

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.  
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.  
 Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.



**GREETING**

The Lord be with you.  
 And with your spirit.

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
 Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
 You bring light to those in darkness:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins,  
 and bring us to everlasting life. 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**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 10:34, 37-43.**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: "You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the

whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name."

**The word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23*

**R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

1. 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.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
 I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
 This is the work of the Lord,  
 a marvel in our eyes. (R)

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians**  
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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**SEQUENCE**

**Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.**  
**The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.**  
**Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!**  
**Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.**  
**The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!**  
**The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.**  
**Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.**  
**That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 20: 1-9**

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

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

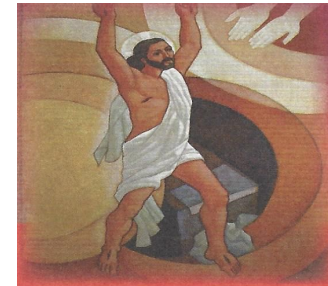
Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do.  
 P. And all his works? C. I do.  
 P. And all his empty show? C. I do.  
 P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? C. I do.  
 P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do.  
 P. Do you 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? C. I do.  
 P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

*The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:*

**Antiphon**

**I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**



**focus on sunday**

**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**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.*  
 Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

**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**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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.

A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.  
 A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.  
 A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.

*He is Risen*



After the death of Jesus, the Apostles hid away in an upper room and locked the door out of fear that the Jewish authorities might be looking for them to arrest and execute them also. Then something happened, following which these simple, mostly uneducated men, went boldly out on to the street and publicly proclaimed that they were followers of this man who had been crucified. They got arrested, imprisoned, whipped but that did not stop them. Some of them were eventually executed, praising and thanking God for allowing them to follow Jesus even to death. What happened to transform them from frightened men, who fled when Jesus was arrested, (Peter even denied that he ever knew him) into fearless preachers, publicly affirming that they had given their allegiance to Jesus? That we call the Resurrection, their conviction that Jesus was still present amongst them, that he had given them a mission and would not abandon them. That too, is the basis of our faith, that Jesus is with us as we pursue the mission that he gives to his disciples in every age, and in every place. Believing in the Resurrection is meaningless if we do not believe in the mission that the living Jesus has entrusted us with, the mission of proclaiming that the Kingdom of God, that Kingdom where compassion and care and radical love for each other are the values by which we live. A community that lives by those values is a community where God resides. "I was hungry and you gave me to eat...welcome into the Kingdom." The risen Jesus is revealed to us today in those in need.

**Fr. Peter McVerry SJ**

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th APRIL 2026

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 7th-11th APRIL 2026

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

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Phil & Robert Fox, Carrowreagh

Gabriel Carney, Mountain

Tom Devane, Johnstown & his parents Patrick & Elizabeth Devane, Kilvine

Michael Morley & decd. Knox St.

Marianna & Henryk Krzeminski, Poland

Jadwiga & Boleslaw Waldemar-Manke, Poland

Józefa & Władysław Królak, Poland

Vidutis Vaitulevicius, Lithuania

John, Mary, Michael Jarlath & Christy Patterson, Ballinlough

George & Lilian Delaney, their sons Paddy (Abbey St.) & George (Bridge St / Coolnaha)

Denis & Ea Hannan, Bridge St, their son Raymond & daughter Audrey Dignam

Anne Hunt & decd. Lecarrow

Tim & Mary Ellen Fleming & decd. Scrigg

Tom & Lil Caulfield & decd. Drimbane

John Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna

Peter, Lizzie & Joe Nicholson; Sheila & Joe Roche

Gerry & Joe Nicholson

Séan Paul Tighe, Carrowbawn, Crossard & Carrowreagh

Thomas & Anne Heneghan, Tullaghane

### SUNDAY 12th APRIL—MONTH'S MIND

Milena Vuckovic, Croatia

6th-12th APRIL	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday 10am	Liam Devaney	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	Emer Gallagher	Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne
Sunday 10am	Brendan Donnellan	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Bernie Quinn, Mary T. Griffin
COLLECTORS FOR APRIL		
Sat. 7.30pm:	Pat Devine, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva, Oliver Cribbin	
Sunday 10am:	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Carlos Balbino Romao	
MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL		
Saturday 7.30pm	Team C: Kleber Lucas, Joao Miguel de Oliveira Guerra, Luis Filipe da Cruz, Heliosa Neves, Hellena de Oliveira Guerra	
Sunday 10am	Team D: Hazel Murphy, Fionn Finnegan, Séan Monaghan, Hannah Toparowska	



### MASSES:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

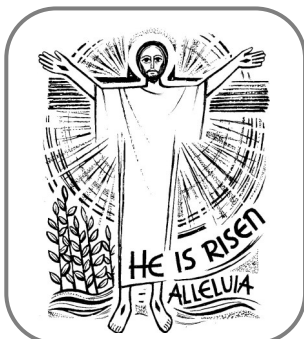
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### 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.



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](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)  
The Holy Saturday night Vigil at 9pm and the 10am Mass on Easter Sunday will also be broadcast live on Midwest Radio. **There will also be a 12pm Mass on Easter Sunday.**

**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 at Masses over Easter or into next week. Thank you for your support. A special word of thanks to the pupils & staff of Scoil Íosa primary school who raised €610 in their Easter raffle. 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.

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER OF ACHILL/KNOCK:** Would you like to join the Franciscan family? Join us on the second Thursday of each month at 2pm for short meeting & refreshments at the Capuchin Friary, Knock- next to Knock House Hotel. For details call Fr. Matthew on 083 3527308

**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.

**FAMILY CARERS IRELAND** is urging people to take 7,000 steps a day throughout April. Walk anywhere, anytime to help support Family Carers Ireland, while raising awareness for carers nationwide. Sign up at [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie)

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

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers:  
Michael Byrne, Tuam & formerly Main St;  
John Waldron, Birmingham & formerly Johnstown

### EASTER 2026- A Message from Archbishop Francis Duffy:

Easter proclaims and celebrates the living hope we have in Christ, for, as the Scriptures remind us, God "has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). In the Risen Lord, who reminds us "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20), we find the strength to live as his disciples in the midst of our daily lives. When the Risen Jesus stood among his disciples, his first words were "Peace be with you" (John 20:19). He speaks these same words to us today, calling us to be bearers of his peace, hope and love in a world that so clearly longs for healing. May the light of the Resurrection shine in every place of darkness, and may hope and peace take root and flourish, especially where there is conflict, despair and war. I wish you a blessed and peaceful Easter.



Archbishop Francis Duffy

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

**Offertory Collection**  
29th March 2026  
€2,040

**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](mailto:prayergroups@youth2000.ie)  
Connaught Spring Day Retreat 2026 takes place at Knock Shrine on 25th April.

**GENEALOGY GROUP:** Next meeting is on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30pm in the Community Hall. A project on researching rural shops in the Ballyhaunis area will be discussed, with a view to hosting an exhibition during Heritage Week in August. All welcome, refreshments served.

**TEA DAY** in aid of Western Alzheimers takes place in the home of Mary & Jimmy Walsh, Knockbrack F35 HY18 on Friday next 10th April from 10am to 2pm. Come along for a cuppa & a treat. Raffle on the day also. All welcome.

### EASTER GREETINGS

*Happy Easter to all the families in our parish, and a special welcome home to all who have made the journey back for Easter. May the peace, hope and joy of the risen Lord fill your hearts & lives. Sincere thanks to all who helped with and took part in the Holy Week and Easter ceremonies, including our Sacristan Irene and her helpers, parish secretary Paula, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Mass Servers, organists, choirs, musicians and soloists, as well as those who helped with the Offertory Processions and collections, and those who prepared the Sanctuary. Thanks also to the members of our Parish Pastoral Council, our Baptism and Funeral Ministry teams, to the John Paul II students who filled the Holy Water bottles, to our envelope distributors and to Midwest Radio for their assistance in broadcasting our ceremonies live from St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis.*  
**Fr. Stephen**

