

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (World Communications Day) 12th May 2024

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the Father.... Amen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May almighty God have mercy on us....

THE GLORIA

Gloria 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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we,
who believe that your Only Begotten Son,
our Redeemer, ascended this day to the
heavens, may in spirit dwell already in
heavenly realms.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked

him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 46:2-3. 6-9

**R. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
or Alleluia!**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High,
we must fear,
great king over all the earth. (R)
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R)
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R)



SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:1-13 (or 4:1-7.11-13)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

**I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.*

Each one of us, however, has been given his own share of grace, given as Christ allotted it. It was said that he would:*

When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.

When it says, 'he ascended', what can it

mean if not that he descended right down to the lower regions of the earth? The one who rose higher than all the heavens to fill all things is none other than the one who descended. And **to some, his gift was that they should be apostles; to some, prophets; to some, evangelists; to some, pastors and teachers; so that the saints together make a unity in the work of service, building up the body of Christ. In this way we are all to come to unity in our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God, until we become the perfect Man, fully mature with the fullness of Christ himself.**

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 16:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven, and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

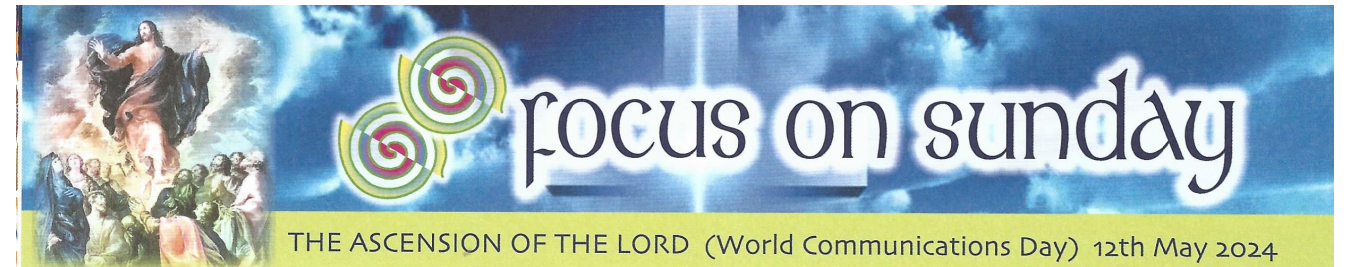
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication,
O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son:
grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms.

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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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

**Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

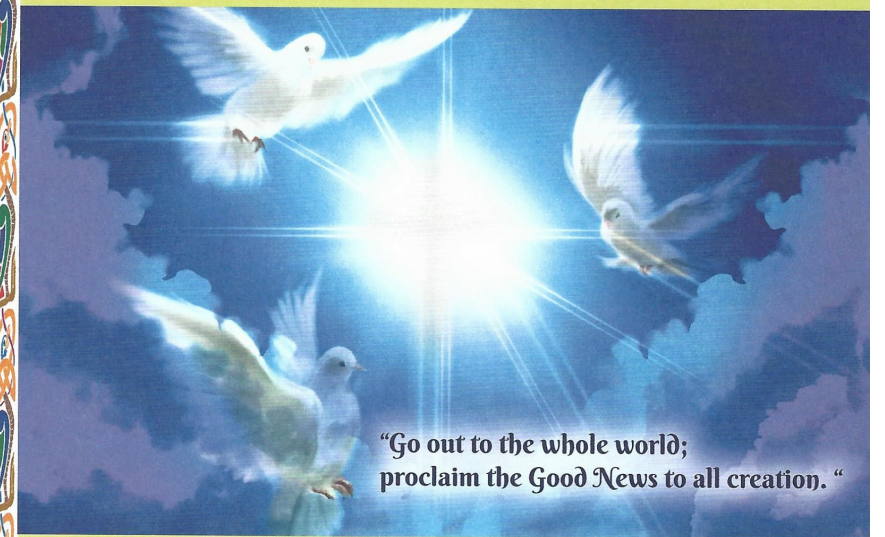
Almighty ever-living God,
who allow those on earth to celebrate divine
mysteries, grant, we pray,
that Christian hope may draw us onward
to where our nature is united with you.
Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.



**Jesus has taken his place at the right hand of the Father.
His entry into glory is a cause of hope for us: that when our time comes, we too, will follow Jesus into the glory of heaven.**



**"Go out to the whole world;
proclaim the Good News to all creation."**



Go out to the whole world

In today's Gospel we see Jesus handing over responsibility for his mission to his followers, who immediately go out as instructed, to 'proclaim the good news to the whole creation'.

We know that our world today and all of creation is in need of good news, news that is life-giving. The challenge of discipleship in every age is to encounter the world, and people, just as they are. Pope Francis has often emphasised the importance of meeting people where they're at, just as Jesus did with all those he met. Pope Francis reminds us that, 'We need to spend time with people, to listen to their stories and to confront reality, which always in some way surprises us.'

The way in which Jesus reached out to heal and comfort, challenged but never judged, used images and parables that would resonate with his audience – this is the model for our communication and interaction with others as we attempt to live the Good News. This Good News of the Gospel spread as a result of heart-to-heart encounters with women and men, sharing, praying, reflecting together on the reality of day-to-day life, and how their encounter or experiences of the Risen Jesus offers peace and hope for our lives, and for our world, a vision of justice.

This week, reflect on those people who have been important on your faith journey. What conversations brought new insights for you? Where are the places to gather with fellow believers to discuss, learn and deepen your faith? How might you share good news with those you meet this week?

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

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Long ago there was no Radio, TV, Computers, Ipods or Skype. Today people can talk and see each other even though they are miles and miles away. Jesus promised to come to us in a new way, when HE was going home to The Father in Heaven. He would send us His Spirit, to be with us. His Spirit is in every human heart now, and in every breath of wind.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th MAY 2024

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 13th-18th MAY 2024

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

Bridget & Peggy Daly & decd.
 Mary P. O'Dwyer, Galway & Abbey St.
 Timothy & Michael Lavin, Lavallyroe
 Decd. of the Gill & Heskin families
 Fr. J.J. Cribben & decd. Main St
 Frank Clarke, Colwyn Bay & formerly Hazelhill
 Christina (Teen) Carney, Began
 Sr. Mary Catherine Leonard, Sisters of Charity Cork & Dublin & her parents Patrick & Delia, Carrowscoltia
 Jarlath Kelly, Derrynacong & decd. of the Kelly & Warren families
 Lena & Michael Byrne, Johnstown
 James, Gertie & Michael Loftus, Lavallyroe
 Charlie & Mary Agnes O'Reilly, Holywell & decd. of the O'Reilly family, Tulrahan

SUNDAY 19th MAY—MONTH'S MIND

Dr. Alan Delaney, Doctor's Road
 Kathleen Regan, Derrynacong

13th-19th MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Marion Regan, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Jacinta Flynn, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Julia Kelly	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Mary. T. Griffin, Marie Brennan

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass this Sunday 12th May. Children aged 4 to 8 are invited into the sacristy during Mass and will return to their families after Communion.

IRISH CATHOLIC: Copies are available in the Church porch. Cost €3. Please place money in the candelabra coinbox.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Irena Gorska, Poland— mother of Cornelia Deptula, Beech Lawn;
 Mary Josephine (Josie) Wheeler née Caulfield, London & formerly Upper Main St.



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

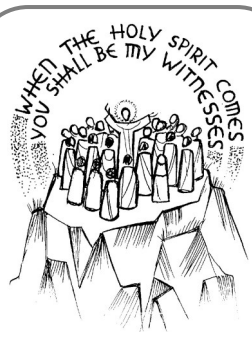
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES: Fr. Conal O'Connell and members of the Columban Missionaries in Ireland will speak at this weekend's Masses in Ballyhaunis, to make an appeal for support. The Columban priests and lay missionaries minister to people of various cultures in some of the poorest parts of the world, and help struggling people regain their dignity through social, economic, medical and educational programs.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 2nd class children from Scoil Íosa National School will receive their First Holy Communion next **Saturday 18th May** at a special Mass at 11am here in St. Patrick's Church. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Community Hall.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP commencing this Sunday evening 12th May at 7pm in Brickens Community Centre with Rosary followed by refreshments. For details, call 086 3727988.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES: Lough Derg— Sanctuary of St. Patrick in Co. Donegal— opens its 2024 Pilgrimage season this month. Three-day pilgrimages take place between 31st May and 15th August. Booking is advised. One-day retreats are available on selected dates in May, August & September. Lakeshore Pilgrimages (along the Pilgrim Path) are on Sunday 26th May and 1st September, and four-night Residential Retreats take place on selected dates in June, July & August. Further details are available by calling 071 9861518 or at www.loughderg.org

Offertory Collection
 Sunday 5th May
 2024
 €1,790

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.

CREATION WALK: The launch of the new "Creation Walk" at Knock Shrine takes place on Sat. 25th May from 11am to 1pm at St. John's Welcome Centre. The walk has been inspired by the new book by Brian Grogan SJ "Creation Walk— The Amazing Story of a Small Blue Planet". Guest speakers include the author and Dr. Niamh Brennan, TCD. The launch will be followed by a walk at 2.30pm through the newly waymarked pathways. All welcome.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA: People across Ireland are invited to pray for the protection of human life from 23rd to 31st May. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Accord Castlebar have marriage preparation programmes available on the following dates: 13th & 14th September and 18th & 19th October 2024 in the Ellison Hotel. Book your place on www.accord.ie

KNOCK MARKET: The first outdoor market of 2024 takes place at the Pope Francis Plaza— across from Knock Shrine— on Sunday next 19th May from 10am to 3pm. Pick up handmade or home-produced gifts from some of the best crafters in the West of Ireland. Free parking available.

COMMUNITY COUNCIL: Congrats to all involved in Ballyhaunis Community Council on the official opening last weekend of the Community Hall. The former Parochial Hall has undergone extensive renovations over the past number of years and now provides a modern, comfortable facility for meetings, classes, activities, performances, film screenings etc. This work has been led by a committed and enthusiastic group of local volunteers who successfully applied for funding from various Government departments & agencies, as well as undertaking local fundraising initiatives. Last Saturday's official opening, which coincided with Mayo Day, gave the community an opportunity to acknowledge the hard work of local volunteers and public representatives who ensured this dream became a reality. A special presentation was made by Fr. Stephen, on behalf of the parish, to Tom Finn, who was custodian of the hall for many years on a voluntary basis. Well done to all who have been involved in running the hall over the years, and to those currently involved in steering it forward.



LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass takes place this Sunday 12th May in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6pm.

JOB VACANCY: The Archdiocese of Tuam is currently seeking applications for the temporary position of Diocesan Accountant for a 7-month period to cover maternity leave from August 2024, based in Tuam. Applications are welcome from qualified accountants with a minimum of 3 years post-qualification work experience. Further details are available by searching job no. 102555853 on www.irishjobs.ie

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage the condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety etc. could benefit from the programme, which is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hours & 6) by trained leaders. The next programme is in Castlebar, starting on Tuesday 28th May. Advance registration required. For more information, contact Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or email lgildea@southmayo.com

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tulach ICA takes place on Thursday 16th May at 7.30pm in Granlahan Community Centre with guest speaker before the meeting starts. New members welcome. Contact Carmel on 087 2125340.

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK: Ballyhaunis Community Council's volunteer-led bike repair clinic returns to the Community Hall on Sunday 19th May from 10am to 12.30. Also, as part of National Bike Week, there will be a bike sale with a selection of quality children's and adult's bicycles for sale. This is followed by a cycle around the town- bring along your bike and assemble at 12.45 for a short cycle—with refreshments afterwards in the Hall. All welcome.

CRUINIÚ NA NÓG is calling on Ballyhaunis community youth to share their talents and interests with pairs or younger children. We are looking for Youth Council to lead workshops and masterclasses along with Le Cárde group members on 15th June in the Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre. Text Ludmila on 089 9776879 or WhatsApp 086 3705649 if interested.

SET DANCING: Classes in Tooreen Hall every Thursday at 8pm. All welcome. Call 087 9861064 for more details.