgiving', a message we need often in our lives. This forgiveness is higher than the gap of heaven and earth, and further it fills this gap. The gospel invites us to be grateful for God's forgiveness -for myself and everyone else.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

I met a man in a shop. He said that he had only six weeks to live. He said that he was glad that he got some time to know. His wife went away from home years ago, and his son had a row with him and emigrated. 'Now,' he said, 'they are both coming back to see me, and we will be all re-united.' God waits lovingly for us to see the light.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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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 25th—30th SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Vincent & Kathleen Caulfield, Upper Main St.

Michael & Kathleen Waldron, Johnstown

Malachy, Bridie, Malachy Jnr., Agnes & Frank Broderick, Castlerea

James & Bridget Sloyan, Brackloon

Maureen & Jack Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo

Peter Sloyan & decd. Forthill

25th Sept.-1st Oct.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Kay Curley
Sat 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin, Daniela Balbino Romao

MASS SERVERS FOR OCTOBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Liam & Molly Thompson, Carlos Da Sousa Gomes, Luiz Ricardo Da Souza Gomes
Sunday 10am	Cian & Hazel Murphy, Abigail Dixon, Sonny Kelly, Fionn Finnegan

COLLECTORS FOR OCTOBER

Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Pat Devine, Ann Curley
Sunday 10am	Gerry Lyons, Willie Broderick, Mike Griffin, Richard Waldron

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

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.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 8th Oct. at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers
Ann Caulfield, Hazel Lawns & formerly of Kilgarriiff, Knock

COME CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION!

Please join the people of Ballyhaunis for an event to reflect on our place in creation next Sunday 1st October in the Community Garden at the Friary Grounds at 1pm. This is part of the global movement for the Season of Creation - an annual event when Christian communities pray and act to protect creation. We'll dig deep into our faith and come away feeling refreshed in our unity and our love for each other and the Creator. We look forward to seeing you! Also, the pupils of Scoil Íosa, Ballyhaunis will attend 10am Mass in St. Patrick's Church on Wednesday 4th October (the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) to mark the start of the new academic year and have chosen "The Care of Creation" as the theme of the Mass.

HOLY COMMUNION: An enrolment Mass will take place at 7.30pm next Saturday evening 30th Sept. for children preparing for First Holy Communion. "Grow in Love" is the Religious Education programme that children use in school, and next weekend, we help the children to extend their learning about God into the parish community, by welcoming them & their families to our Mass. All candidates are expected to attend.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Adrian Koralewski & Alicja
Koralewska, Manor Brook

Offertory Collection

17th Sept. 2023
€1,300

PRIESTS' AUTUMN COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned envelopes for the Priests' Autumn Collection. Your ongoing support & 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**. BIC: AIBKIE 2D

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETINGS: Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine at 11am every Wednesday There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday each month. No appointment needed. Further information from Monica Morley at 094-9375320.

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

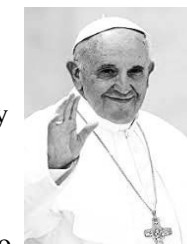
"What do we know about Jesus?" Adult Faith Formation Course with Fr. Eugene Duffy in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock. Starting on 3rd October, running for 8 Tuesdays at 8pm. This short series will explore some fundamental aspects of our knowledge about Jesus of Nazareth and will provide a basic foundation for those who want to deepen their own faith and share it with others. It would be an ideal foundation course for those engaged in parish ministries, diocesan or parish pastoral councils. Booking required online on Eventbrite. See knockshrine.ie for direct link to book.

MAYO SAMARITANS are currently recruiting new volunteers. Training and support will be provided. If you can spare a few hours per week, please come along to our Open Meeting next Thursday 28th Sept. at Castlebar Samaritans, 21 Upper Thomas St, Castlebar or email recruitment@galwaysamaritans.ie

THANK YOU: Joe & Marcella Keane and family would like to thank friends, neighbours & everyone who attended the Mass and the Community Hall last Saturday to celebrate Joe's 100th birthday. Many thanks for the cards, gifts & good wishes.

WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES:

This Sunday 24th September is World Day of Migrants and Refugees and is an occasion to express concern for different vulnerable people on the move, to pray for them as they face many challenges, and to increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers. As the title for his annual message, Pope Francis has chosen: "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay". The Holy Father says "the decision to migrate should always be free, yet in many cases it is not. Conflicts, natural disasters, or simply the impossibility of living a dignified & prosperous life in one's native land is forcing people to leave. Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation. Eliminating these causes and putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of all. We need to make every effort to halt the arms race, economic colonialism, the plundering of other people's resources and the devastation of our common home. As we work to ensure that migration is the fruit of a free decision, we are also called to show maximum respect for the dignity of each migrant. In whatever place we decide to build our future, the important thing is that there always be a community ready to welcome, protect, promote and integrate everyone, without distinction".



FILM SCREENING: A short film called "The Visit Home: Mayo Boy/ Vietnam Hero" will be shown in the Community Hall on Sunday 1st October at 3pm. This is the story of Ballyhaunis native Patrick "Bob" Gallagher who fought and died in the Vietnam War and was awarded the prestigious Navy Cross medal. The film was made in association with St. Patrick's Dramatic Society, Ballyhaunis and was kindly supported by Creative Ireland and Mayo County Council.

PTAA MINI-VIGIL: The Connacht Pioneer Total Abstinence Association invites you to a Mini-Vigil in the Parish Church, Knock on Friday 29th Sept from 8.30pm to 12 midnight. Introductory talk by Canon Joseph Delaney at 8.30 followed by Stations of the Cross, prayers, reflection, Rosary, and Mass will be celebrated at 11pm.

COFFEE DAY FOR HOSPICE: Cill Tullach ICA will host a Coffee/Tea day in Granlahan Community Centre this Sunday 24th September from 1pm for Mayo/ Roscommon Hospice.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2023: Work continues on preparing Annagh 2023 and the committee would like to thank those who have already submitted articles & photos. There's still time to send in a written or pictorial contribution as the deadline is Friday 13th October. A reminder that reports from the PROs or secretaries of the many clubs & organisations in the parish would be gratefully accepted as soon as possible. An invitation is also extended to newly-married couples to submit their pictures for our ever-popular gallery of wedding photographs. All items can be emailed to info@annaghmag.ie or submitted to committee members: Seamus Mulrennan, Edward Mulhern, Nell Rochford, Tommy Caulfield, Noreen Ruane Dalton, Paul Waldron, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith or John Kilduff.

MARKET @ THE PLAZA: Knock Market will return this Sunday 24th Sept at the Pope Francis Plaza in Knock. Browse the colourful stalls which offer handmade crafts from local crafters and artists. Free admission to the market, which also offers free carparking (disabled-friendly).