

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
You came to call sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption, we may look forward in
confident hope to the rejoicing of the day
of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 3:13 - 15. 17 - 19

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
Peter said to the people: "You are
Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham,
Isaac and Jacob, the God of our
ancestors, who has glorified his servant
Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over
and then disowned in the presence of
Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release
him. It was you who accused the Holy
One, the Just One, you who demanded
the reprieve of a murderer while you killed
the prince of life. God, however, raised
him from the dead, and to that fact we
are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers,
that neither you nor your leaders had
any idea what you were really doing;
this was the way God carried out what
he had foretold, when he said through all
his prophets that his Christ would suffer.
Now you must repent and turn to God, so
that your sins may be wiped out.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 4:2 4.7.9

**R. Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. or Alleluia !**

1. When I call, answer me, O God of
justice; from anguish you released
me, have mercy and hear me! (R)
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to
those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call
him (R)
3. 'What can bring us happiness?'
many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us,
O Lord. (R)
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep
comes at once, for you alone,
Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 2:1 - 5

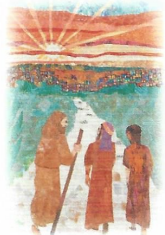
A reading from the first letter of St. John.

I am writing this, my children,
to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin,
we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just;
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins
away, and not only ours,
but the whole world's.
We can be sure that we know God
only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him',
and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.
But when anyone does obey what he has
said, God's love comes to perfection in
him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord Jesus, explain
the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts
burn within us as
you talk to us.
Alleluia!**



GOSPEL Luke 24:35 - 48

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

The disciples told their story of what had
happened on the road and how they
had recognised Jesus at the breaking of
bread.
They were still talking about all this when
Jesus himself stood among them and
said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a
state of alarm and fright, they thought
they were seeing a ghost. But he said,
'Why are you so agitated, and why are

these doubts rising in your hearts? Look
at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed.
Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost
has no flesh and bones as you can see
I have.' And as he said this he showed
them his hands and feet. Their joy was
so great that they could not believe it,
and they stood dumbfounded; so he said
to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'
And they offered him a piece of grilled
fish, which he took and ate before their
eyes.
Then he told them, 'This is what I meant
when I said, while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the
Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in
the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then
opened their minds to understand the
scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you
see how it is written that the Christ would
suffer and on the third day rise from the
dead, and that, in his name, repentance
for the forgiveness of sins would be
preached to all the nations, beginning
from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to
this.'

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

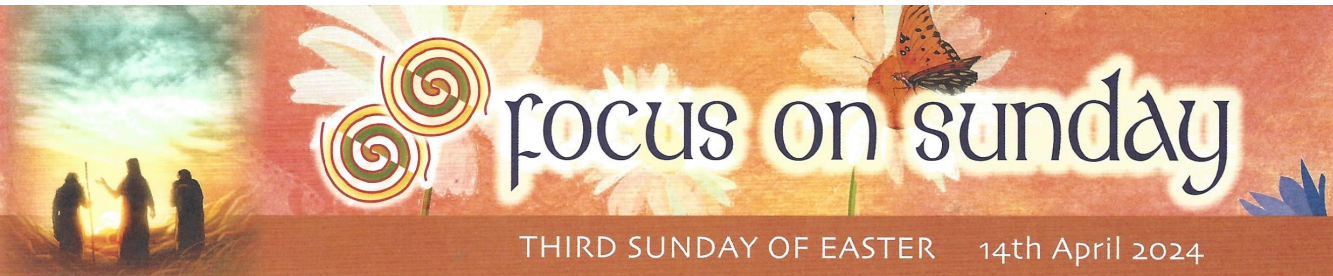


APOSTLES' CREED

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,
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.**



**Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and
sends them to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of
this too, and we are sent to be his people in our family, among our
friends, in all parts of the world.**



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings
of your exultant Church, and, as you have
given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring may bear
fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The Christ had to suffer and on the third
day rise from the dead;
in his name repentance and remission of
sins must be preached to all the nations,
alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you
were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh the incorruptible
glory of the resurrection. 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.



The disciples were shattered. They had believed that Jesus
was the one sent by God to Israel. But they had seen him die.
It had all been a big mistake. Their faith in Jesus had been a
delusion. They had been let down badly and were preparing
to go back to their former way of life, as fishermen, tax-collectors. We too may
feel that way at times and wonder is our faith, too, in Jesus a big delusion? We
might have no problem in believing that Jesus was a great teacher. We can easily
identify with his call to "love one another." But do we really believe that Jesus rose
from the dead and is now alive and present to us? It was only through a personal
encounter with the risen Jesus that the disciples came to believe. So, too, it is
only through a personal relationship with Jesus, a relationship which is nourished
by regular prayer, that we can truly believe that Jesus is alive and present to us.
Jesus is not an object of belief but the subject of experience. The Easter season
challenges us to ask ourselves do we really believe. And the test of our belief is
whether, like the disciples after their own personal encounter with Jesus, we go
out to continue what Jesus began, namely to serve and not be served, to love "as
I have loved you," and thereby grow the Kingdom of God on earth.

Fr. Peter McVerry, SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Easter Eggs are good. When we break the outside shell, we find a sweet
surprise inside. On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the
outside, but a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He
is present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit is
with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be with us
when we die.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 15th-20th APRIL 2024

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

Kathleen & Mícheál Waldron, Johnstown

Gerard Sheedy, Tipperary

Tom & Winifred Egan, Aghamore & their daughter Marian, Ballina

Michael & Mary Lyons, Lecarrow & John Bradley, Manchester

Eileen & Mark Waldron, Cave

Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill

Padraig Phillips, Leow

Eugene Morley, Woodpark & St. Gerard's Crescent

Sr. Mary Catherine Leonard, Mary Henry & decd. of the Leonard & Sweeney families



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.

15th-21st APRIL	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Mary Freeley
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Paula Donnellan	Willie Broderick, Marie Brennan
Saturday 7.30pm	Joan Flanagan	Marion Regan, Laura Brogan, Frances Mulhern, Helene McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Geraldine Murphy, Helena Byrne, Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan

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.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

The 10am Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM on Sundays 14th & 21st April.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Thanks to all who have returned their donations.

Envelopes can still be returned at Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:

Ballyhaunis Parish Church Priests Account. BIC AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the church porch at a cost of €3. Please place money in candelabra coinbox.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 7th April 2024
€1,615

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Gabriel Carney, Mountain, Forthill;
Ann Gallagher, Carrownedan, Aghamore & St. Gerard's Crescent



EPISCOPAL CHANGES IN THE TUAM PROVINCE:

His Holiness Pope Francis has this week appointed the Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy as Apostolic Administrator to the Diocese of Killala also, following the retirement of Bishop John Fleming by reason of age. In addition, the Pope has appointed the Bishop of Elphin Kevin Doran as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Achonry, due to the episcopal reassignment of Bishop Paul Dempsey, who will now become Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Dublin. The changes were announced in Tuam Cathedral on Wednesday by the Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor. The Papal Nuncio explained that "the dioceses of Killala & Achonry have become vacant Episcopal Sees entrusted to the pastoral care of their respective Apostolic Administrator. In due time, and following careful assessment and consultation, the present dioceses of Tuam & Killala on one hand, and Elphin & Achonry on the other, may be governed by one Bishop in each case, just as the Dioceses of Galway & Clonfert are today governed by one Bishop. If this process evolves still further, the associated Dioceses may then fully merge under their Bishop, and in this way, the six Dioceses in the Province of Tuam will eventually become three".

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass next Sunday 21st April. Children from age 4 to 8 are invited into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their families after Communion.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Pilgrimage to Knock takes place this Saturday evening 13th April from 7pm to 9.15pm and on Sunday 14th April from 10.30am to 5.30pm. More information on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

SYNODALITY: An international conference entitled "Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together" will take place at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th April, in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote speaker is Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, with a number of other speakers over the two days. The facilitator of the conference is Prof. Eamonn Conway, Advisor to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. All welcome, no booking required. Further details on www.knockshrine.ie

COMMON SENSE PARENTING PROGRAMME starting in Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre at the Friary on Wed. 17th April. This course is for parents & guardians of children aged 6 to 16 and will help build on your existing parenting skills and learn new ways to deal with difficult behaviours in a relaxed & supportive environment. For more information or to book a place, call Geraldine on 086 0470587.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: Next meeting is on Wed. 17th April at 7pm in the Community Hall. New members welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: Families, parish and community groups, the sick, neighbours & friends are invited to attend the Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock led by Archbishop Francis Duffy on Sunday, May 5th starting with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30. Mass will commence at 3 pm in the Basilica.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Led by Archbishop Duffy, for 6 nights from August 30th to Sept. 5th ex-Ireland West Airport Knock. For details, call 01 2410800.

VAKS: Knock Youth Ministry is now accepting applications for volunteers at Knock Shrine. The VAKS programme offers an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th or 6th Year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. It's a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! It's a particularly exciting opportunity this Summer with the launch of the new, state of the art Youth Village. For more details, visit www.knockshrine.ie/vaks, call 094 9375321 or email youthministry@knockshrine.ie

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Faith Community
Gracie Mae Webb, Annagh;
Deron Eze, Old Convent

FAMILY & LIFE: Mayo Christian Education meeting focusing on concerns Christian parents have on the new SPHE curriculum will take place in the TF Royal Hotel, Castlebar on Tuesday 23rd April at 8pm. Organised by Family & Life. All welcome.

FILM SHOW: Two hours of footage from the Joe Gilmore film collection will be shown on Saturday 20th April at 8.15pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Cinema (at the Community Hall). Featuring scenes of daily life from the 1940's to the 70's. This is a follow-up to the genealogy course run by the Community Council earlier this year. Admission free, all welcome.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: Married couples are invited to attend the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare from 26th to 28th April. Register online at www.marriageencounter.ie

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis. AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House. Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa. More information on www.al-anon.org

CLOTHING & FURNITURE UPCYCLING COURSES: Ballyhaunis Community Council is offering two courses on Upcycling in the Community Hall. The first course focuses on upcycling clothes, starting on Monday 22nd April from 11am to 1pm. The second course will help participants breathe new life into furniture using textiles, starting on Tuesday 23rd April from 11am to 1pm. Both courses will run for 6 weeks and are limited to 8 people. Booking is essential. To book a place on either course, email ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

DRAMA: All-Ireland finalists 2024 Clann Machu drama group, Kiltimagh will present their multi award-winning production of "The Stolen Child" in the Town Hall Theatre, Kiltimagh on Thursday next 18th April at 8pm sharp. Last chance to see the play before the group travels to the All-Ireland Confined Finals. Tickets from 087 4559071 or on the door.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT walk will take place at sunrise on Sat. 11th May, starting & finishing at Ballyhaunis Community School. All funds raised go to Pieta House. Register online at www.darknessintolight.ie/sign-up

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday 18th April at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. Contact Carmel at 087 2125340.