

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness: 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

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they

took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32

R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him.
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R)**
3. And my soul shall live for him,
my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R)**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24

A reading from the first letter of St. John
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia!
Make your home in me,
as I make mine in you,
says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me
bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**



GOSPEL John 15: 1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; - these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

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

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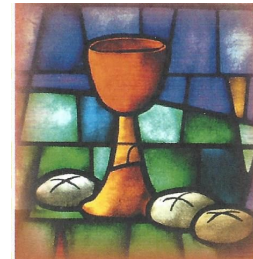
I believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.

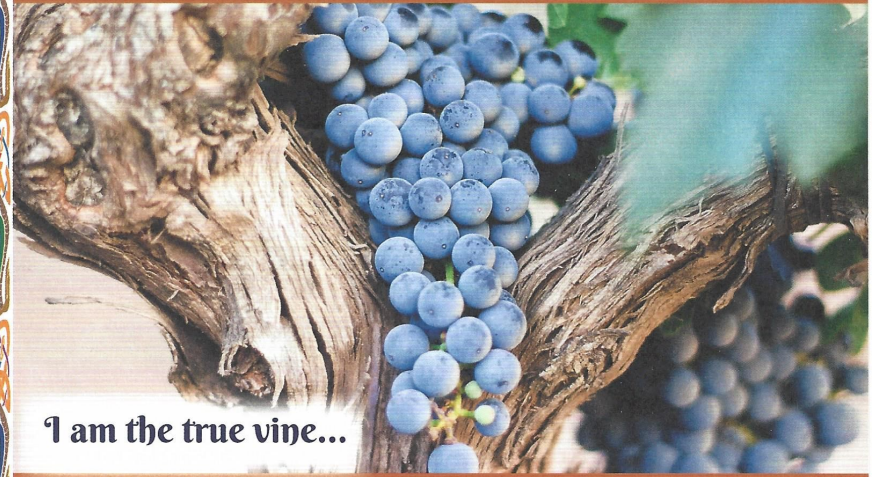
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

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.



focus on sunday

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



I am the true vine...



'Abide in me'

Thanks to the incredible scientific discoveries of the past century, humanity is beginning to realise just how deeply interconnected everything is in our universe. Every atom of carbon in our muscles, calcium in our bones and iron in our blood was created inside a star before the Earth was born. Despite appearances, we share the essential components for life with our fellow creatures, we are deeply embedded in, part of, this web of life and all of creation shares in this creative Mystery together. St. Paul tells us that if we want to understand God more fully, then we should look at God's creation (Romans 1:20). Pope Francis reiterates this in *Laudato Si'*, 'to contemplate creation is to hear a message, to listen to a silent voice' (LS, §85).

Jesus constantly evokes images from the natural world to teach us something about God. 'He often stopped to contemplate the beauty sown by his Father and invited his disciples to perceive a divine message in things' (LS, §97). The grapevine image, a common biblical symbol of God's relationship with God's people, shows us that there is no separation between the human and the Divine, we belong to each other. 'Abide with me' reminds us to not lose sight of the reality of this intimate connectedness. We are being invited to rediscover God's earthly dynamic all around us, so that the fruits of the vine can express the reality of God's presence in our world. Perhaps this week, you can spend more time in nature. What do you find there? What is God saying to you through creation at this time? Jesus says that his followers are pruned by his Word. What is your experience of allowing God's Word to shape your life, to speak into your experiences, to shape who you are becoming?

Extract from The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Mark, Messenger Publications, 2023, Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.

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 God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.

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.

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

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

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Go in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 29th APRIL- 4th MAY 2024

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

Kathleen, Paddy Joe & Tomás Cribben and decd. of the Freeley & Cribben families

Tom McManus, Cottage & Harrowgate, U.K.

Paddy, Michael & Mary Diskin, Killinaugher

John & Ann Rogers, Annie & Donal Rogers and Rita McLaughlin

Edward & Nora Mulkeen, Claremorris & Fr. Batt Delaney, O.S.A.

Declan Byrne, Gurteen

Fr. Enda Lyons, Knox St.

SUNDAY 5TH MAY—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Kathleen Caulfield, Upper Main St.

Tony O'Malley, Holywell Upper



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.



IF YOU
ABIDE IN ME
YOU WILL BEAR
TUGH FRUIT

29th APRIL-5TH MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch, Geraldine Murphy
COLLECTORS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Oliver Cribben, Pdraig Regan, Gabrielle Lyons, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Michael J. Walsh, Bernie Quinn	
MASS SERVERS FOR MAY		
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:

Kathleen Regan, Derrynacong;

Brendan Forde, Salthill, Galway & formerly Kiltimagh—former Principal of St. Mary's Boys National School, Abbeyquarter

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, takes place next Sunday, May 5th starting with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30. Mass at 3 pm in the Basilica, with Benediction & Rosary Procession.

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.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:

Katie Sivakova, Hazel Court
Michaela Sivakova, Hazel Court
Tobias Tolvaj, Hazel Court

Offertory Collection

Sunday 21st April
2024
€1,560

TRÓCAIRE: Any outstanding Trócaire boxes or donations to the Lenten appeal can be dropped into the Sacristy or parish office. Trócaire has expressed gratitude to all who supported its 2024 Lenten campaign on the theme of climate justice for the people of Malawi.

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

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 Calasactus 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

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

CONNAUGHT PIONEERS PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: 5 nights from 18th July, departing from Ireland West Airport Knock. More details from Canon Joe Delaney on 087 6660408.

FORMAL REOPENING of Ballyhaunis Community Hall next Sat. 4th May at 12 noon. Michael Ring TD will cut the ribbon to mark the completion of renovation works on the former Parochial Hall, which has been transformed into a comfortable space for events, activities, classes, workshops, meetings & performances. Everyone welcome to attend the special Mayo Day event from 12 noon to 2pm with music, entertainment & refreshments.

"LIVE LIFE" YOUTH RETREAT, in memory of Donal Walsh, takes place on Thursday 9th May at Knock Shrine. The theme of "Live Life to the Full" is explored through a variety of speakers and workshops. Free event but booking essential. For more details or to book a group, email youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call 094 9375321.

ANNAGH MAGAZINE SOCIETY AGM takes place next Tuesday evening 30th April at 8.30pm in the Friary House. New members welcome.

TUAM ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH EVANGELIZATION SEMINAR: Calling all teachers, priests, youth ministers, parents, religious and young people— a seminar will take place in Knock Shrine on Friday 10th May and we want to hear from you! The evening will begin with input from guest speakers Gerard Hanley (Alpha Ireland) and Charlene Morgan & Luca McQuillan (Revive Scotland) followed by group discussions, "conversations in the Spirit" and a Q&A. Conference begins at 8pm. Register free by calling 087 1323296 or email markquinn@tuamparish.com

TEA PARTY in aid of Tuam Cancer Care takes place next Tuesday 30th April from 11am to 2pm in the Tuam Cancer Care Centre. Come along for a cuppa and a chat with our volunteers and staff, and find out about the services, workshops and programmes available for people with cancer and their families. More information on 093 28522.

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

CHAPEL ST. GOSPEL CHOIR present their 25th anniversary concert at the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar on Friday 10th May at 8pm. A celebration of music with the Chapel St. Gospel Choir, Gardiner St. Gospel Choir, Mayo Concert Orchestra & The Sophisticats with special guests Mundy, local favourite U.M.A.N & Donna Taggart. Tickets available from the Royal Theatre Box Office 094-9023111 and from Ticketmaster.ie

CHIME: The National Charity for Deaf & Hard of Hearing. Outreach clinic in the Old Health Centre, Vicar St, Tuam (H54 H028) next Friday 3rd May from 10am to 12.30pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or appointment on 086 8341318 or email Tony.dolan@chime.ie

MAYO PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NETWORK: Do you have a community event or activity coming up? Avail of free advertising with Mayo PPN. Just email details to mayoppn@mayococo.ie and include a Jpeg poster of your event.

CANA TALKS: "A Roadmap to Happiness" takes place on Friday 31st May at the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar with six dynamic speakers. Enjoy real-life stories, inspiring talks, humour, music & more. Tickets available at www.ticketmaster.ie, www.canatalks.com or at the TF box office 094 9023111.