

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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.... 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, 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, we humbly implore your majesty that, just as your Only Begotten Son was presented on this day in the Temple in the substance of our flesh, so, by your grace, we may be presented to you with minds made pure. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Malachi 3: 1-4

A reading from the prophet Malachi

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 23: 7 - 10

R. Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord.

- O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! [R]
- Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. [R]
- O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! [R]
- Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. [R]

SECOND READING

Hebrews 2: 14-18

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 2: 22-40 (or *2: 22-32)
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into*

his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see.

*A light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.**

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom and God's favour was with him.

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

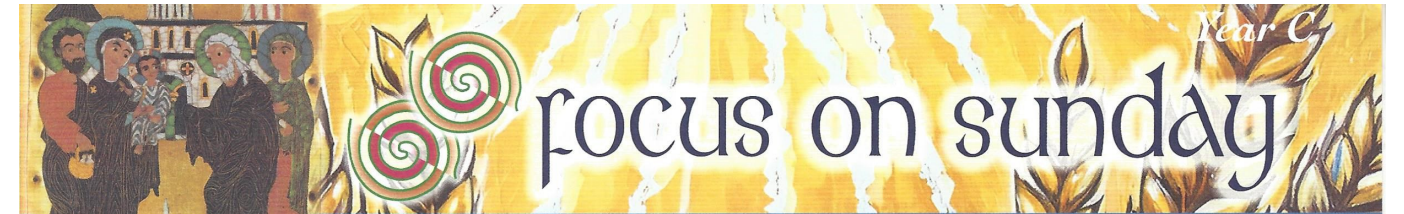
THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.



World Day for consecrated life

Forty days ago Jesus was born: now we see him as the light to enlighten all peoples and to guide them on the way to salvation and glory.



The light to enlighten all peoples

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

May the offering made with exultation by your Church be pleasing to you, O Lord, we pray, for you willed that your Only Begotten Son be offered to you for the life of the world as the Lamb without blemish. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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.

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

My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By these holy gifts which we have received, O Lord, bring your grace to perfection within us, and, as you fulfilled Simeon's expectation that he would not see death until he had been privileged to welcome the Christ, so may we, going forth to meet the Lord, obtain the gift of eternal life. 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.



In the recent readings we see Jesus connected with his family and his people. We see him plunge himself into the Jordan River, becoming part of his people. For the feast of the Presentation we have Mary bringing Jesus to the temple.

She brought him to offer him to the care of the Lord in the place of God And it all then became very much an event focused on family and people. Two very elderly people, Simeon and Anna, came forward and Mary saw them as representing the people. They were representing the Jewish people, the elders waiting for the Lord.

There was an expectancy among the people that God would send the Savior, the Messiah. They had read the scripture that a virgin would conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. Because they believed what they heard, they recognized the Lord.

An old Custom often in Ireland was to bring the baby to the church. Giving the baby into the care of Jesus, Maybe today we will pray for all our young children, especially babies and our families offering them into the care of Jesus. That they will always know that the Lord who created them with their parents in love, loves them all their days.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today's Jesus Story is like Baptism. The child Jesus is brought to The Temple, by his parents, to give thanks to God. Simeon and Anna were like grandparents, waiting there, to welcome the new baby. Mary and Joseph brought a gift, to praise God. Simeon said that the Baby would be A LIGHT, to bless all the world. We are blessed at Baptism, with Three Special Friends. God The Father, who makes the sun shine for everybody, good, and not so good, God The Son who came at Christmas, our Forever Friend, and God The Holy Spirit who gives the breath of life to all things.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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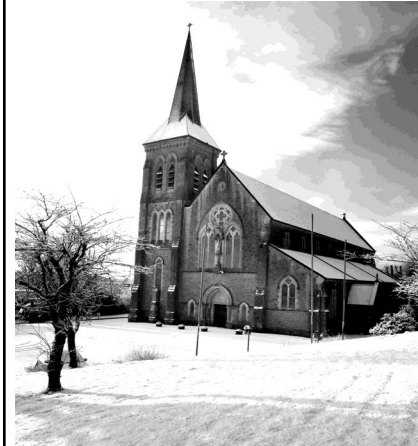
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MASSES:

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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 3rd-8th FEBRUARY 2025

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

Katie, Thomas & Carmel Johnston, Knox St.

John A. Murphy, Lecarrow

Jack & Kitty Greally & decd. Drimbane

Paddy & Eileen Kelly, Drimbane

Tom Cunnane, UK & formerly Scrigg & his parents Maureen & Michael Cunnane

Msr. Hugh Joseph Nolan, Philadelphia & decd. of the Nolan & Brett families

Kathleen & John Fleming, Lavallyroe & their granddaughter Bridann

Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.

Michael & Mary Webb & decd. of the Webb family, Main St.

John & Tommie Hopkins & decd. Larganboy

Michael, Mary & Mary-Ellen Frehill, Island

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY—MONTH'S MIND

Phil Rattigan née Folliard, Island

3rd-9th Feb.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Tarpey, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Marion Regan, Margaret Byrne, Breda Davis, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Julia Kelly	Daniela Balbino Romao, Bernie Quinn, Mary Sykes, Patricia Plunkett
COLLECTORS FOR FEBRUARY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Pat Devine, Gabrielle Lyons	
Sunday 10am	Kieran Fitzmaurice, Richard Waldron, Mike Griffin, Willie Broderick	
MASS SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team F: Liam & Matilda Thompson, Carlos Da Sousa Gomes, Luiz Ricardo Da Sousa Gomes, Santana Mongan	
Sunday 10am	Team E: Séan Monaghan, Heliosa Santos Neves, Emily Lynch, Hanna Toporowska	

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Mary Coffey, Tullaghaune;

Mícheál (Mike) Lyons, Brickens & formerly Knockbrack;

Francie Cruise, Coolnaha & formerly Upper Main St;

Tom McGowan, Station Rise;

Povilas Vaitulevicius, Lithuania & Dublin-cousin of Reda Manke

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 our website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie.

The 10am Mass on Sunday 2nd, 9th & 16th February will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM.

CONFIRMATION: The enrolment Mass for Confirmation takes place this Saturday evening 1st February at 7.30pm.

All candidates and their parents are expected to attend.

The candidates will begin the 4-week Confirmation preparation programme next Wednesday evening 5th February at 8pm in Scoil Íosa. Parents are asked to join their son/daughter for a 10-minute prayer service at the end of each session.

ST. BRIGID'S DAY: Saturday 1st February is the Feast Day of Ireland's patroness saint. St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at weekend Masses.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD:

Candlemas Day is on Sunday 2nd Feb. Candles will be blessed at weekend Masses. This Sunday is also World Day for Consecrated Life— to celebrate the men & women called to religious life.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE on Mon. 3rd. The blessing of throats takes place at weekend Masses and at the 10am Mass Monday.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: The family of the late Anne Kelly, Island will host a coffee morning in the Communal House, Clare Court this Sunday 2nd February from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Donations will be gratefully accepted in aid of the Mayo Hospice

Offertory Collection
Sun. 26th Jan. 2025
€1,250

“**WHISPER OF GOD**”: One-day

retreat takes place in the Prayer Centre at Knock Shrine next Saturday 8th Feb. Participants will be guided through moments of scripture-based prayer, group sharing and personal spiritual guidance. For more information, contact John Farrelly, Prayer Guides Coordinator at Knock Shrine on 086 0108623 or email prayerguidance@knockshrine.ie

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Parishioners who have recently received a CHY3 Certificate in the post are asked to complete the green form and return it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope, or drop it into the Parish Office as soon as possible. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Once returned, the certs are valid for 5 years. It will not place any additional cost on you, but is an important part of our income. Meanwhile, if you receive a cert but are **not** eligible for tax, please sign the section at the bottom of the letter, and return it to the Parish Office to update records.

CHURCH ACCOUNTS: A summary of the 2024 accounts for the parish is now available to view on the notice board in the Church porch, along with a breakdown of expenses funded by the levy paid by each parish in the Archdiocese.

WOMEN OF GRACE: Human Life International (Ireland) will run a Women of Grace Study Course at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock starting Monday 10th Feb. Meetings will take place every fortnight from 7pm to 9pm. For more details, call 094 9375993.

STORM ÉOWYN EMERGENCY RESPONSE: Following the devastating storm, Mayo County Council has set up an Emergency Response Hub at 094 9064660 or email community@mayococo.ie. People wishing to report issues in relation to roads can contact the local area council office at 094 9064800. To report downed powerlines, contact ESB Networks on 1800 372999 and for water issues, contact Uisce Eireann at 1800 278 278. In Ballyhaunis, the Community Hall (across from the Church) is open during daytime hours for people without power to drop in and charge phones, access WiFi, use toilets, boil water, make tea & coffee etc.

ANAM CARA will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wed. 5th February at 7.30pm in the Clayton Hotel, Briarhill, Galway. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents, regardless of the age your child died or the circumstances of their death. Anam Cara also offers an online support group meeting. For more details, call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass takes place in Sunday 9th Feb. at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

BALLYHAUNIS TOWN CENTRE FIRST PLAN: Our town is Mayo's second town to receive funding to develop a plan under the Town Centre First Programme, aimed at regenerating rural town centres, addressing dereliction and vacancy and improving public spaces. The plan will be a blueprint for future development which aims to make Ballyhaunis a more attractive place to live, work, visit and run a business. The views, ideas and knowledge of the local community are fundamental in this process, and Mayo County Council, their consultant team and Ballyhaunis Town Team want to hear your ideas. Everyone is welcome to the Drop-In sessions in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Friday 7th Feb. from 4pm to 8pm, and on Saturday 8th Feb. from 11am to 3pm. Alternatively, you can complete an online survey at <http://ballyhaunis-towncentrefirst.com> or email your comments to contact@ballyhaunis-towncentrefirst.com

MAYO OLDER PERSONS COUNCIL invites you to attend their AGM in the Park House Hotel, Kiltimagh on Tuesday 4th Feb. from 10am to 2pm. Special guests on the day will deliver presentations on Age Friendly Ireland, Sláintecare Healthy Communities, Crime Prevention, Safety in the Home etc. Information stands from various services and supports available to the older population in Mayo will also be present on the day. This is a free event. For details call 094 9064111 or email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie

MAYO COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION will hold an Open Day on Thursday 13th Feb. from 12 to 6pm all their locations throughout the county. The Open Day will allow potential learners to meet teachers and tour the college facilities in the main campus locations in Ballina, Castlebar & Westport and college hubs in Ballina, Castlebar, Swinford, Achill & Ballinrobe. Over 60 accredited courses on offer for the 2025 /2026 academic year, as well as exciting new Apprenticeship courses in National Sales, Accounting Technician & Digital Marketing. Visit www.mayocollege.ie for more information

GAEILGE FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS: Irish language classes will resume on Tuesday 4th Feb. at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. All are welcome.