

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
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

God of everlasting mercy,
who in the very recurrence of the paschal
feast kindle the faith of the people you
have made your own, increase, we pray,
the grace you have bestowed, that all
may grasp and rightly understand in what
font they have been washed, by whose
Spirit they have been reborn, by whose
Blood they have been redeemed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:42 - 47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The whole community remained faithful
to the teaching of the apostles, to the
brotherhood, to the breaking of bread
and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked
through the apostles made a deep
impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and
owned everything in common; they sold
their goods and possessions and shared
out the proceeds among themselves
according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple
everyday but met in their houses for
the breaking of bread; they shared their food
gladly and generously; they praised God

and were looked up to by everyone. Day
by day the Lord added to their community
those destined to be saved.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

**R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is
good, for his love has no end.**

- Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' [R]
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. [R]
- The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy
has given us a new birth as his sons, by
raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so
that we have a sure hope and the promise
of an inheritance that can never be spoilt
or soiled and never fade away, because
it is being kept for you in the heavens.
Through your faith, God's power will
guard you until the salvation which has
been prepared is revealed at the end of
time. This is a cause of great joy for you,
even though you may for a short time
have to bear being plagued by all sorts
of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is
revealed, your faith will have been tested
and proved like gold - only it is more
precious than gold, which is corruptible
even though it bears testing by fire - and
then you will have praise and glory and
honour. You did not see him, yet you love
him; and still without seeing him, you are
already filled with a joy so glorious that
it cannot be described, because you
believe; and you are sure of the end to
which your faith looks forward, that is, the
salvation of your souls.

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

GOspel ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Jesus said: 'You believe because you
can see me. Happy are those who have
not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!**

GOspel John 20:19-21

**A reading from the holy Gospel
according to John.**

In the evening of that same day, the first
day of the week, the doors were closed
in the room where the disciples were, for
fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
with you,' and showed them his hands
and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he
said to them again,

'Peace be with you.
'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he
breathed on them and said:
'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins
you forgive, they are
forgiven; for those whose
sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one
of the Twelve, was not with them when
Jesus came. When the disciples said,
'We have seen the Lord', he answered,
'Unless I see the holes that the nails made
in his hands and can put my finger into
the holes they made, and unless I can put
my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'
Eight days later the disciples were in the
house again and Thomas was with them.
The doors were closed, but Jesus came
in and stood among them. 'Peace be with
you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas,
'Put your finger here; look, here are my
hands. Give me your hand; put it into
my side. Doubt no longer but believe.'
Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'
Jesus said to him:

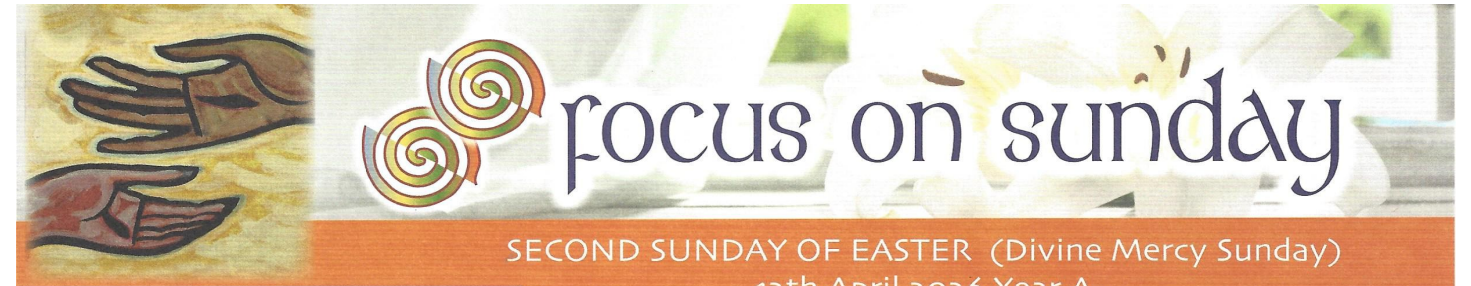
'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and
yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus
worked and the disciples saw, but they
are not recorded in this book. These are
recorded so that you may believe that
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,
and that believing this you may have life
through his name.

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

THE APOSTLES' CREED

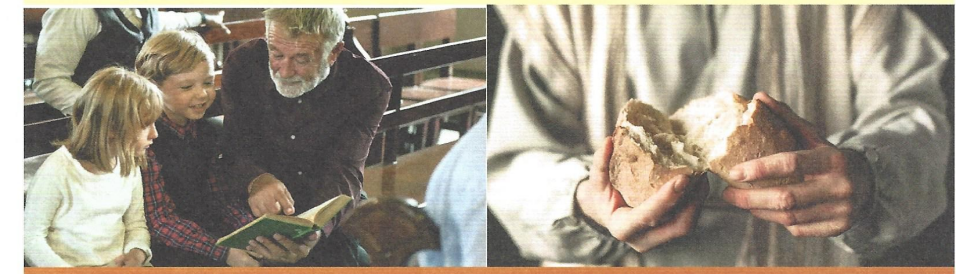
I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on 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



Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus.
The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.



Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe



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

Accept, O Lord, we pray,
the oblations of your people (and of those
you have brought to new birth), that,
renewed by confession of your name and
by Baptism, they may attain unending
happiness. 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.
When we eat this Bread and drink this
Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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

**Bring your hand and feel the place of
the nails, and do not be unbelieving but
believing, alleluia.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
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, alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Shalom

We do not come through suffering and difficult times
unscarred. We are changed by them. Often, they bring some
sort of growth into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant
experience. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's
Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. Would it not have made
more sense for John to write the wounds out of this story? No, because here
we tap into the great mystery of this narrative: we can experience resurrection
and still bear the signs of 'wounded-ness'. The cross and new life are deeply
intertwined. We can be healed, fully transformed, yet the scars of what has
happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When we
recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus's "peace be
with you"? This peace, this Shalom, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It
expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in
body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.
In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open
our hearts, we keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing
is not the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from
being closed off to the world, to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission
for them to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus
has been for them. The Risen Christ is active in all our lives and in the world
around us. May we be open to transformation, to growth and to sharing this
life-giving Spirit with others.

*"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until
we began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead
until someone breathes new life into them."* - Shane Claiborne

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 14th-18th APRIL 2026

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

Michael & Margaret Boyle, Clagnagh

Kathleen & Mícheál Waldron, Johnstown

Mary Dillon, Ballindrehid & her parents Philip & Celia Thornton, Claremorris

William & Mary Kelly, Bekan

Tom & Winifred Egan, Aghamore and their daughters Marion (Ballina) &

Anna, Upper Main St. & New York

John Hunt, Cloonfad

Martin Forde & his parents Delia & Martin Forde, Island

May & Tom Fitzmaurice, Gurteenbeg

Thomas, Delia, Joe, John & Tom Stenson

Monsignor Terence Nolan, Tooreen & San Antonio, Texas

Mae & Ned Carroll; Thomas & Ellen Carroll, Drimbane

Dr. Alan Delaney, Doctor's Road

Delia Regan & Annie Waldron, Carrowkeel

SUNDAY 19th APRIL:

MONTH'S MIND

1st ANNIVERSARY

John Regan, Devlis

Brendan Moran, New Jersey & Hazelhill

13-19th APRIL	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Paula Donnellan	Joe Byrne, Marie Brennan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday 10am	Martin Fitzmaurice	Mary Sykes, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Margaret Byrne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao

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

The 10am Mass on Sundays 12th & 19th April will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place at 10am Mass next Sunday 19th April, with a focus on friendship, and Jesus' friends, the Apostles. Children aged 4 to 8 are welcome into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their family after Communion.

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Michael Neary, Milltown, Ballinlough & Midwest Radio;

Baby Patrick Gerard Conroy, grandson of the late Mickey Coffey, Cherryfield



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.



PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their envelopes for the Priests' Easter Collection. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office.

TRÓCAIRE: The Trócaire Lenten collection boxes can be returned to the Sacristy or parish office. Thank you for your support. All funds raised will be sent directly to Trócaire to assist with their ongoing work in bringing about positive and lasting change in some of the world's most at-risk communities.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS: The 10am Mass on Mondays in St. Patrick's Church is offered each week as a "Missa Pro Populo"- Mass for the People. This Mass is offered for the well-being of the people of the parish. Anniversary Masses for the deceased are offered from Tuesday to Saturday each week, including the 10am Masses on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, and the 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday evenings.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE takes place at Knock Shrine on Sunday 19th April from 10.30am to 5pm. Includes Adoration, Confessions, a keynote address by Fr. Nicholas Grace, Anointing of the Sick, Mass celebrated by Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, followed by Benediction and procession. All welcome to join this special day of prayer & Renewal. An evening session takes place on Saturday 18th April from 6pm to 9pm in the Basilica.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
Aifric Erin Hodge, Athlone

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: Ballyhaunis will host its sixth DIL Walk on Saturday morning 9th May at 4.15am. Come along and join us for the most important sunrise of the year, and help raise funds for suicide awareness. Walk starts and finishes at Ballyhaunis Community School gym on the Knock Road. For anyone with queries, an information stand will be available at Nolan's Supervalu on Saturday 25th April from 10am to 1pm.

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 3rd May, commencing with the Sacrament of Anointing at 2.30pm.

YOUTH 2000 PRAYER GROUP meets at Knock Shrine on the first & third Thursday of each month, meeting at 8pm at St. Joseph's Chapel, the Hub. Contact prayergroups@youth2000.ie Connaught Spring Day Retreat 2026 takes place at Knock Shrine on 25th April.

TUAM CANCER CARE is running the CLIMB programme in their centre on the Dunmore Road in Tuam starting on Tuesday 21st April from 5pm to 6.30pm. CLIMB is a six-week programme for children aged 5 to 12 who are experiencing the impact of a parent's cancer diagnosis. For more details or to book a place, contact Tuam Cancer Care at 093 28522.

LOUGH DERG 2026 PILGRIMAGE SEASON starts in May. Three-day pilgrimages are available from 29th May to 15th August. A series of one-day retreats will also take place in May, August & September, with Quiet Days on 22nd May & 11th September. For more details, contact 071 9861518 or visit www.loughderg.org

KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME is for adults interested in setting up or developing youth ministry initiatives in their parish. Participants will gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to journey with young people and support them as they explore their faith in a safe & welcoming environment. The programme starts in September, and the closing date for applications is 22nd May. For more details, contact youthministry@knockshrine.ie

LATIN MASS this Sunday 12th April in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6pm.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK takes place from 18th to 25th May. For further details visit www.epilepsy.ie

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS at Knock Shrine on the last Sunday of every month at 12.30pm in the Prayer Centre. A special invitation is extended to any person with sensory issues. The Liturgy of the Mass does not include music, lighting is subdued and pictorial resources are available for those with additional needs. Families are encouraged to bring materials that can assist with comfort during the liturgy e.g. noise-cancelling headphones, fidgets etc. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING OF THE FAMILY TREE in the Fr. Peyton Centre, Attymass on 18th / 19th April with Fr. John Keane. For details contact Patricia on 085 8373680

"MEN OF ST. JOSEPH" GROUP: Next monthly meeting takes place on Sunday 19th April at 7pm in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Tuam. This month's guest speaker will be writer & spiritual director Fr. Chris Hayden. New members welcome. Any enquiries to fmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

LIVING WITH A STOMA? You are invited to an evening with the Stoma Care team in the Clayton Hotel, Ballybrit, Galway on Friday 15th May. Talks, exhibition stands etc. Doors open at 5pm. Talks 6-7pm, exhibition 8pm.

Offertory Collection
Easter Sunday 2026
€2,935

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: The AGM of the Annagh Magazine Society takes place in the Friary House on Tuesday 28th April at 8.30pm. New members welcome.

CLINICAL SOMATICS: Learn slow gentle movement exercises to relieve chronic shoulder, back & hip pain and improve movement. 5-week course starting this Monday 13th April. Classes from 12pm-1pm / 7pm to 8pm in the Family Resource Centre, Claremorris. To book a place, contact John Roe at 087 7495573.

CAMP VERITAS: The annual residential Faith & Fun Camp takes place this year on Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co. Kildare from 23rd to 28th June. This is a one-week pilgrimage experience for young people aged 12-17. The recipe is "Play and Pray" through the Sacraments and fun activities. A bus will run from Westport, Castlebar, Claremorris, Tuam & Athenry. For more details or to book a place, call Fr. Mark on 093 24250 or visit www.campveritasireland.org

BIKE REPAIR CLINIC: The monthly bike repair clinic takes place in Ballyhaunis Community Hall next Saturday 18th April from 9.30am to 12 noon. A number of bicycles will be on sale that have been donated and repaired by our volunteers.