ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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

Almighty and merciful God,
graciously keep from us all adversity,
so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ…..

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Wisdom 6: 12 -16*

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her,
she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps. 62:2-8*

R. For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

1. O God, you are my God,
for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. ***(R)***

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. ***(R)***

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. ***(R)***

4. On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. ***(R)***

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (*shorter form 4:13-14)

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

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 25: 1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this:
Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

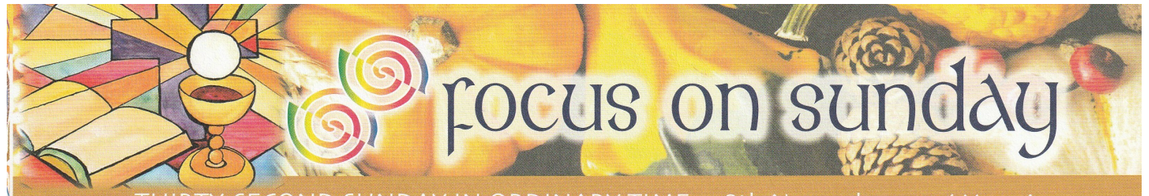
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Look with favour, we pray, O Lord,
upon the sacrificial gifts offered here,
that, celebrating in mystery the Passion of your Son, we may honour it with loving devotion. 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.
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 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.

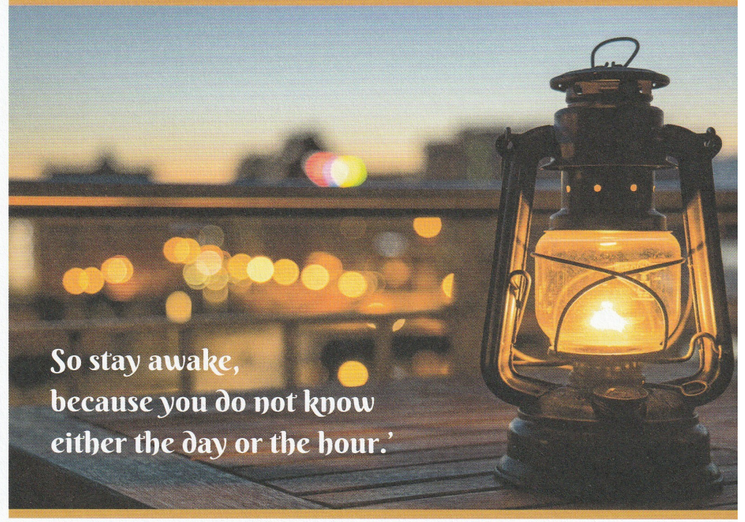
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by this sacred gift, O Lord,
we give you thanks and beseech your mercy, that, by the pouring forth of your Spirit, the grace of integrity may endure in those your heavenly power has entered.
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.

We are called to follow Jesus.
We are called in a way that will prepare us for heaven and our eternal life of friendship with God.



Focus

We prepare in advance for things that are important to us in our lives. Whether these are holidays, exams, interviews, or meeting loved ones, our preparation indicates the value we place on what we are preparing for.

Today's Gospel paints five bridesmaids in a rather unfortunate light. In first-century Israel, wedding feasts were strictly guarded to prevent intruders and, once the wedding party entered, the door was locked. The wedding party were identified by their roles as light-bearing ushers, and the word lampas used in the Gospel referred to outdoor torches, which were long sticks with oil-soaked rags wrapped tightly around the top. They burned extremely quickly, needing large amounts of oil. Therefore, it would have been culturally inexplicable to come to the wedding without extra oil. The wise bridesmaids simply could not share their oil, as this risked all torches burning out, leaving the bridal walk to the groom's house in pitch darkness and disarray. Plus, without a lit lamp, one could not be identified as a member of the wedding party, resulting in the ultimate rebuttal in the words " I do not know you".

These words echo Peter's betrayal of Jesus. Betrayal is based on lack of trust and a loss of confidence. The five foolish bridesmaids were not prepared for the coming of the bridal party. What does this tell us about their values? What can it tell us about where we put our time and energy in our lives, and what we value?

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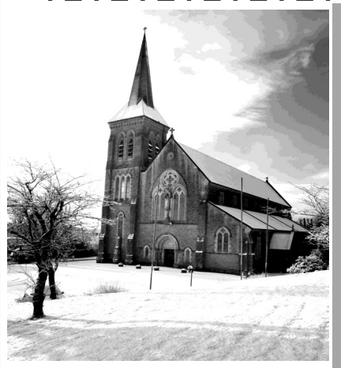
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MASSES:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.
Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm
Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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 10th-14th NOVEMBER 2026

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am; Saturday 7.30pm.
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Maureen & Bill Comer & decd. Killinaugher
Rita Hopkins, Upper Main St.
John & Nora Flanagan, Mount Delvin, Cloonfad
Owen, Mary & Teresa Kilduff & decd.; Barrack St.
Michael & Una Comer, Sr. Mary Thomas & decd. of the Comer & Hurley families, Glenamaddy
Michael Doherty, Devlis
Tom Murphy, Knockbrack
Muriel, Delia & Patrick Murphy, Cooloughra
Ciss & William Kelly& Eamon Finnegan, Ballymoe & Martin Flaherty, Dunmore
Kathleen, John & Miko Morley, Arderry & decd. of the Morley family
Charlie & Agnes O'Reilly, Holywell & decd. of the O'Reilly & Glynn families
Tom, Delia & Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.
John Kirrane, Knockbrack
Tom Waldron, Crossard
Tom & Winifred Egan, Aghamore & their daughters Anna (Upper Main St.) & Marian (Ballina)
Mary & Peter Gallagher, Derrintogher
Mary & Martin McHale, Scrigg
Margaret & Bill Kirrane, Bekan
Patricia & Gus Dolan, Grange
Nora & Michael Regan & decd. Killinaugher
Patrick Biesty & decd. of the Biesty & Muldoon families

9th-15th NOV.	READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wed. 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	"Grow In Love" parent	Laura Brogan, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin, Mary Murphy

All weekday and weekend Masses continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM and streamed on the parish webcam: https://www.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis or on our website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Gerard Sweeney, Luton, England-brother of Imelda Devaney, Coolnaha

GROW IN LOVE: Our preparation for the Sacraments of Holy Communion & Reconciliation continues at the 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening 14th November. The theme this month is: In November, We Remember, and this means introducing the children to the different ways in which, during this month, our parish family remembers and prays for those who have died.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY continues next Sunday 15th Nov. at the 10am Mass. All children aged between 4 and 8 are invited into the Sacristy for prayer, crafts and a child-centred approach to the liturgy. Our focus next Sunday is on the Gospel story of Matthew, and we will talk about our talents and how we can share them with others.

FUNERAL MINISTRY: The Funeral Ministry teams in the Claremorris & Dunmore Deaneries will now move into their next phase of training. Meetings will take place in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Mondays 9th, 16th & 23rd November from 7.30pm to 9.30pm, with tea/ coffee available from 7pm.

ALTAR LIST OF THE DECEASED: Envelopes are available in the church porch, where you can include the names of your deceased family members and friends for the November altar list. All included will be prayed for during our daily Masses throughout the month. The envelopes and enclosed lists can be returned to the box near the Sacristy.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE MASS: The annual Remembrance Mass will take place on Saturday 21st November at 7.30pm. We will remember in a special way parishioners who have died during the past year, as well as praying for all whose names are included in the November altar lists.

MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS & their families takes place in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock this Sunday 8th November at 3pm. Chief celebrant is Fr. Vincent Sherlock. A candle will be lit in memory of each person as their name is called aloud. All welcome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine every Wednesday morning at 11am. No booking required, all welcome. For further information, contact 094 9375320

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT: Annual Mass of Remembrance in Rock Rose House, Castlebar (P23 P659) next Thursday 12th November at 7pm. Refreshments afterwards, all welcome.

HEALING MASS in honour of Our Lady of Medjugorje will be held in Ballintubber Abbey next Sunday 15th November at 2pm. Main celebrant is Fr. Brendan Kilcoyne. Relics of St. Carlo Acutis & St. Charbel will be there. All welcome.

WORKSHOP FOR CHOIRS with Ephrem Feeley & Knock Shrine Music Department takes place next Saturday 14th Nov. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock from 10am to 4pm. Cost €20 per person includes resource pack.

YOUNG MEN OF ST. JOSEPH is a new monthly youth group for secondary level students (13 to 17 years) who want to build friendships and find the courage to stand up for what matters. Next meeting is on Friday 13th Nov. from 8pm to 9pm in the Tuam Parish Centre. Come along & bring a friend. To register & get parental consent forms, email frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS meeting takes place on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. The National Tidy Towns Competition report will be reviewed, and ideas discussed for future improvements.

WORLD DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ROAD TRAFFIC VICTIMS takes place next Sunday 15th November. A candle will be lit before Mass in parishes across Co. Mayo as we pause to remember all who have tragically lost their lives or been seriously injured on our roads, and to pray for the bereaved, the survivors and the emergency service personnel who respond to these tragedies.

CALLED TO SERVE: Parish Ministry Day takes place on Saturday 21st November from 10am to 3pm at St. John's Centre, Knock Shrine. A day of encouragement, practical ideas and inspiration for anyone involved in parish ministry, including Ministers of the Eucharist & Word, sacristans, choir members, those involved in youth ministry and sensory Mass. All welcome. For more information, email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie or call 094 9388100 Ext. 408

ARE YOU RECOVERING FROM A CARDIAC EVENT?
Join the Croí Heart & Stroke charity's Mayo Cardiac Peer Support Group for heart recovery and support. Meeting in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Wednesday 18th Nov. from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Topic: Well-being and Stress Management. Connect with others who understand, share experiences & learn together.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 1st Nov. 2026
€2,130

LATIN MASS this Sunday 8th November at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

CONNAUGHT YOUTH 2000 DAY RETREAT takes place on Saturday 14th November in Áras Naofa, Renmore, Galway. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16 to 35) to deepen their relationship with God, explore the Catholic faith and meet other young people through a structured retreat programme, including talks, testimonies & workshops. Visit Youth2000.ie for more details.

FABRIC UPCYCLING WORKSHOP hosted by Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns takes place in the Community Hall next Sunday 15th Nov. from 11am to 5pm. Learn how to turn unwanted fabric into useful bags. Some fabric & sewing implements supplied but feel free to bring along your own. Admission free but pre-booking is preferred by emailing ballyhaunistidytowns@gmail.com or contact us on Facebook or Instagram.

AUTISM PARENT SUPPORT GROUP meets in Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre, F35 PF60, on the second Wednesday of each month. Parents, carers, grandparents-all welcome. Non-judgemental support & advice.

ALL-IRELAND LUNG CANCER PATIENT SYMPOSIUM entitled "Lung Cancer: Care, Research & Progress" takes place next Saturday 14th November in the Midlands Park Hotel, Portlaoise from 11am to 5pm. This is a free event for lung cancer patients & their families, organised by the Irish Lung Cancer Community. Join us for a day of learning, support & connection. For more details, email info@ilcc.ie

GENEALOGY & HERITAGE GROUP: Next meeting takes place on Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. This week's meeting will hear from a couple who are restoring a 200-year old vernacular cottage in Logboy. There will also be discussion & research on the 1926 Census. All welcome. Tea & coffee served.

GAMES EVENING: All welcome to our next Games Evening this Sunday 8th November in the Community Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Board games, including chess, backgammon, draughts, ludo and cards at all levels. Free admission. Tea & coffee served.