

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **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 ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4: 8 - 12

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up

perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28-29

R. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. or Alleluia!

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men: it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. (R)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes. We bless you from the house of the Lord; I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 3: 1-2

A reading from the first letter of St. John Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd,
says the Lord;
I know my own sheep
and my own know me.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL John 10: 11 - 18

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

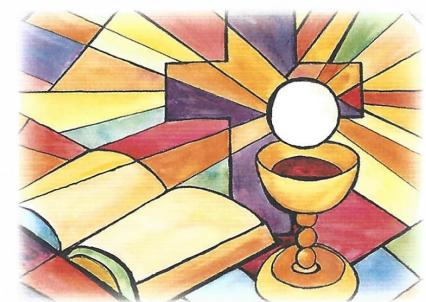
Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and

scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

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.

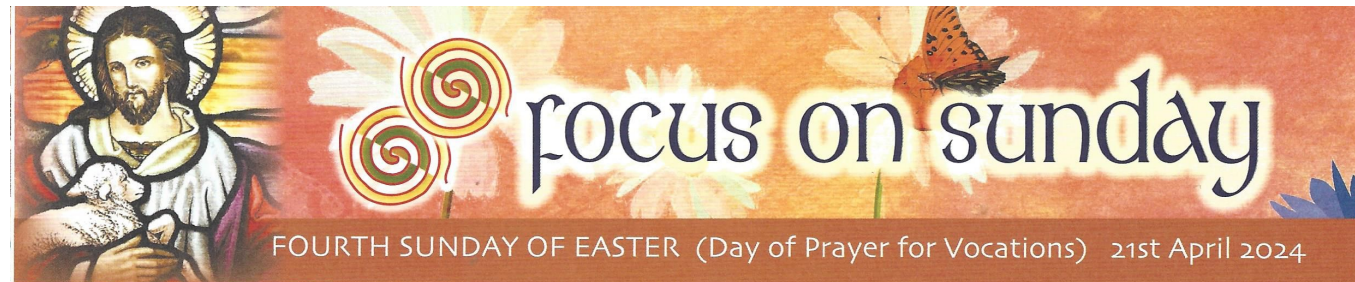


LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

Today is a day of prayer to deepen our own sense of vocation, and to pray to the Lord to call men and women into a life of ministry and service within religious life.



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.

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 Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Keep your family, we pray, O Lord, in your constant care, so that, under your protection, they may be free from all troubles and by good works show dedication to your name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

And 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 Good Shepherd is one of the most ancient Christian symbols: a mural found in the second-century Roman catacombs of St Calixtus is believed to be the earliest example of Christian art. The metaphor of shepherd for ruler was used widely in pre-Christian writings, but today's Gospel sees Jesus imbuing the role with complex and contradictory characteristics. The Shepherd is also the sacrificial Lamb: in this one Gospel chapter, the phrase 'he lays down his life for his sheep' occurs ten times. And this act of surrender, born out of love for his flock, becomes an act of triumph, as he takes up his life again, echoing the journey from cross to Resurrection. In John's Gospel, the washing of feet replaces the Last Supper narrative, and the loving shepherd allegory corroborates Christ's servant leadership, while the declaratory "I am" utterance follows the Scriptural pattern of divine self-revelation. The word 'pastor' has long been used to denote ordained leaders, and in 2013 Pope Francis urged priests: "Be shepherds with the smell of the sheep". The sheep in today's Gospel are astute, intelligent beings: they recognise the true Messiah. With Christ as the true Shepherd of us all, lay and ordained, we may ask ourselves on this Vocations Sunday: what call(s) am I answering in my life? What voices am I listening to? Who and what am I choosing to be led by, as the voice of God calls out to be heard, shepherding us to safety, comfort, and hope.

Giovanna Feeley, DCU, Liturgical Musicologist & Writer

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Bernadette was a little girl from Lourdes. She minded sheep. Our Lady from Heaven brought her messages about helping sick people. Bernadette was a "good shepherd." She did her work well. The Lady asked her to find special water to bless sick and worried people. The water flows today from a big rock, called The Grotto, where people bless, pray and light candles. Lourdes, is a place where smiles are brighter, and hugs are tighter.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 22nd-27th APRIL 2024

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

John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

Séan Greally & decd. Birmingham & Drimbane

Austin Ganley, Drimbane

Martin Connery, Bohogue

Tony & Tom Moran, Hazelhill

Billy Rochford, Knock Road

Mary Keane-Nolan & her parents Hubert & Catherine, Clooncan

Michael Cameron, Knockroe,

Michael & Mary Webb & decd. Main St.

Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.

Paddy & Mary Freeley, Main St. & Abbeyquarter

John, Delia & Maureen Comer, Killinaugher

Enda & Gerard Murphy & Emma Browne

22nd-28th APRIL	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Willie Broderick
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Marie Brennan
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Deirdre Brown, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Patricia Plunkett, Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Daniela Balbino Romao

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 this Sunday 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.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 14th April 2024
€1,715

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Dr. Alan Delaney, Doctor's Road



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

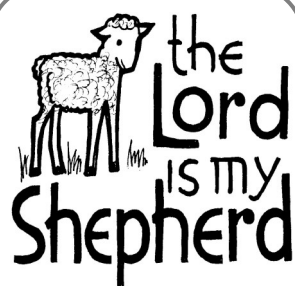
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



VOCATIONS SUNDAY: This Sunday 21st April is the 61st World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and marks the end of the Year of Prayer for Vocations for the Diocesan Priesthood. RTE will broadcast Mass for World Day of Prayer for Vocations at 11am from the RTE studios in Donnybrook, celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, Chair of the Bishops' Council for Vocations. In his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, Pope Francis calls on us to "sow the seeds of hope and peace" in our world. We are all called to welcome our God-given vocation to serve Him. Pope Francis says "Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves. In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon, Rise Up! Let us awaken from sleep, leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace. Have the courage to commit!" (Pope Francis)

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

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of Ballyhaunis Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday 22nd April at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE SOCIETY AGM takes place on Tuesday 30th April at 8.30pm in the Friary House. 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 with Mass at 3 pm in the Basilica.

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

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.

ACCORD CATHOLIC MARRIAGE CARE SERVICE CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparations programmes locally. Closing date for applications is Friday 3rd May. For details, contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email marriagepreparation@accord.ie

TRÓCAIRE: Any outstanding Trócaire boxes or donations to the Lenten appeal can be dropped into the Sacristy or parish office.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE: On Saturday 4th May, the first-ever National Pilgrimage for Life, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference, will take place at Knock Shrine, to celebrate the gift of life and pray for the protection of all human life. Mass in the Basilica at 3pm and Anointing of the Sick will take place during Mass. The main celebrant will be the Archbishop of Tuam Francis Duffy. Anyone in this area interested in getting involved in the Pro-Life Movement can contact Mary Cuffe, Ballymoe on 085 1596729.

YOUTH 2000 CONNAUGHT RETREAT will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co Galway on the weekend of the 10th to 12th May, including workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. If you're aged between 16 and 35 and would like more information, or to book a place, email connaught@youth2000.ie or visit www.youth2000.ie

ST. PATRICK'S PONTIFICAL UNIVERSITY, MAYNOOTH: Applications for Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries programmes at the University close from 30th June to 30th August for different programmes. Visit www.sppu.ie/courses for more information.

TEA DAY in aid of Western Alzheimers takes place at the home of Mary & Jim Walsh, Knockbrack next Friday 26th April from 10am to 3pm. Raffle for a number of spot prizes. All welcome.

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIRMENT GROUP:

Next meeting is on Wednesday 24th April at 1.30pm in the Communal House, Clare Court and will include a brief session of gentle Chair Yoga. All retired persons welcome.

WOMEN'S MINI-MARATHON: The Mayo.ie/Western People Women's Mini-Marathon (10km) takes place in Ballina on Sunday 5th May at 12 noon. Runners, joggers and walkers all welcome to join in the fun. Register at www.westofirelandwomensminimarathon.com

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

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC will take place in the Community Hall on Saturday 27th April from 10am to 12.30.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS would like to thank all who participated in the Good Friday Clean-Up on 29th March. Please report any incidents of illegal dumping to the Environment Officer, Mayo County Council on 087 0645420.

ART THERAPY SESSION with Jurate in the Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre on Monday 22nd April from 4.30 to 6pm. Materials included—everyone welcome.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Amen.