FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th February 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.... 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, vou alone are the Most High. Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

TURGY OF THE WO

FIRST READING Job 7:1-4.6-7

A reading from the book of Job Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'

Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 146:1-6 R. Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

- 1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due.
- 2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken - hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name.
- 3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-19.22-23. A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

He took our sicknesses away, and carried our diseases for us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's motherin-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

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 Eather 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

O Lord, our God. who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up vour 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. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. for they shall have their fill.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God. who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice. grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May the blessing of almighty God, the come down on you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

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Jesus is the healer who gives hope to his people.

The Word of God



Prayer and Care.

Today's gospel captures two important facets of Jesus - as Son of God and, as a man living in the world. As son of God, he continues his mission: preaching, healing, casting out demons

a way of being which we cannot hope to comprehend. In other ways this day in his life is very relatable. He is busy, the day is hectic with constant demands upon his time. We can all relate to that. Even in the cool of the evening after his supper he is still preaching and healing and then to bed. A day lived in the service of others. A day that might feel familiar to any parent of young children or anyone caring for a relative or simply busy at work. An early start the next morning for prayer and even his prayer was interrupted as they were all looking for him.

Two big parts of Jesus' life --- care for those in need, and prayer. We find him at prayer at all the important events of his life - before choosing his apostles, his agony in the garden, his teachings on prayer. It was the centre and motivation of his life, keeping him in daily love with God his Father.

This motivation extended into his care for the sick, a constant in the gospels.

These are two constants in the community of the Church – a community who pray both personally and together; and who care in family, parish, and the world for all who are sick and in need.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

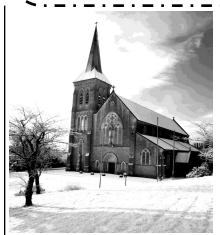
Jesus was always helping people with His Hands. Peter's mother in law was sick in bed. Jesus takes her by the hand and makes her well. Then, with her hands she makes a nice meal. Our mother and father, used their hands to hold us when we were small, to hug us, and care for us with food and clothes. Jesus tells us that when we help people with our hands, we praise God Our Father, who blesses the world through our hands.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th FEBRUARY 2024

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I PARISH RADIO: 105.2FM Newsletter on line: Parish website & www.mcnmedia.tv Web-cam: http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie or www.mcnmedia.tv Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)



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 5th-10th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Katie, Thomas & Carmel Johnston, Knox St. George & Lilian Delaney, Abbey St. John Austin Murphy & decd. Lecarrow Jack & Kitty Greally & decd. Drimbane Paddy & Mary Carney, Island Paddy & Vera O'Connell, Drimbane Paddy & Eileen Kelly, Drimbane Tom & Margaret Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna Jack & Maureen Ruane, Ballincar, Co. Sligo Kathleen & John Fleming & their granddaughter Brídann

5th-11th Feb.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIS
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Willie Broderick
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Marie Brennan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Eileen Jordan, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Cáit Webb, Eileen Lynch, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne
COLLECTORS F	OR FEBRUARY	
Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Pat Devine, John Jordan	
Sunday 10am	Kieran Fitzmaurice, Richard Waldron, Mike Griffin, Jaroslav Drunnik	
MASS SERVERS	FOR FEBRUARY	
Sat. 7.30pm	Team E– Aibhe Donnellan, Zara Waldron, Kate & Séan Monaghan	
Sunday 10am	Team F– Henzio Neves, Estela Balbino, Kleber Lucas, Silmara Da Silva Nunes, Joao Migeul De Oliveira Guerra	

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers: Josephine Feeney née Fitzmaurice, Dublin & formerly Derrynacong; John (Séan) Gavin, Ballinlough; Tooreen & formerly Mayo Abbey—father of Martin Gavin, Knox St. Luke Hunt, Boherduff, Claremorris—father of Aoife Keane, Knock Road All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9pm (when possible) 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 be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM on Sunday 4th, 11th & 18th February.

CHILDEN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass this Sunday 4th February Children from age 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass and will return to their parents after Communion.

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will be held next Sunday 11th February in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6pm

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their CHY3 certificates in recent weeks. For those who received a certificate in the post and have not yet returned it, please complete the form and post it back in the enclosed stamped & self-addressed envelope, or drop in the letterbox of the Parochial House as soon as possible. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Once completed, the CHY3 Cert is valid for 5 years.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08
For those wishing to make a donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.
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CHURCH ACCOUNTS: A summary of the 2023 accounts for the parish is now available to view on the notice board in the Church porch.

MOTHERS PRAYERS WEEKEND takes place from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock, for mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. For details, call Marie 087 6184110, or email ireland@mothersprayers.org

PARISH CHOIR: The Ballyhaunis Parish Choir is always open to new members. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Martina at 086 1599124.

VALENTINE'S VITALITY: SláinteCare Healthy Communities with Age Friendly Mayo are organising a health and wellbeing **MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE:** The Medjugorje Irish event "Valentine's Vitality" in the Great National Hotel, Ballina Centre provides accommodation and airport transfer services, on Wed. 14th February from 10am to 1pm. The event is aimed at and organises pilgrimages between April & October each year. those aged 55 and over, and information will be provided around 7 nights B&B from €273 per person. Airport transfers available overall health, fitness & nutrition, while speakers on the day will on request. For details and to book dates that suit you, call 01 advise on various aspects of wellbeing and Croí will provide free 4434510 or visit www.med-irishcentre.com blood pressure checks. The event is free of charge and for more TEMPERANCE SUNDAY: Mass for Temperance Sunday and details email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY: Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast on RTE TV and Radio on Sunday next 11th February at 11am.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Catholic Marriage Encounter is holding a Marriage Encounter weekend from Friday 26th to Sunday 28th April in Prosperous, Co. Kildare for married couples. The Marriage Encounter programme has been transforming marriages in Ireland for over 50 years. For online bookings, visit www.marriageencounter.ie

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT:

Weather permitting, meetings will recommence on Wednesday 14th February in the Communal House, Clare Court at 1.30pm. Looking forward to seeing all our members, and new members will be warmly welcomed.



LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis Duffy will take place from 30th August to 5th Sept. 2024. Direct return flights from Ireland West Airport Knock, 6 nights hotel full board. For details, call 01 2410800 or email info@joewalshtours.ie

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday of each month. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

ALONE is seeking volunteers across Mayo for older people who need befriending for one hour per week or telephone support for 2 hours per week, to help combat loneliness and isolation. If you can volunteer 1-2 hours per week, please contact Paul at 086 0135043 or visit www.alone.ie/volunteer

Creative Ireland Funding Programme: Wed. 21st Feb at 10am. The Arts Act Grant: Wed. 21st February at 11am.

Register online for any of these workshops at www.mayoppn.ie

FAMILY CENTRE, CASTLEBAR: The Family Centre on Chapel Street, Castlebar provides a number of services, in association with the HSE and Túsla. These include counselling services, the Mayo Suicide Bereavement Liaison Service, bereavement support service, family mediation service, education & training courses, a support group for carers of people with dementia and a peer support group for widows, widowers & partners. For information, contact the centre on 094 9025900.

CAKE SALE: The 5th class girls from Tooreen National School will hold a cake sale in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall this Sunday 4th February from 10.30am to 12 noon to raise funds for Mayo SPCA. All welcome.

FILM SCREENING: To mark the launch of our new community cinema, "The Quiet Man" will be shown in the Community Hall on Friday 9th February at 8pm. Admission free, tea & coffee served. All welcome.