

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, **Amen.**
The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

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

Almighty ever-living God,
who in the abundance of your kindness
surpass the merits and the desires of
those who entreat you, pour out your
mercy upon us to pardon what conscience
dreads and to give what prayer does not
dare to ask.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 5: 1 - 7*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour
grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah, I ask you to judge

between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel, and the men on
Judah that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its
shoots. **[R]**
2. Then why have you broken down its
walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **[R]**
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **[R]**
4. And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall
be saved. **[R]**

SECOND READING *Philippians 4: 6-9*
**A reading from the letter of St Paul to
the Philippians**

There is no need to worry; but if there
is anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts,
in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill
your minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that
is good and pure, everything that we
love and honour, and everything that can
be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.
Keep doing all the things that you learnt
from me and have been taught by me
and have heard or seen that I do. Then
the God of peace will be with you.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

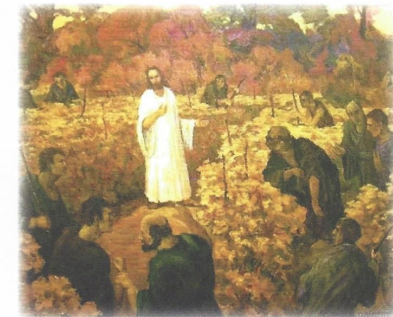
Alleluia, alleluia!
**I chose you from the world to go out
and bear fruit,
fruit that will last, says the Lord.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 21: 33 - 43*

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to Matthew**

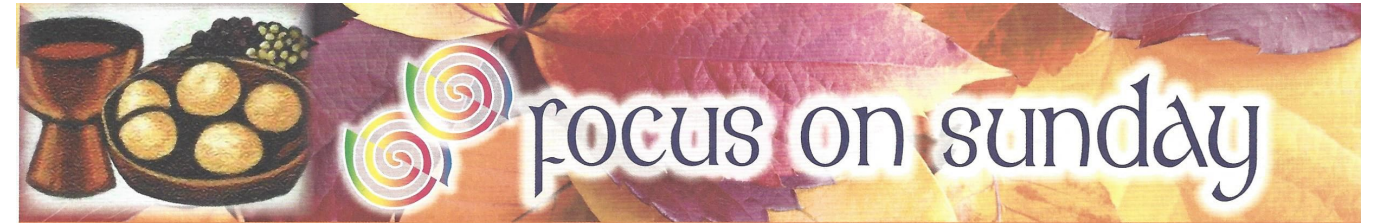
Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'Listen to another
parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it
round, dug a winepress in it and built a
tower; then he leased it to tenants and
went abroad. When vintage time drew
near he sent his servants to the tenants
to collect his produce. But the tenants
seized his servants, thrashed one,
killed another and stoned a third. Next
he sent some more servants, this time
a larger number, and they dealt with
them in the same way. Finally he sent
his son to them. "They will respect my
son" he said. But when the tenants saw
the son, they said to each other, "This
is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and
take over his inheritance." So they seized
him and threw him out of the vineyard
and killed him. Now when the owner of
the vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will
bring those wretches to a wretched end
and lease the vineyard to other tenants
who will deliver the produce to him when
the season arrives.' Jesus said to them,
'Have you never read in the scriptures:
It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?
'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God
will be taken from you and given to a
people that will produce its fruit.'

**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,



The graces and gifts which God gives to us are both signs to us
of his love and his care, and also his expectation that they will
bear fruit in our lives.



Be a
courageous tenant
in the vineyard of God

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices
instituted by your commands and, through
the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate
with dutiful service, graciously complete the
sanctifying work by which you are pleased to
redeem us. 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.

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

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

**Though many, we are one bread, one
body, for we all partake of the one Bread
and one Chalice.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant us, almighty God,
that we may be refreshed and nourished
by the Sacrament which we have received,
so as to be transformed into what we
consume.
Through Christ our Lord.



The fruits of the kingdom

The tenants in the parable today are not fulfilling their
responsibilities: instead of tending the vineyard entrusted to
them, they are only looking after themselves. If we think of the
vineyard as our world, this parable jumps into the modern age. Humanity has
been entrusted with this beautiful and bountiful planet. But instead of caring for it
and sharing its fruits, our common home has been exploited for profit. The parable
is critical of the entitled attitude of those who take but refuse to offer anything in
return. Jesus ends with a warning that the precious vineyard will be leased to
better tenants - "a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom". We've heard
this language before in the Beatitudes, when Jesus says the kingdom belongs to
the meek, pure in heart, just, merciful. These are the carers our earth needs.

As we continue to celebrate the Season of Creation, may we discern on how
we are each being called to care more deeply for this precious vineyard. We are
invited to prayer and to action for this sacred earth. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis
pleads with us to embrace an "ecological conversion," whereby the effects of our
encounter with Jesus Christ becomes evident in our relationship with the world
around us. He says, "Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork
is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our
Christian experience." (LS, 217).

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty are the authors of
The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels
in the Year of Matthew, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus liked vine trees. He drank wine at parties, and told us that God Our Father
gave the whole world to us to be shared, and on loan, not to be owned. A little boy
sat begging on the street. He asked "Give me some help and God bless you." A man
said to him "God didn't bless you much." The boy said "God did bless me Sir. God
gave money to others for me, but they forgot to share." We share the world too in the
way we care for Nature, the green grass, the trees, the flowers, our pets, and we try
not to litter God's gifts.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th OCTOBER 2023

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 8th-14th OCTOBER 2023

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

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong

Una & Paddy Phillips, Main St.

Michael, Mary & John Grady, Tooreen

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree

Patrick, Jarlath & Bernie Moran, Tooraree

Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Gerry Cribben & decd. Tooraree

Fr. Des Fahey, Lavallyroe

Thomas & Margaret Lyons & decd. Main St.

Frances O'Toole, Doocastle

John Fitzmaurice & decd. Spaddagh

John Cregg & Aisling Duggan, Ballinlough

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER—MONTH'S MIND

Ann Caulfield, Hazel Lawns & Kilgarraff, Knock

9th-15th Oct.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Frances Mulhern, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne
Sunday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Miriam Judge, Aileen Burke, Cáit Webb

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers

John Broderick, Luton, UK & Castlereagh—brother of Willie Broderick, Brackloon North;

John (Sonny) Barrett, Threemilehouse, Co. Monaghan & formerly of Upper Main St.

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 10am Mass will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on Sundays 8th, 15th & 29th October on 96.1 FM.

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.



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.



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. BIC: AIBKIE 2D

CELEBRATIONS OF MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES:

Archbishop Francis Duffy will celebrate Mass at Tuam Cathedral on Sunday 29th October at 3pm for couples marking significant wedding anniversaries. Refreshments afterwards in St. Jarlath's College. If you're celebrating a special anniversary and wish to attend, contact the parish office at 094 9630006.

"JOINING IN THE SYNOD: A weekly update on the proceedings in Rome". This series takes place online and will culminate in one in-person gathering at Knock Shrine. Continues on Mondays evenings at 8.30pm for the next 4 weeks. No booking necessary. Join online at www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live

JOB VACANCIES:

- The Diocese of Elphin wishes to recruit a Coordinator of Youth & Young Adult Ministry. Closing date is Monday 16th October. For job description and application form, visit www.elphindiocese.ie
- The National Board for Safeguarding Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland wishes to appoint a new Chief Executive Officer. The successful candidate will be based in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Applications should be in by 31st October, and for a full job description and further information, email admin@safeguarding.ie

ENABLE IRELAND MAYO SERVICES require volunteers to work with children with a disability, if you have some free time and might like to assist. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home, but also within their community or at the centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are required per week, and training is provided. For more details, contact Fiona at 087 6808350 or email fscully@enableireland.ie

SILENT RETREAT: The Foyer of Charity will hold a Silent Retreat in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 16th to 22nd October. Theme: "If you but knew the gift of God...". Preacher: Fr. Kilian Byrne (Foyer of Charity) with daily Mass, Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, prayer and teachings. For details, contact Helen at 086 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com

CARDIAC REHAB: Have you or someone in your family experienced a cardiac event? "It's Cardiac Rehab!" is a podcast series developed by the Irish Association of Cardiac Rehabilitation & the Irish Heart Foundation to support your recovery. It's available on <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2023: The Annagh Magazine Society would like to thank all who have made submissions for this year's edition. There's still time to send in articles or photos, as the deadline is next Friday 13th October. A reminder that reports from the many organisations & clubs in the parish would be gratefully accepted as soon as possible. The gallery of wedding photos is building up, but there's still room for newly-married couples to have their picture included. 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.

LAUDETE DEUM: This week, Pope Francis published his new Apostolic Exhortation, *Laudete Deum* (Praise God), and calls on us to urgently attend to the climate crisis. *Laudete Deum* follows on from the Pope's groundbreaking 2015 encyclical letter *Laudato Si*, as he says "our responses to climate change have not been adequate, while the world we live in is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point". Noting recent extreme weather patterns, the Holy Father warns of reaching a critical point, due to this global reality of irreversible climate change. Pope Francis also outlines the "weakness of international politics, and says "the emergence of this new global reality of climate change requires a different framework for effective international cooperation. We must allow the activism of alternative solutions to emerge and be heard". In light of our faith, we are called by Pope Francis to an awareness of the "inexhaustible richness" of God's creation and to an appreciation of biodiversity so as to take up our responsibility for our Common Home.



Read the full Apostolic Exhortation on www.vatican.va Also, a film called "The Letter: A Message for our Earth" tells the story of the Pope's call to care for our planet. You can watch it on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

BALLYHAUNIS DEFIBRILLATOR GROUP: Three local ladies, Siobhán Conlon, Alma Gallagher & Lisa McConn, are preparing to run the Dublin City Marathon on Oct. 29th in aid of Ballyhaunis Defibrillator Group. The 12 defibrillators located in the town & surrounding areas are in need of upgrade and your support would be appreciated to ensure that this life-saving equipment will be enhanced with the latest technology. Donations to the group can be made at www.idonate.ie/crowdfunder/BallyhaunisDefibGroup

Offertory Collection
1st Oct. 2023
€1,050

Education of Students for Priesthood
€1,075

CILL TULLACH ICA wish to thank all who supported their recent Coffee Morning in Granlahan Community Centre, which raised €830 for Mayo / Roscommon Hospice.

INFORMATION EVENING in AIB Bank, Claremorris next Tuesday 10th October at 6pm with a presentation on the services available to customers on phone & internet banking, and the AIB services available through An Post offices. The local Garda fraud prevention officer will also give an update on current scams and how to protect yourself from scammers. All welcome.

IRISH NIGHT: Join us for the next Irish Night on Saturday 14th October from 8 to 10 pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall. A great evening of music, song, dance, "ceol agus craic". Refreshments served and all welcome.

FREE WEBSITE: Would your charity/ group like a free website? LaunchWish is giving away 60 free websites to deserving Irish charitable / non-profit groups. Apply at www.launchwish.com/freewebsite

CLAREMORRIS & DISTRICT LIONS CLUB will hold a Table Quiz in the Dalton Inn Hotel on Friday 13th Oct. at 8pm to raise funds for Claremorris Dance Memory Club, which supports people with dementia. All welcome.

PARISH NEWSLETTER: Items for the newsletter can be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com by Thursday, for inclusion that weekend.