

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father ..... Amen.  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

*(The Gloria is omitted awaiting its Christmas Proclamation.)*

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Jeremiah 33:14-16**

**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**  
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:  
'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.  
In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 24:4-5. 8-9,10,14**

**R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

- Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. [R]
- The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. [R]

- His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will.  
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. [R]

**SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.**

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm our hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.  
Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.**  
**Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL Luke 21:25-28.34-36**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'  
'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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

**NICENE CREED**

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**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
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.



focus on sunday



Advent calls on us, as we await the birth of Jesus to be a light for all who hunger for justice, peace and truth.



Trócaire

Abdul, 8 from Afar drinking water that his brother Mohammed has collected on a 5 hour round trip to the nearest river. Photo: Louise Norton/Trócaire.

**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, .....  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**THE ADVENT WREATH**

The circle of evergreen leaves stands for God who is without beginning and without end.  
The purple ribbon and three purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin.  
The red candle stands for joy of living in God's way of love.  
Today the first purple candle is lit as we begin our preparations for the coming of our Saviour Jesus Christ.



**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.



As we begin the season of Advent our thoughts turn towards the wonderful mystery of God entering our world in the person of a helpless child. It is the mystery of God's love for each one of us. And St Paul prays in the second reading in today's Mass "May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".

The Christian invitation and challenge is not just to love those who love me but to love all people. In this regard Christ has shown us the way in his special love for the poor and the broken. We live in a world where most of us have more than we need. Sadly in so many other parts of our world millions of people are poor and broken, living permanently in dire poverty. What better way to prepare for this Christmas than to make a serious contribution to Trócaire or other such charities which works for the relief of poverty and to promote human development helping people to live lives of dignity. The work of Trócaire depends to a great extent on our contributions and it has suffered a significant fall in these contributions this past year because of the Covid pandemic.

In recent times we have become aware of the urgency of the threat of climate change. We have also learned that it is these poorer countries who are suffering most from the fallout of climate change. We are called to listen to the voice of the poor.

*"May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race".*

Willie Walsh  
Bishop Emeritus Killaloe

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey

A shop owner dreamt that Jesus was coming to his shop next day. The man got up very early to get everything ready. The first customer was a travelling woman looking for help for her children; next a man in bad humour complaining about everything; last, teenagers who came to look at things. The shopkeeper was disappointed. That night in a dream Jesus came back and said 'I came to your shop three times today. I was hidden in the travelling woman, the cranky man and teenagers'.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th NOVEMBER 2021

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Web-cam: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie> or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

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### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

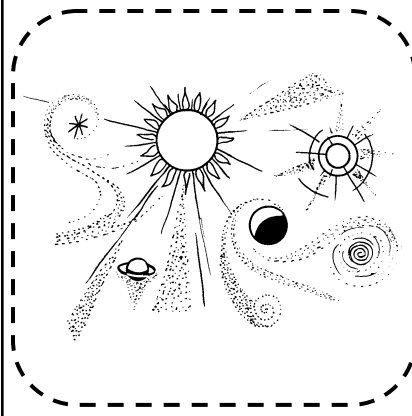
### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

### BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



## ANNIVERSARY MASSES 29th NOVEMBER - 5th DECEMBER 2021

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

Denise & Michael Nolan, Togher

Mike Hopkins, Island

William & Bridget Curran, Doctor's Road

Vera & John Waldron, Scrigg

Decd. of the Judge family, Ballinphuill

Mary Connolly, Lecarrow

Geraldine Hunt, Joe Fahey & decd. of the Hunt family, Lecarrow

Decd. of the Lyons family, Classaroe

Margaret Donnellan & decd. Clare St.

Pat & Margaret Byrne, Knox St.

David & Ann Fitzmaurice & decd. of the Fitzmaurice family, Forthill & Mountain

Anne Joyce, Birmingham & Ballyhaunis

Michael A. & Nora Keane, Annagh, & Margaret Keane, Coventry

John, Anne, Sean & Andy Glynn, Carrownedan

Kevin Jordan & decd. Annagh

Seamus Clarke, Devlis, & decd. of the Clarke & Doherty families & Mark Lavin

Delia & John Regan & decd. Carrowkeel

Decd. of the Caulfield, Halpin & Infant families, Main St. & Abbey St.

Des & Maura McAuliffe, Cork

29 Nov. - 5 Dec.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm.	Aoife Doherty	Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons
Sunday 10.00am.	Mary Finan	Helen Freeley, Mary Sykes, Mary Murphy
Sunday 12.00	Michael Byrne	Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Bernie Quinn

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers  
Fr. Pat O'Brien, P.P. Caherlistrane  
Anne Joyce, (née Goulding), Birmingham,  
niece of Jimmy Goulding, Doctor's Road

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community  
Eli Liam McConn, 7 Bracklaghboy Village

### Offertory Collection

21st November 2021  
€1,545

parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis>

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or otherwise can be dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

### PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING

**MASS:** With the easing of restrictions we are continuing with the present arrangements where every second pew can be occupied. However, we are still obliged to wear some form of face covering while in church and sanitise our hands- even if we have received the vaccine.

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam)

### CHRISTMAS 2021 AT BALLYHAUNIS ST. VINCENT DE-

**PAUL:** Our usual methods of fundraising are not available to us due to Covid-19 restrictions, while needs are in fact greater than ever, so donations will be very welcome.

If you are in a position to donate, please find donation envelopes at the porch of the Parish Church and in various shops in town during the coming week.

Donation envelopes may be placed in the church collection box at Masses during the coming weeks or dropped in at the Parish Office / Parish House. SVP Volunteers will also gratefully accept donations or you may donate on-line to:

Account No: 55 855348 BIC: BOFIE20

IBAN: IE96 BOFI 9037 2855 8553 48

If you are in need of our help please write to us outlining your specific needs at this time. While funds are limited we do have a plentiful supply of food, which can be collected by appointment. Your correspondence should be addressed (*before December 3rd*) to **Ballyhaunis SVP, The Friary House, Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo F35 PF66**

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place the money in the coinbox of the nearby candelabra.

PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS are available in the sacristy this weekend, €6 for a pack of 10.

'WALK WITH ME' Advent booklets containing daily prayers and reflections for Advent are available in the church porch. Cost €2 - can be placed in the coinbox of the candelabra.

**ANNAGH MAGAZINE 2021:** It is expected that the 2021 edition will be available in the usual outlets next weekend.

### ADVENT TALKS AT KNOCK SHRINE

Thursday Evenings: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8.15pm.

Location: St John's Rest & Care Centre and live on

[www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live)

With Fr Eamonn Conway, Head of Theology & Religious Studies, MIC, University of Limerick and Julie Kavanagh, member of the National Synodal Steering Committee, Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin.

An opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland.

Thurs. 2nd: Fr Eamonn Conway - Synodality: What does it mean?

Thursday 9th: Julie Kavanagh - Synodality: How does it work?

Thursday 16th: Fr Eamonn Conway - Synodality: Why does it matter?

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EMIGRANTS:** As in previous years we will be sending Christmas cards to our emigrants overseas. If you have family members overseas who you feel would appreciate a Christmas card from the parish, please email or hand in the names and addresses to the parish office as soon as possible. Email: [ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com) Also please let us know of any change of address from those to whom we sent cards last year.

**ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT - Lectio Divina reflections on the Advent and Christmas Gospels** with The Priory Institute. Visit [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com) to register/find out more.

**LOUGH DERG online shop** offers unique Christmas Cards, featuring scenes of the Island from across the centuries and bespoke gifts including a limited edition Lough Derg Christmas Candle. Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available - Fr La, Prior, will offer a triduum of Masses beginning on Christmas Eve for all those who are enrolled. Visit [www.loughderg.live/shop](http://www.loughderg.live/shop) Telephone 071 9861518. Delivery nationwide and Click & Collect Service available.

**KNOCK MARKET @ THE PLAZA** takes place this Sunday 28th November, 10.00am. - 3.00pm. (weather permitting, otherwise it will be held at the Community Centre). For bookings etc. contact Leonie at 086-8486924, email: [leoniekilroy@gmail.com](mailto:leoniekilroy@gmail.com)

**WINTER MARKET** in Claremorris Town Hall Theatre on Sunday, November 28th, 11.00am. - 5.00pm. Over 50 stalls and exhibitors from all over Ireland with something for everyone.

**MAYO PPN (Public Participation Network) - Virtual Community Information Evening - Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 7.00pm.**

Funding Opportunities available to Community Groups

PPN FREE Training & Events

Talk on Staying Safe in our Communities by Community Garda

Mayo PPN 2022 Budget and Workplan

A presentation on your Mental Health and Wellness

Booking essential - to register visit: [www.mayoppn.ie](http://www.mayoppn.ie)

**WATER QUALITY IN MAYO RIVERS:** Water quality in our rivers, lakes and coastal waters has declined in recent years, and urgent action is needed to halt the decline and reverse the damage.

Your views and comments on water quality in your local area are invited to help shape the plan for action for the next six years, and how benefits for water, biodiversity, climate and communities can be achieved.

A public online meeting will be held on Wednesday 1st December at 7.30pm. For further information contact Tom Carolan, Community Water Officer, on 085-8709612 or email: [tomcarolan@lawaters.ie](mailto:tomcarolan@lawaters.ie)

**CONNECTING IRELAND - enhanced rural travel plan:** You are invited to have your say on the development of Ireland's rural mobility plan and the enhancement of public transport. The plan includes a proposal to extend to an hourly basis a bus service connecting Ballyhaunis to Galway and Sligo.

Further information on Connecting Ireland can be accessed via <https://www.nationaltransport.ie/connecting-ireland/>

Submissions are invited by **Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 2021.**

**Submissions options are as follows:-**

By completing the survey on the above website

By email to: [connectingireland@nationaltransport.ie](mailto:connectingireland@nationaltransport.ie)

By post to: Connecting Ireland, P.O. Box 436, City North Business

Park, Tuam Road, Co Galway. Dedicated phone no. 0818 300121.