FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th May 2023



O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance. alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord. For we have sinned against you. Show us, O Lord, your mercy. And grant us your salvation.

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.

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.

OPENING PRAYER

Almighty ever-living God. constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 6: 1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon,

Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

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

- 1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.
- 2. For 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.
- 3. 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.

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2:4 - 9 A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him: set vourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture savs: See how I lav in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone. a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 14:1-12 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you.

I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him."

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work. if for no other reason.' I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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.



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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead. grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life. 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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

my soul shall be healed.

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord.

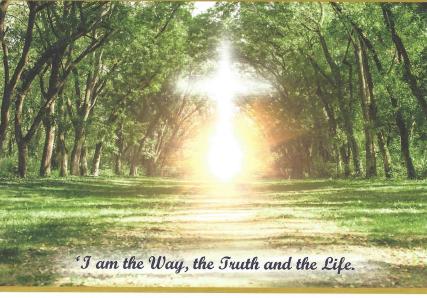
CONCLUDING RITE

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.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 7th May 2023

The centre of Christianity is not a rule of law, a code of behaviour, but a Person whose love we receive and whose life we imitate. Jesus is in this manner, ''the way, the truth and the life."



Rooms in a house are memorable and important; like the parlour in the old Irish houses. The dining room, bathroom and kitchen- all were rooms with different functions and different hospitalities. Jesus uses a usual image to communicate, like he does with plants, family and harvest.

Religion is ordinary. Our family house, apartment or a tent in a desert is a house of God. Jesus preached much more in people's houses - in the house of the paralysed man, the home of Martha and Mary, the sinner Zacchaeus. What is more ordinary than saying the room in my heart is the room of God, that 'the word was made flesh and lived among us'?

Thinking of houses and homes, we remember the tragedy of the homeless in our cities. It's not right. People need rooms. If we are in the Father's house ourselves, we can think of the many vacant rooms and houses in Ireland. We salute to Peter McVerry, Sister Stan, Threshold, and others who ensure that the rooms of God in our country are not left empty.

We remember also that the rooms of Jesus are for the future, and we hear this gospel often at a funeral. A room is prepared for each of us. For now, his room is in our heart – in there lives the way of life, the truth of life and the one who enlivens us. He invites others into our rooms that they may find him.

Lord Jesus, you are the way that guides our steps in life, the truth that enlightens our minds and the life that gives love to our hearts.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)



Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

When people die we say that they have passed away, to their Home in Heaven, and they find New Breath in God. The prayer says "We thank You God Our Father because You made us to live for You, and for each other". Mary is our mother in Heaven she is with God, she is very close to each one of us. Being in God who is close to us. Mary shares this closeness, knows

our hearts, hears our prayers. She always listens, is always close to us. Mary help us to be friends of Jesus and follow His Way.

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MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Each day on selected hours between 9am & 7pm

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 8th—13th MAY 2023

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

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

Bridget & Peggy Daly & decd.

Brian & Mary Hunt, Derrynacong & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny families

Delia, Thomas & Bill Walsh, Drimaderra & decd. of the Walsh & Cunnane families

Fr. J.J. & Tom Cribbin & decd. Main Street

Decd. Of the Durkin, Hyland & Finn families, Classaghroe

James & Delia Ruane & decd. Curries & Swinford & decd. of the Murray family Mattie Folev

Tony Moran, Hazelhill

Celia, Tom & Dom Murphy, Brackloon

Laurence & Margaret Morris & decd. Brackloon

Joe & Catherine Dunleavy & decd. of the Ryan family, Derrylahan

SUNDAY 14th MAY—MONTH'S MIND

Séan Paul Tighe, Carrowbawn, Crossard & Carrowreagh

8th—14th May	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Helen Freeley, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Willie Broderick	Eileen Jordan, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Marie Jordan	Joe Byrne, Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Marion Regan
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Eileen Donnellan, Patricia Plunkett, Daniela Balbino Romao, Mary T. Griffin

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:

Congratulations to the students of Scoil Iósa, Ballyhaunis who received their First Holy Communion here in St. Patrick's Church on Saturday 6th May:

Connor Allen Leon Barcanec Raminta Ciutaite Ciana Collins Fionn Finnegan Carlos de Sousa Gomes

Luiz Ricardo de Sousa Gomes

Philip Grogan Benjamin Jordan Eva Grace Kilcourse

Joanna Asia Marciniak Bradley Maughan Katie McDonagh Séan Monaghan Harry Murphy

Joao Miguel De Oliveira Guerra Alessia Palumbo

Jonathan Powers Sara Romaric Savannah Webb

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Anthony Jordan, Sandymount, Dublin & formerly Knox St.—brother of the late Tommy Jordan, Knox St

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm Mondays to Fridays continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:

The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will take place this Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick. All welcome.

Offertory Collection 30th April 2023 €1,760

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023: Well done to all who took part in the sunrise walk/ run on Saturday morning to help raise funds for suicide awareness. Thanks also to those who helped to organise and steward the event, to those who provided refreshments for the walkers, to the musicians along the way, and to Ballyhaunis Community School for the use of the gym.

GRADUATION MASS: A special Mass for students graduating from Ballyhaunis Community School will take place on Thursday 18th May at 7pm in the school.

DONAL WALSH 10th Anniversary Mass & Youth Pilgrimage will take place next Thursday 11th May from 10am to 3pm. Children and young people from all over Ireland are welcome to Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message to "Live Life". To book a school or youth group, contact youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call 094 9375321.

ACCORD is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators, who will work as part of a team that prepares couples for the Sacrament of Marriage. If you're interested, contact marriagepreparation@accord.ie or call 01 5053112 for more information.

VACANCIES: The North Mayo Community Employment Scheme has vacancies for Clerical Assistants at the Enterprise Centre, Ballyhaunis. To be eligible, you must be in receipt of a social welfare payment for one year. For more details, contact Angela at 087 9903620.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALONE, the national organisation supporting older people to age at home, is seeking volunteers in this area for Telephone Support & Befriending. Volunteers are asked to commit to 2 hours per week to provide support and information, or companionship to an older person. For more details, contact Paul at 086 0135043, or visit www.alone.ie

VAKS: Would you like to volunteer at Knock Shrine? The Volunteer@Knock Shrine programme is for young people in TY 5th Year & Leaving Cert who would like to volunteer over a weekend this Summer. This is an opportunity to assist the pilgrims visiting the Shrine. Mandatory training day on Sunday 21st May, and you can then choose what weekends would suit you to volunteer. More details available by emailing youthministry@knockshrine.ie or calling 094 9375321.

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES: Three-day pilgrimages take place between 1st June and 15th August. Booking is advised. One-day retreats are available on 9th, 14th, 20th, 27th & 29th May. Booking is essential by calling 071 9861518. A four-night residential retreat will take place from 11th to 15th June, and again from 6th to 10th August. Quiet days, lakeshore pilgrimages and residential retreats also available. Further details

of the 2023 pilgrimages are available on www.loughderg.org

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with long-term health conditions to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety etc. can benefit from these online workshops. The next online programme starts next Wednesday 10th May. Places are limited, and to register contact Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or email lgildea@southmayo.com

JOB VACANCIES: The Archdiocese of Tuam is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for two positions: the full-time position of Diocesan Accountant, and Diocesan Pastoral Resource Person (two-year contract). For details, visit www.tuamarchdiocese.org. Applications for both positions should be submitted by 5pm on Friday 12th May.

WESTERN CARE: Ballyhaunis Day Centre wish to thank all who supported their recent Tea Day in aid of a defibrillator for Ballyhaunis Town Soccer Club, which raised over €450.

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.

THE ABBEY PARTNERSHIP would like to thank all who attended and participated in the Three Tenors concert last weekend in the Friary. It was a great success, and the Tenors will return to Ballyhaunis in December for a Christmas concert.

CLAREMORRIS TOWN HALL THEATRE presents Padraig Stevens & guests (including Leo Moran of The Sawdoctors, Tony Reidy & Seamus Ruttledge) with the Mayo Concert Orchestra next Saturday night 13th May. For tickets, call 094 9310999 or log onto www.townhall.ie

TABLE TENNIS CLUB: The club AGM will be held on 17th May in the Community Hall, Ballyhaunis at 8pm. New members are welcome to come and play table tennis on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6pm to 8pm.

BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL takes place from Monday 29th May to Mon. 5th June, with a number of new and interactive events for all ages. Monday's events include Crazy Bingo and a Family Treasure Hunt. On Tues 30th May, a Celebrity Bake-Off takes place in the Dalgan. On Wed. 31st, there's an Inter-Cultural Night in the Community Hall, and Joanna Donnelly of Met Eireann will be in the Credit Union for a talk on forecasting and weather science. Thursday's highlight is the Inter-Pub Quiz, while local pianist Darragh Brogan will join Hilda O'Mahony on violin for an Evening of Summer Delights in the Friary Church on Friday 2nd June. Saturday 3rd is Family Fun Day in the Friary Field, while on Sunday 4th, there's a Street Market from 11am to 5pm and the Indie West Fest will see live music on Main St from 2pm till late. The festival concludes on Monday 5th June with a Vintage Car Show. For details, see the Ballyhaunis Events/Festivals Facebook page.