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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.

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.

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.

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

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 within us as he talked to us on the road





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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.

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 sen to be his people in our family, among our friends, in all parts of the world.





We sometimes hear the phrase, 'walking the walk'. It means that we share, with compassion, another's life, just as Jesus walked the walk with the disciples going to Emmaus. It means entering into the lives of others. We often have a really good chat on a walk.

Jesus entered the apostles' lives by listening, hearing their disappointment that he had been crucified and that their hopes were shattered. His was active listening. He was able then to connect with them as he told them about himself. The time probably passed very quickly. It is apt in this year when we are preparing for a Synod that we should reflect upon the fact that Jesus makes himself known first by listening and then by speaking.

Whatever way he spoke, he lifted their spirits as they said later, 'our hearts burned within us as he spoke'. Prayer, at times, can be like that.

Our faith life is walking with Jesus as we share everything of our lives with him and hear his words of acceptance. We walk with the gospel words in our minds and our gospel book in our hands. But it doesn't end just with a walk.

Like a good walk often ends with refreshment, the Emmaus walk ended with the meal. At that meal the two disciples recognised him. Our talking and walking with the Lord is a journey to the Eucharist. There, without words, he offers bread and wine, his body and blood.

Like the two disciples – we are encouraged then to share his gospel, his risen life, as we bring what we have received to our world. Our walk ends with the invitation to walk further – 'Go and glorify the Lord with your life.

Lord may our hearts burn with your words, and our souls be refreshed with your Bread of life.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)



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.

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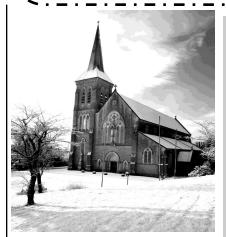
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Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)



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. Cont act the parish office, 094-



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 24th—29th April 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. **********

> John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown Annie Rogers, Ballybeg Edward & Nora Mulkeen, Claremorris Rosanna Costa, Brazil Tom Moran, Hazelhill & New York Michael Cameron, Knockroe Tom, Bridie & John Michael McGuire, Lisbane Peter Sloyan & decd. Forthill Declan Byrne, Gurteen

SUNDAY 30th APRIL— MONTH'S MIND

John Healy, Holywell & Western Care

24th-30th April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Marie Brennan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan
Sat 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Cáit Webb, Eileen Lynch, Margaret Tarpey, Helena Byrne

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers Colm Forkan, Tooreen—cousin of Maureen Nolan, Clare Court

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.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Easter donations. Envelopes can still be returned at Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the accounts details are:

Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account. BIC: AIBKIE2D

IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354.

The bank details are also printed on the back of the envelopes.

CONFIRMATION: A Ceremony of Light & Penitential Service will take place here in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday evening next 25th April at 7pm. Confirmation candidates and their parents should attend the ceremony, and candidates should bring their Baptismal Candles. The Confirmation ceremony in Ballyhaunis will take place on Saturday 20th May 12 noon, attended by Archbishop Francis Duffy.

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday night 24th April at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023 takes place at sunrise on Saturday 6th May. This year's walk/run will start and finish at the gym in Ballyhaunis Community School. Register online at www.darknessintolight.ie to help raise funds for Pieta. Let's help turn Ballyhaunis Sunshine Yellow on the weekend of the 5th/6th May!

THREE TENORS CONCERT: As part of the Mayo Day 2023 celebrations, Ballyhaunis will host the popular Three Tenors live at the Friary Church next Saturday evening 29th April at 8pm. Enjoy a great night of music & song, with special guests including the Scoil Íosa NS Choir and Knock NS Choir. Tickets are now on sale locally in McHugh's Café and The Gem Costcutters and online at EventBrite.ie. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Friary Preservation Fund. Please support.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community Austin Benedict Maughan, Abbeyquarter; Molly Croia Brennan, Holywell; Darla Marie McDonagh, Tooraree

Offertory Collection 16th April 2023 €1,835

DONAL WALSH 10th Anniversary Mass & Youth Pilgrimage will take place on 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.

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. You will develop new skills, share your talents and make a big difference to the lives of others. Mandatory training day on Sunday 21st May, and you can then choose what weekends you would be available to volunteer for. More details available from the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine on 094 9375321.

TEA/COFFEE MORNING will take place in the Western Care Training Centre beside the Credit Union, Clare Street on Friday 28th April from 11am to 1pm. All donations to the Ballyhaunis Town FC Defibrillator Fund. Please support.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesar Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis, will take place on Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE on 28th June. Two places have become available. For details, call 093 28337.

TRÓCAIRE: Please return any outstanding Trócaire Lenten collection boxes at Masses or to the parish office. Your support is appreciated.

BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEER WESTERN ALZHEIMERS:

Can you spare a couple of hours per week? You might consider becoming a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Training provided. For details, contact Caroline on 087 3694477 or 094 9364900.



The Synodal Pathway synodal process began on the theme of

Synod 2021-2024 For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission

In October 2021 the Catholic Church's

of the Catholic Church in Ireland synodality. This was the first time that a worldwide listening process and consultation with parishes and dioceses was attempted and many people in Ireland took part in a listening process during the early months of 2022. *Did you take* part? Have you been wondering what happened after that? Much has happened since then. Your participation formed part of a national document that was sent to the Synod office in Rome in August 2022. It also formed part of a global document called Enlarge the Space of Your Tent, which was published last October and then formed part of a presentation given by the Irish delegation that travelled to Prague this February for the first ever Continental Assembly of the Catholic Church's synodal process. Please visit www.synod.ie/2023update to find out more.

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.

MARIE'S MEMORY: Family members & friends of the late Marie Pollard (Fr. Stephen's sister) will take part in the Aer Aran Islands Half Marathon on Inis Mór this weekend, to raise funds for the Mater Hospital, where Marie was taken care of, following her tragic accident last November. To make an online donation, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-pollard23

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 on 10th May. Places are limited, and to register contact Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or lgildea@southmayo.com

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES for beginners and improvers continue every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Community Hall. Learn a cúpla focail in a relaxed atmosphere.

Weekly conversation groups also continue in English (Thursday), French (Sunday), Irish (Sunday), Italian (Wed.) & Spanish (Thursday) as well as Slavic languages (Thursday). Come and enjoy an hour of conversation in a friendly, relaxed setting. Enquiries to Ballyhaunis Language Café on 087 9777899.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: There are a limited number of plots available in the Community Garden at the Friary, where locals grow vegetables in a friendly and supportive environment. To reserve a plot, email ballyhaunisabbey@gmail.com

MSPCA: The Mayo Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals urgently needs more volunteers in Ballyhaunis, particularly on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays. Shifts are 10am-1pm and 3pm to 6pm each day. If you can volunteer to help with the lovely dogs and cats in our care, please email us on info@mayospca.ie or go to our Facebook page.

FAMILY FUN DAY on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May in Tooreen to celebrate the opening of the community Ruaille Buaille Playground. All welcome.