

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us. Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. The Lord be with you. 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.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the book of Genesis
The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. [R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved.

Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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

NICENE CREED

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.



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

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

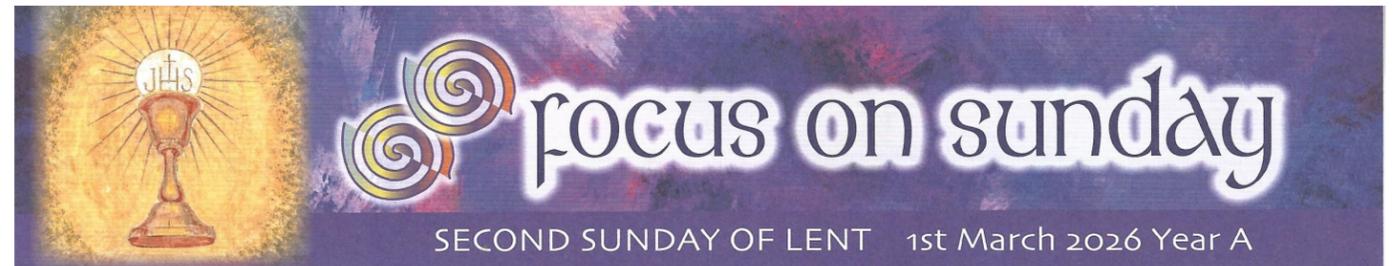
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. Lift up your hearts.

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.....



AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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.

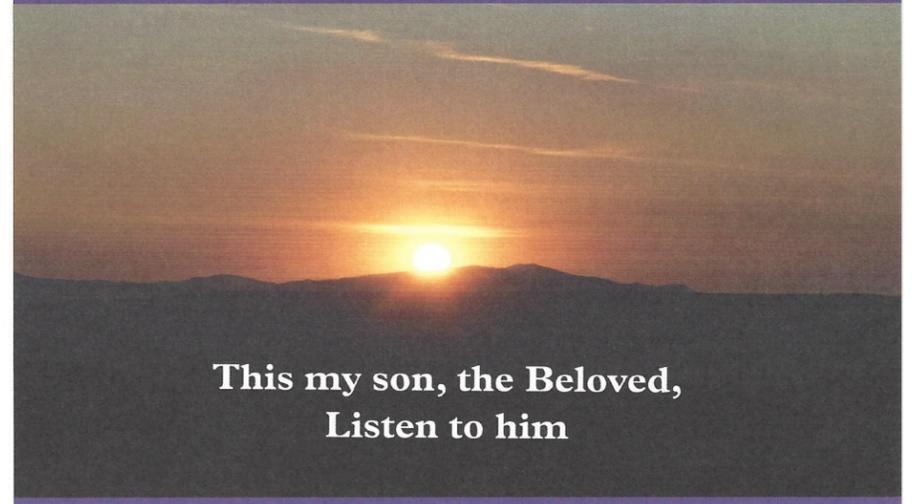
Reflection

We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father

Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise.

Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.



**This my son, the Beloved,
Listen to him**



The crowds who listened to Jesus, enthralled by his teaching, were totally unaware of the person he was. The religious authorities who considered him a threat, and were planning to get rid of him, they too had no idea of who he was. Even the Apostles who walked with Jesus, listened to him, watched him, had no idea. On Mount Tabor, who he was, his inner self, was revealed to Peter, James and John. Even then, they were unable at the time to fully comprehend what they had seen and heard. And so it is with us. Every person is a mystery, who cannot be fully known by anyone else, even those closest to them. All we know is what we can see and hear and touch but we can never plumb the depths of another person's being. The Holy Spirit, God Himself, lives in each one of us. At a funeral, we incense the coffin, as a mark of respect for the body of the deceased, in whom God lived while they were alive. Those who love us reveal God's love to us. But everyone, even those whom some wish to push away, or discriminate against, sometimes homeless people, travellers, asylum seekers, people in social housing, are also the revelation of God to us, revealing to us how little we actually love. The followers of Jesus understood, after the Resurrection, that what we do to another person, we do to God. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat." God walks amongst us today, not recognised, welcomed by some, rejected by others.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?

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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 - 7th MARCH 2026

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

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree
Bernie, Pado & Jarlath Moran, Tooraree & Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe
Decd. of the Moran family, Granlahan
John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown
Frank & Teresa Connolly, Devlis
Flan Moroney, Abbeyquarter
Joan Delaney, Doctor's Road
Fr. Richard Phillips & decd. of the Phillips family
Miriam McGoldrick, Abbey St.
John & Anne O'Shaughnessy, Beech Lawn
Michael & Mary Rattigan, Lecarrow
Joe & Josie Rattigan, Birmingham
Eileen Comer & decd. Bargarriff
Michael & Margaret O'Connell, Upper Main St.
Peter & Breege Moran & their granddaughter Melissa
Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.
Michael & Mary Webb & decd. Main St.

SUNDAY 8th MARCH – FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary Rudden, Doctor's Road

2nd-8th MARCH	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Freeley
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Lorraine Waldron, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Eileen Donnellan, Mary T. Griffin, Bernie Quinn, Mary Sykes
COLLECTORS FOR MARCH		
Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Ann Curley, Padraic Regan, Kieran Connolly	
Sunday 10am	Seamus Coffey, Mike Griffin, Eddie Mooney, Vincent Higgins	
MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team A: Niamh Conlon, Eva Grace Kilcourse, Peter Gallagher, Thaemy Rodrigues, Sonny Kelly	
Sunday 10am	Team B: Ben Jordan, Jonathon Powers, Matthew Jordan, Valentina Coutinho Roriz, Jao Lucas Dias Ferreira	

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Mary Fitzgerald, Shrule- sister of Ann Phillips, Gurteen

Offeratory Collection
22nd Feb. 2026
€2,145

All weekday and weekend Masses 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

FIRST CONFESSIONS will be heard in St. Patrick's Church next Tuesday 3rd March at 7pm. 22 students from Scoil Íosa will make their first confessions, ahead of receiving their First Holy Communion on 16th May.

BAPTISED & SENT IN LENT: This Lent, parishes, schools and groups across Ireland are invited to journey together through a set of reflective resources inspired by Baptised and Sent (the preparatory document for the 2025 Assembly in Kilkenny). Each week offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from Baptised and Sent. Through these Lenten reflections, each person – lay, religious and ordained – are encouraged to rediscover who we are as God's people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and to take concrete steps, individually and collectively towards living our baptismal calling more deeply. Visit <https://synod.ie> > baptised-and-sent-in-lent

TRÓCAIRE: Parishioners are reminded that packs containing a Trócaire box and information on this year's Lenten campaign are available in the Church porch - please take one home and make a contribution to those suffering from poverty and climate change in many parts of the world. Trócaire is helping communities in Rwanda to better prepare for, respond to and recover from the growing impacts of climate change. You can also donate by calling 1800 408 408 or online at www.trocaire.ie

VOCATIONS: Contemplative Dominican Monastic Vocation Discernment Weekends take place from 20th to 22nd March and 17th to 19th April in the Monastery of St. Catherine of Siena in Drogheda, Co. Louth. For single women aged 18-35. For details, call Sr. Mairéad on 041 9838524 or visit www.dominicannuns.ie

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will take place on Sunday 8th March at 6pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock.

"HOSANNA! Singing in God's Name": A school choir concert featuring over 400 students from across the diocese will take place in Knock Basilica on Thursday 5th March from 7pm to 8pm. Tickets €10 on Eventbrite. A percentage of all ticket sales will be donated to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING RETREAT in Knock Shrine on the 7th March, 10am. - 6.30pm. & 8th March, 10am. - 4.30pm. Led by Croatian priest Fr. Rozo Palic. No booking required, enquiries to Patricia on 089 9466193 or email fionatjennings@yahoo.com

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH: The next monthly meeting takes place on Sunday 8th March at 7pm. in the Blessed Sacrament chapel Tuam (H54 T656). This month's guest speaker will be Fr Shane Sullivan. Fr Shane will present on the topic of Ignatian spirituality and its use in our everyday prayer life.

TABLE QUIZ: Anne Lyons will host a Table Quiz in the Rugby Club on Friday 13th March at 8pm, ahead of her fundraising walk of the last 100 km of the Camino French Way in April. All funds raised go to Breakthrough Cancer Research. €40 per table with great prizes and spot prizes on the night. Please support.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS wishes to thank the collectors and supporters of the church gate collection last weekend. The amount raised was €412.30.

ARCHBISHOP DUFFY APPOINTED BISHOP OF KILLALA:

On Monday last, Pope Leo XIV appointed Archbishop Francis Duffy to minister simultaneously as Archbishop of Tuam and as the new Bishop of Killala. Speaking in St. Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina following the announcement of his appointment, Archbishop Duffy said "Something new is happening here. For the first time, the Bishop of Killala is, at the same time, the Archbishop of Tuam, and in him both dioceses are united. The Church describes this as the union of dioceses *in persona episcopi*, in the person of the Bishop. The two dioceses remain distinct, their individual identities are preserved, they are governed separately but they share the same Bishop".



Bishop Francis was installed as Archbishop of Tuam in January 2022. In April 2024, Pope Francis appointed him as Apostolic Administrator of Killala, and now, almost two years later, Pope Leo as appointed Archbishop Duffy as Bishop of Killala.

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting takes place on Thursday 19th March in the Ellison Hotel Castlebar at 7pm. Open to all who either have a stoma or care for them. To book a place, text 087 6275766

ANAM CARA is holding its monthly Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Sandy Road, Galway. This free event is open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online support group meeting. For more details call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

FREE RECYCLING: A free electrical recycling event will take place at Knox St. car park, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 14th March from 10am to 4pm, hosted by WEEE Ireland and supported by Mayo County Council. Any household waste electrical items, large or small, will be accepted for recycling free of charge, as well as all types of batteries and energy-saving lightbulbs.

GENEALOGY GROUP MEETING: On Tuesday next, 3rd March at 7.30pm. in Ballyhaunis Community Hall, James Laffey, editor of the Western People and author will speak about the value of local newspaper archives in research, drawing on his own books on the political, social and sporting history of Mayo. Refreshments served, all are welcome.

FRIARY TALKS returns to The Friary on Saturday 7th March, 11.30am. Guest speakers: Neil Porteous- Gardens Consultant, Gardener & Plantsman. "Learning from the past- An historic Garden's Consultant in Ireland. Lord Thomas Pakenham- Historian, Arborist & Author. "The Tree Hunters". Tickets: €30 on the door or search Eventbrite: Friary Talks. Lunch included. For enquiries call 0876444130. Eircode: F35 NX73

CHIME - Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Outreach clinic in the Old Health Centre, Vicar St. Tuam, on Friday 6th March, 10am - 1pm. Contact Tony Dolan for more information or an appointment 086 8341318 Tony.dolan@chime.ie

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. Apply via the ALONE website www.alone.ie or contact us on volunteer@alone.ie or call 0818 222 024. If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.