

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

After the Lord was baptised, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: **This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.**

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
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.
You bring light to those in darkness: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
May almighty God have mercy on us.... **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

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptised in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah. 'Console my people, console them,' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.'
A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord.
Make a straight highway for our God across the desert.
Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain,

and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'
Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah 'Here is your God.'
Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 103:1-3.3-4.24-25.27-30
R. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are!

1. Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe!
You stretch out the heavens like a tent **[R]**
2. Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **[R]**
3. How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **[R]**
4. All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **[R]**
5. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **[R]**

SECOND READING

Titus 2:11 - 14; 3. 4-7
A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Titus
God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own

and would have no ambition except to do good.

When the kindness and love of God our saviour for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our saviour. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I.
He will baptise with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Luke 3:15-16. 21-22*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

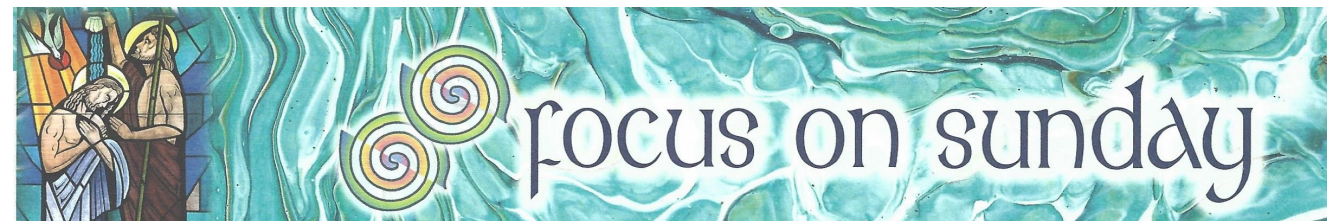
A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

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.



At the baptism of Jesus, God witnessed that Jesus was his Son. By baptism we too have been made God's children, chosen to bring his Good News to the world.

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, the offerings we have brought to honour the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

EUCCHARISTIC 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

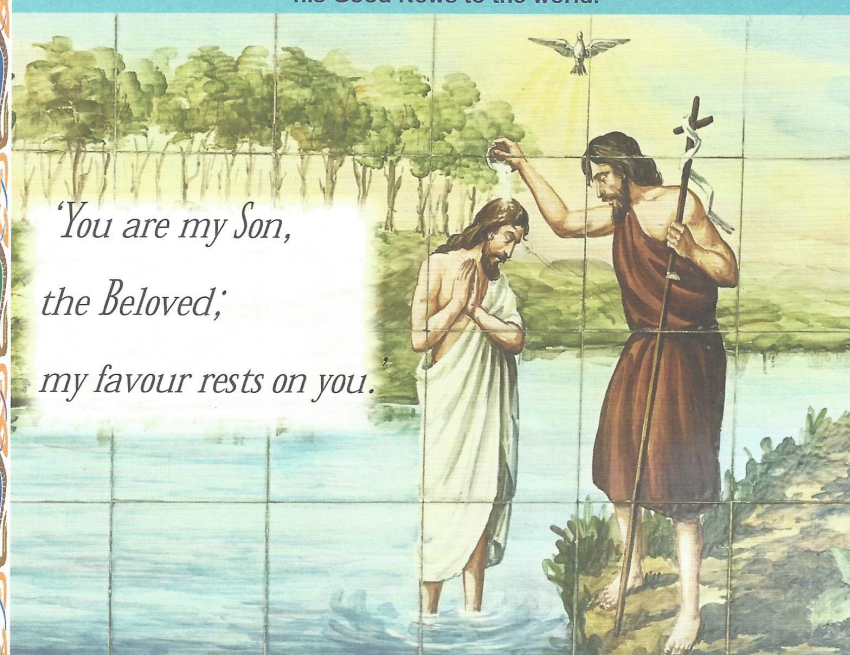
Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

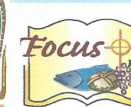
Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Go in peace.
Thanks be to God.



*'You are my Son,
the Beloved;
my favour rests on you.'*



Today, Jesus' baptism by John, was a special moment - the real coming of God's spirit upon him. the Spirit who had come on Mary at the moment of Jesus' conception, and would come to Jesus at his last moment on the Cross.

The spirit brings him new energy - The feast marks that something new is happening, and that Jesus is the beloved son; from eternity and into time. The Spirit came upon him - but not just for himself. He would send the Spirit later to us - of forgiveness and of perseverance in doing good.

SPIRIT-ENERGY

Today is about energy. Jesus found a new spirit in himself after his prayer and he heard words he would never forget. Maybe you have heard words of love from someone you will never forget. They give energy to the heart and soul, making us people always on the go, ready for new life within us.

INTO BREAD AND WINE

The spirit pours the energy of God into bread and wine and they are changed forever. He sends himself forever. It is sending the love and presence and energy of God.

We know that we can get stuck. We need new infusions of the Spirit to give us renewed energy. Can we be the type of people who others think it's good to meet? Open to the spirit of God, open to new life, new love, being really fully the person I can be.?

Donal Neary SJ. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

At Baptism we celebrate that the baby has Three Special Friends: God The Father, who makes the sun shine on everybody; God The Son, Jesus, our forever friend, born at Christmas; and God the Holy Spirit who lives in our heart with every breath we breathe. The people touch the baby with welcome and blessing. The baby is carried with loving hands, beginning life. We are carried with loving hands too at the end of life to a new home of love and joy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 9th JANUARY 2022

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MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 10th - 16th JANUARY 2022

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

Kitty & Jack Greally, Drimbane, & decd. of the Healy family, Cloongoonagh, Tooreen

Bridget Carney, Cloongoonagh, Tooreen, & decd. of the Cosgrove family

Tom Flatley, Clare St.

Dom Murphy & decd. of the Murphy & Regan families, Brackloon & Tulrahan

Michael & Kitty Nolan, Erritt, Castlereagh

P.J. Kelly & Liam Carney, Bekan

Mary & Peter Gallagher, Derrintogher, & Bridie Goldstein

Bernie Joe Lyons, Skeghard

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave

Danny & Annette Fadian & Annie Warde, Achill

Padraig Phillips, Leow

Thomas, Mary, Martin & Terry McDonagh, Tooraree

Mary Teresa & John Horan & decd.

Sunday 16th Jan. 10.00am. First Anniversary

Fr. Michael Kenny, Skeghard

Mary Webb, Devlis

10th - 16th January	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margie Gallagher, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Kay Curley
Saturday 7.30pm.	Norrie Dillon	Marion Regan, John Dillon, Clare Higgins
Sunday 10.00am.	Orlaith Coffey	Margaret Tarpey, Miriam Judge, Aileen Burke
Sunday 12.00	Pat Higgins	Helene McCafferty, Gilmar Neves, Deirdre Browne

Offertory Collection

2nd January 2022
€1,435

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

PARISH CALENDARS 2022 are available in the church porch. Please take one home and bring one to a friend or neighbour who may not be in a position to get one.

Baptism of the Lord "I have taken you by the hand and formed you. I have appointed you." (1st Reading) For what have you been formed? Where are your gifts and personality needed most? Perhaps as a priest, a deacon or in consecrated life? Speak to your Vocations Director or contact the National Vocations Office

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place money in the nearby candelabra.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING

MASS: For clarity following recent updated Covid guidance, Religious Services in Places of Worship are unchanged regarding capacity, with all other protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation, i.e. wearing of masks and hand sanitising - even if we have received the vaccine.

Likewise, there are no changes to attendance at funeral services however any post funeral service gatherings must comply with hospitality rules including no multiple table bookings. With regard to wakes in private homes general advice on household mixing is 3 other households (4 in total) applies.

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis>

COMMISSIONING OF NEW BAPTISM TEAM MEMBERS

Two recently recruited members of the Parish Baptism Team - Fionnuala Nolan & Lorraine Waldron - are being commissioned at the 10 o'clock Mass this Sunday, Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We thank them for volunteering for this important Ministry in our parish.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING: Christmas trees can be deposited near the recycling banks in the car park off Main St. until 21st January. Please ensure that all decorations are removed from the trees. Service provided by Mayo County Council.

MAYO SPORTS PARTNERSHIP - Local Events: Men on the Move returns Monday January 17th at 7.30pm. Meeting at the Friary ball court - a walking programme free of charge aimed at adult males encouraging them to lead a healthy lifestyle. To book a place contact Tracy Cunnane, Ballyhaunis Sports Hub Coordinator, 087-4479227.

Operation Transformation Walk - Sunday 16th January at 11.00am Meeting point Friary call court. To book a space contact Tracy, Ballyhaunis Sports Hub Coordinator, 087-4479227.

LEARN COMPUTER SKILLS FROM HOME: If you are a beginner or want to refresh your skills, National Learning Network's free IT and Business Studies course enables you to learn online from home, do work experience locally, and come into the local Centre for tutor guidance just twice a week. Completing modules such as word processing, spreadsheets, bookkeeping and many others. A free laptop is provided for the duration of the course. If you would benefit from extra support and are registered with the Department of Social Protection you could be entitled to the free training. Flexible start dates, payments are protected, and people under 26 years can receive extra payments.

Contact: Sharon on 087 2909064, National Learning Network, Breaffy Road, Castlebar, or check us out at www.nln.ie

INSTALLATION OF MOST REVEREND FRANCIS DUFFY AS ARCHBISHOP OF TUAM

Sunday 9 January 2022 at 2.30pm.

Livestream on <https://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam>

Most Reverend Francis Duffy will be installed as Archbishop of Tuam in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Tuam, on Sunday 9 January 2022, during the celebration of Mass at 2.30pm. He succeeds Archbishop Michael Neary who was appointed Archbishop of Tuam on 17 January 1995.



This will be a joyous and historic occasion for the people of the Archdiocese of Tuam and for Archbishop Francis himself. While it was hoped to celebrate the Installation with as many people as possible in attendance, and at the same time respecting the public health advice and the current official guidelines, this is now not possible due to the widespread circulation of the coronavirus in the community.

Archbishop Francis has decided to reduce the risk of his Installation becoming a potential spreader event, and to show his support for and solidarity with all who provide care for those suffering from Covid-19, all healthcare workers, and all who work on the frontline in any capacity, the number of invited guests will be reduced to a minimum.

The congregation in the Cathedral will now be limited to members of Archbishop Francis' immediate family and a number of close friends, His Excellency Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland, Archbishop Michael Neary and a small number of bishops including the bishops of dioceses in the Tuam Province (Achonry, Clonfert, Elphin, Galway and Killala), members of the Tuam Council of Priests representing the clergy of the diocese, and members of the College of Consultors to whom the Holy Father's letter of appointment must be shown. The laity and religious living in the Archdiocese will be represented. Others assisting at the Liturgy will also be present.

Those wishing to watch the livestream may do so by using this link: <https://www.tuamparish.com/web-cam> or listen to the ceremony on Galway Bay FM or Midwest Radio.

Archbishop Francis was born in Bawnboy, Co. Cavan, in 1958 and was educated at Munlough NS, St. Patrick's College, Cavan, and St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. He was ordained for the Diocese of Kilmore on 20th June 1982 by Bishop Francis McKiernan. After 11 years as a teacher in St. Patrick's College, Cavan, Fr. Francis spent two years as a post-graduate student at Maynooth College and Trinity College, Dublin.

In 1996 he was appointed Principal of Fatima & Felim's Secondary School, Ballinamore, Co. Leitrim. After 12 years as principal he was appointed Diocesan Secretary and Chancellor of the Diocese of Kilmore. During this time, Fr. Francis was also priest in residence in Clifferna, Parish of Laragh, Co. Cavan. On 17th July 2013, Pope Francis appointed him Bishop of Ardagh & Clonmacnois.

We wish him every blessing as he takes up this onerous Ministry in our Archdiocese.