

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise, alleluia.**

GREETING

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

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.....

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

May your people exult for ever, O God,
in renewed youthfulness of spirit, so that,
rejoicing now in the restored glory of
our adoption, we may look forward in
confident hope to the rejoicing of the day
of resurrection.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up
with the Eleven and addressed the crowd
in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen
to what I am going to say: Jesus the
Nazarene was a man commended to you
by God by the miracles and portents and
signs that God worked through him when
he was among you, as you all know. This
man, who was put into your power by the
deliberate intention and foreknowledge
of God, you took and had crucified by
men outside the Law. You killed him, but
God raised him to life, freeing him from
the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible
for him to be held in its power since, as
David says of him:

"I saw the Lord before me always,
for with him at my right hand nothing

can shake me.
So my heart was glad and my tongue
cried out with joy:
my body, too, will rest in the hope
that you will not abandon my soul to
Hades
nor allow your holy one to experience
corruption.
You have made known the way of life
to me,
you will fill me with gladness through
your presence."

'Brothers, no one can deny that the
patriarch David himself is dead and
buried: his tomb is still with us. But since
he was a prophet, and knew that God
had sworn him an oath to make one of his
descendants succeed him on the throne,
what he foresaw and spoke about was
the resurrection of the Christ: he is the
one who was not abandoned to Hades,
and whose body did not experience
corruption. God raised this man Jesus to
life, and all of us are witnesses to that.
Now raised to the heights by God's right
hand, he has received from the Father
the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and
what you see and hear is the outpouring
of that Spirit.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 15:1-2.5.7-11

R. Show us, Lord, the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion
and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.' [R]
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me
counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. [R]
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is
glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among
the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. [R]
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness
for ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1: 17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father
one who has no favourites and judges
everyone according to what he has done,
you must be scrupulously careful as long
as you are living away from your home.
Remember, the ransom that was paid to
free you from the useless way of life your
ancestors handed down was not paid in
anything corruptible, neither in silver nor
gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb
without spot or stain, namely Christ; who,

though known since before the world
was made, has been revealed only in our
time, the end of the ages, for your sake.
Through him you now have faith in God,
who raised him from the dead and gave
him glory for that very reason - so that
you would have faith and hope in God.

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



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus,
explain the scriptures to us.
Make our hearts burn within
us as you talk to us. Alleluia!**

GOSPEL Luke 24: 13-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were
on their way to a village called Emmaus,
seven miles from Jerusalem, and they
were talking together about all that had
happened. Now as they talked this over,
Jesus himself came up and walked by
their side; but something prevented them
from recognising him. He said to them,
'What matters are you discussing as you
walk along?' They stopped short, their
faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas
answered him, 'You must be the only
person staying in Jerusalem who does
not know the things that have been
happening there these last few days.'
'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus
of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved
he was a great prophet by the things
he said and did in the sight of God and
of the whole people; and how our chief
priests and our leaders handed him over
to be sentenced to death, and had him
crucified. Our own hope had been that
he would be the one to set Israel free.
And this is not all: two whole days have
gone by since it all happened; and some
women from our group have astounded
us: they went to the tomb in the early
morning, and when they did not find the
body, they came back to tell us they had
seen a vision of angels who declared he
was alive. Some of our friends went to
the tomb and found everything exactly as
the women had reported, but of him they
saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish
men! So slow to believe the full message
of the prophets! Was it not ordained that
the Christ should suffer and so enter into
his glory?' Then, starting with Moses
and going through all the prophets,
he explained to them the passages
throughout the scriptures that were about
himself.

When they drew near to the village to
which they were going, he made as if to
go on; but they pressed him to stay with
them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and
the day is almost over.' So he went in to
stay with them. Now while he was with
them at table, he took the bread and said
the blessing; then he broke it and handed
it to them. And their eyes were opened
and they recognised him; but he had
vanished from their sight. Then they said
to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn



focus on sunday

**Jesus assures his disciples that he is risen from the dead and sends them
to preach the gospel in his name. He assures us of this too, and we are sent
to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.**

within us as he talked to us on the road and
explained the scriptures to us?'
They set out that instant and returned
to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven
assembled together with their companions,
who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord
has risen and has appeared to Simon.'
Then they told their story of what had
happened on the road and how they had
recognised him at the breaking of bread.

**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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Receive, O Lord, we pray, these offerings
of your exultant Church, and, as you have
given her cause for such great gladness,
grant also that the gifts we bring may bear
fruit in perpetual happiness.
Through Christ our Lord.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us
free.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

**The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread, alleluia**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look with kindness upon your people,
O Lord, and grant, we pray, that those you
were pleased to renew by eternal mysteries
may attain in their flesh the incorruptible
glory of the resurrection. 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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We have all been on the road to Emmaus. It is the
experience of disappointment, of being let down, or worse,
the shattering of our hopes, our expectations, the feeling
that our life is falling apart. The two disciples had spent
a lot of time with Jesus, they had left the security of their lives to commit
themselves to following him. And it had all seemed to have been a disaster,
Jesus was dead. They were on their way back to pick up the pieces of their
old lives, feeling that following Jesus had been a huge mistake. They meet
Jesus on the journey home, who first got them to express their feelings
about what had happened, (important when life has hit a crisis), helped them
to understand the meaning of what happened and showed them that this
crisis could open up a whole new way of life for them. Their disappointment
was turned into joy. The breaking of bread, repeating what he had done at
the last supper, and which we repeat at every Mass, revealed the meaning
of Jesus' life and death. Just as he had sacrificed himself for us, so they
too were now to go forth and sacrifice themselves for others. What seemed
to them to have been the end, turned out to be a new beginning. They
returned to Jerusalem to share their wonderful, life-changing, experience
with the other disciples. As Christians, we commit our lives to follow Jesus
more and more closely, by giving ourselves more and more fully to others,
particularly to those in need.

Fr. Peter McVerry SJ

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



On Good Friday, the body of Jesus was broken on the outside, but
a "New Spirit" came to Him inside. He rose from the dead. He is
present and alive now, in a different way, through His Spirit. His Spirit
is with every person. His Spirit is with those who died too and will be
with us when we die.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 21st-25th APRIL 2026

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

Bill & Maureen Comer & decd. Killinaugher
 John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhan Cleary, Johnstown
 Michael & Mary Lyons, Lecarrow; John Bradley, Manchester &
 Margaret Lyons, Leow
 Michael Loftus, Lavallyroe
 Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.
 Michael & Mary Webb & decd. of the Webb family, Main St.
 Decd. members of the Regan family, Ballaghadereen
 Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave
 Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill & Padraic Phillips, Leow
 Martin Connery, Bohogue
 Kathleen, Pat, Mary Ellen & Patrick Regan, Derrynacong
 Séan, Bridie, Frank, Catherine & Patrick Regan, Killinaugher
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20th-26th APRIL	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Irene Healy
Friday 10am	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron
Sunday 10am	Lauren Feeney	Mary Sykes, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy, Eileen Lynch

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will take place at 10am Mass this 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.

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

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Mary McCormack née Carney, Loughrea & formerly Ballindrehid;
 Della Greene née Rochford, Roscommon & formerly Knock- sister of the late Billy & Joe Rochford, Ballyhaunis



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.



WALKING WITH THE BEREAVED: A CALL TO SERVICE

is the title of a pastoral letter issued this weekend by Archbishop Francis Duffy in which he urges more parishes to consider the introduction of a Funeral Ministry team. The Church recommends that, when no priest or deacon is available for prayers at the removal from a funeral home or the home of the deceased and at graveside prayers, a lay person may preside. Initial training has taken place in the Deaneries of Claremorris and Tuam, and Funeral Ministry teams are now in place in a number of these parishes, including Ballyhaunis. In his pastoral letter, which is being read out at Masses across the Tuam Archdiocese this weekend, Archbishop Francis says "each of us, by virtue of our Baptism, has been called to serve the Lord Jesus in some way or other. One area where there is a greater opportunity for service is in providing assistance to families at the time of a bereavement. This Ministry is not about taking over the role of the priest—there are aspects of Funeral Ministry (specifically the celebration of the Funeral Mass) that can only be carried out by a priest. It is envisaged that lay people will work alongside their priest and eventually, having become familiar with the rites, they will be ready to assist on behalf of the community, when required. It is widely recognised that the Irish do funerals well. Like everything new, there can be a sense of both eagerness and trepidation. Let us walk together in faith, trusting that God will lead us in all that we do in His service and that of His people".

Archbishop Francis Duffy +

(Copies of the pastoral letter are available in the Church porch)

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community:
 Patrick Vincent McDonagh, St. Gerard's Court

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE

takes place at Knock Shrine this 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.

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place next Wednesday 22nd April at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. New members always welcome.

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.

WESTERN CARE BALLYHAUNIS DAY SERVICE along with the Mayo Advocacy Group will be showing a film "I.T. & Me" in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Tuesday 21st April at 12pm with refreshments afterwards. This is part of the 60th anniversary celebrations for the Western Care Disability Services, to celebrate & thank the community for their ongoing support. If you are attending, please ring / text 087 6018558

YOUTH 2000 RETREAT takes place in Knock next Saturday 25th April. Registration opens at 9.30am. For more details, visit Youth2000.ie

POPE LEO APPEALS FOR PEACE:

At the Vigil of Prayer for Peace in St. Peter's Basilica on Saturday 11th April, Pope Leo XIV issued an emphatic plea for world leaders to abandon the pursuit of power and work for peace.



"Enough of the idolatry of self and money! Enough of the display of power! Enough of war!" said the Pope. "True strength is shown in serving life". In his speech, Pope Leo directly addressed world leaders on the behalf of the "millions and billions of men and women, young and old, who today choose to believe in peace, caring for the wounds and repairing the damage left behind by the madness of war. Dear brothers & sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: Stop! It is time for peace! Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided!" Urging all Catholics to pray for peace, the Pontiff said "Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day - in our homes, schools, neighbourhoods, and civil and religious communities. Dear friends, peace be with you all!"

(Extract from Pope Leo's address to the Vigil of Prayer for Peace. The full text is published on our parish website).

TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK takes place on Sunday 3rd May, commencing with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30pm. Mass will be celebrated at 3pm in the Basilica.

"MEN OF ST. JOSEPH" GROUP: Monthly meeting takes place this 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 frmarkquinn@tuamparish.com

Offertory Collection
 Sunday 12th April 2026
 €2,295

GENEALOGY GROUP: Former Government Minister & MEP Jim Higgins will give a talk in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall next Tuesday 21st April on the electoral history of Mayo, the main parties & constituencies and Clann na Talmhan, known as the farmers' party, which was a dominant force in Mayo politics in the 1940's & 50's. From 7.30 to 9.30pm, free admission, all welcome.

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 from Ballyhaunis Community School gym on the Knock Road. For anyone with queries, an information stand will be available at Nolan's Supervalu next Saturday 25th April from 10am to 1pm.

MUSIC PLAYTIME & OPEN MIC next Saturday 25th April from 4pm to 6pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall. Music workshop, band jam and more for youth. Pizza & snacks served. Free admission, all welcome.

GAMES EVENING returns this Sunday 19th April from 4pm to 6pm in the Community Hall. Fun for all ages with good players in chess, backgammon, draughts etc. who can help if you're not sure how to play. All welcome. Free admission & refreshments served.