

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens? This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

GREETING

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

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way to the Father:

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you have given us the consolation of the truth:

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd, leading us into everlasting life:

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

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who believe that your Only Begotten Son, our Redeemer, ascended this day to the heavens, may in spirit dwell already in heavenly realms. Who lives and reigns

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 1: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, "Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 46:2-3.6-9

R. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. or Alleluia!

- All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. [R]
- God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. [R]
- God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. [R]

SECOND READING Ephesians 1: 17 - 23

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 24: 46 - 53

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.'

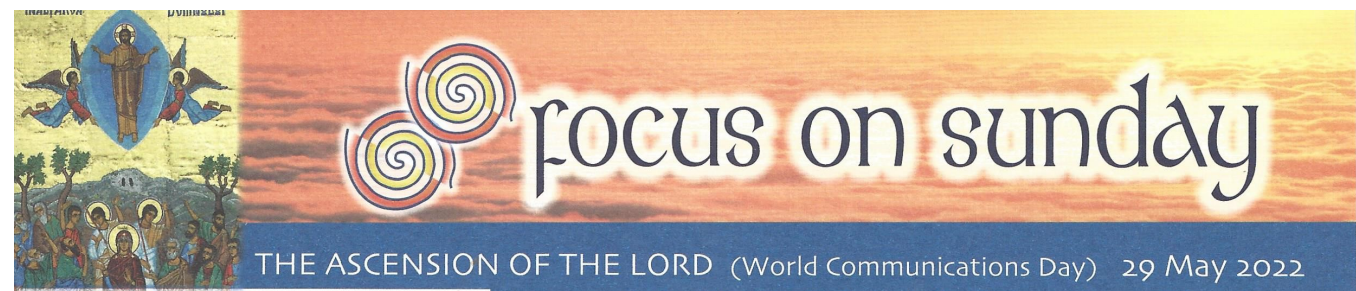
Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

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. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray brothes 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

We offer sacrifice now in supplication, O Lord, to honour the wondrous Ascension of your Son: grant, we pray, that through this most holy exchange we, too, may rise up to the heavenly realms. 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. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

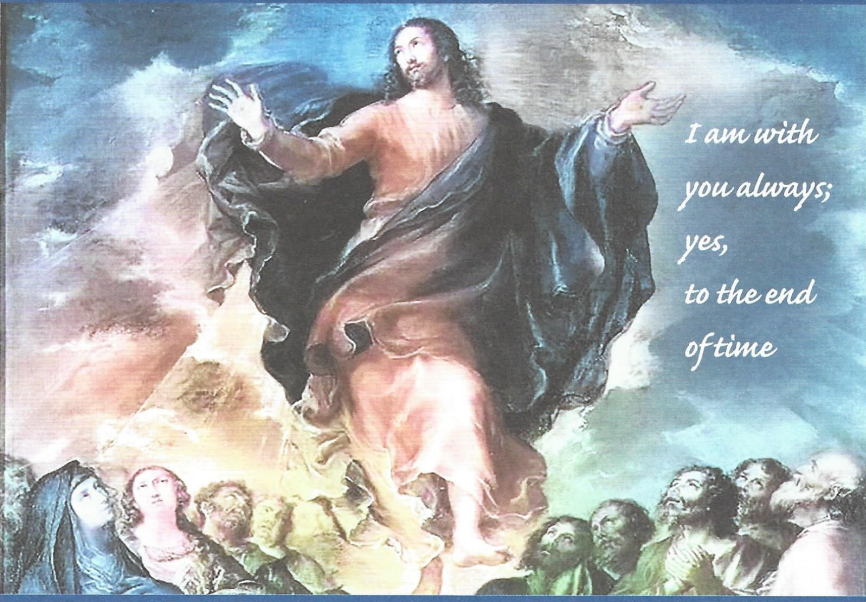
Almighty ever-living God, who allow those on earth to celebrate divine mysteries, grant, we pray, that Christian hope may draw us onward to where our nature is united with you. Through Christ our Lord.

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, Thanks be to God.



The Lord is absent : that was the first experience of Jesus' followers after his death. But even though he has returned to his Father, he is with us. Today's feast is the celebration that he is present both in heaven and on earth.



I am with you always; yes, to the end of time



It took just this small group to begin something which would change the world forever. Jesus knew his mission to spread God's kingdom on earth was for everyone, everywhere and all times. The way he ensured this was to leave us for heaven and send out ordinary men and women, apostles and disciples to bring his word and work to all throughout the ages and to us today.

The feast today of the Ascension is what we might call, 'Upwards and Onwards'. The Lord has moved into a new way of life, being with us now from heaven. Our faith is that he is caring all the time for us and for his church. Pope St John 23rd used to pray at night: "Ah Lord, I'm tired and going to bed. it's your church, so look after it!". We try our best as his disciples to work with him and the community of the church in his service.

In times when the church is under a lot of pressure, both inside and outside, we need to work in prayer with the Lord and in listening to his word. Also, in working together, like the apostles, we are sent each day in his name. We do this in ordinary love in our relationships and in caring for those most in need as best we can. We show our living Christian faith in our acts of loving care – the care we show for the marginalized and the dispossessed in our own communities or those who have been driven to our shores by war or climate change.

His last words were to assure us of this presence which 'would clothe us from on high' and his last gesture was a blessing. As we bless ourselves today and during the week, we can recall that in this action, the Lord is blessing us.

In your name and power O Lord, I want to live my life in love. Amen. Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story Liam Hickey

Jesus tells his friends that He has to go home to Heaven. He asks them not to be sad, because He will send His Spirit to be with them always in their hearts. Then with His Hand He blessed them. God Our Father is like a very big Hand, giving blessings to us and all the world all the time. We can give joy to others with our hands, helping others, giving a hug, playing games, and working.

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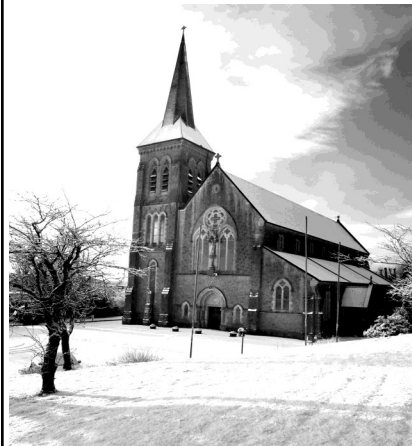
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MASSES:

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. - 7.00pm.

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 30th MAY - 5th JUNE 2022

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

Mido & Mary Cunningham, Abbey Street

Larry Lynch & deceased and Grogan family, Holywell

Delia, Clarence and Joe Grogan, Conor Dempsey, Gerard & Francis Garvey

Kieran Benson, Upper Main Street

Judith Regan, Killinaugher,

Josie & Frank Regan, Loughglyn,

Nan, Jack & Tom Regan & decd. Killinaugher

Sunday 5th June Months Mind—Mary Teresa Rynne, Tully, Carrowbehy

30 May-5 June	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Mary Freeley
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Willie Broderick	Margie Gallagher, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Mary Donnelly	Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10.00am.	Norma Jean Folliard	Miriam Judge, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke
Sunday 12.00	Martin Fitzmaurice	Mary T Griffin, Eileen Jordan, Eileen Donnellan

COLLECTORS FOR JUNE

Saturday 7.30pm	Sunday 10.00am	Sunday 12.00
Eamonn Egan	Willie Broderick	Martin Fitzmaurice
Patsy Glynn	Gerry Lyons	Richard Waldron
Tom Regan	Joe Costello	Patsy Flanagan
Ann Curley	Mike Griffin	Kieran Fitzmaurice

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

George McMahon, Belfast—husband of Doreen Forde, formerly of The Square;

Margaret McDonagh, Kent, daughter-in-law of Bernie & Christine McDonagh, formerly of Ballyhaunis, Delia Lyons née Mullarkey, Tulrahan—sister of John Mullarkey, Bohogue and Ave Maria Nursing Home.

<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 by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. The account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

Offertory Collection

22nd May 2022

€1,595

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:

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils for the 2022/2023 year is now open. Enrolment forms are available at the school or by emailing: iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com

TOWARDS HEALING is an independent organisation providing free professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. Their helpline is open Monday to Thursday, 11.00am. - 8.00pm. and Friday 11.00am. - 6.00pm. Freephone 1800 303416. Hearing impaired text line 085-8022859.

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

BASKET ENVELOPE COLLECTION—Since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have refrained from passing the collection bags at the Offertory collection due to the risk of transmitting the virus. We are very grateful to parishioners who have continued to place envelopes in the boxes at the rear of the Church or drop them into the Parish Office. At a recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting, it was decided to start the gradual re-introduction of collection bags from next weekend. Instead of members of the congregation passing the collection bags to the person next to them, as a first step the bags will be attached to an extension so the collector can reach across each pew and hold it in front of the occupants, and anyone who wishes may place their envelope / donation in the bag. We will review the practise after a few weeks, and ask for your co-operation on this matter.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets every Wednesday at 11.00am. at the Family Centre, Knock. All are welcome. Contact Monica Morley, Knock Shrine, 094-9375320.

SCRIPTURE SUMMER SCHOOL at Knock Shrine:

In association with Tarsus Scripture School.

Walking the Synodal Pathway Together - facilitated by Mr. Sean Goan and Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA.

Beginning Thursday, 16th June at 9.30am. and finishing Saturday, 18th June at 1.00pm. in St. John's Rest & Care Centre.

In order to facilitate people from all over the country and further afield, the option of joining online or in person is being offered to participants. Booking fee €40, bookings must be completed online at www.knockshrine.ie/scripture_summer_school. **Please note you will need to select the option to either attend online or in-person at the time of booking.*

THE PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA continues until Tuesday 31st May, the Feast of the Visitation - is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers.

AN IRISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION CORNER

organised by Ballyhaunis Language Café will meet again this Sunday May 29th at 7.00pm. Meeting in Gill's Bar on Clare Street. The conversation will be as Gaeilge - all welcome.

CEMETERY COLLECTION: Ballyhaunis Cemetery Committee are in the process of sending out the annual Cemetery Collection envelopes & would be grateful if you could return the €25 annual contribution at any of the weekend masses or drop them into the Parochial House or to any Committee Member

MAYO SPCA, Pattenspark, will hold a fundraising quiz in Gareth Delaney's, Abbey St on Thurs evening June 2nd at 8.30pm. Lots of great prizes and a fun evening guaranteed.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

An information leaflet has been issued by the Archdiocese of Tuam and is available in the church porch. Visit www.synod.ie for information on the Irish Synodal Pathway



The Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland

PRAYER FOR ADDICTION: Do you or somebody you know suffer from addiction—Alcohol, Drugs, Gambling, Pornography, Food, Internet etc. Please come to the shrine of Matt Talbot in Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Sean Mc Dermot street, Dublin, on Sunday 12th June at 2pm, and join our annual national pilgrimage to pray for freedom from all these addictions. For more information, visit www.matttalbotprayersociety.com or call (048) 71262894

EXAM MASS KNOCK SHRINE: On Saturday, June 4th at 7:30pm, there will be a special Mass in the Basilica at Knock Shrine for all students preparing for their exams. Students are encouraged to bring their pencil cases for a special blessing. **Fr Stephen will also celebrate Mass in Ballyhaunis Community School on Wednesday morning 8th June at 8.30am—ahead of the first exam.**

EXAM PRAYER—Lord Jesus, as I now prepare for my exams, I ask You to grant me strength of mind and constant hope. Banish all fear, anxiety, regret and nervous distraction. May your gifts of the Holy Spirit guide and enlighten my mind at this difficult time. Give me the gift of self-confidence and assurance that you will hear my prayer. Answer my need and continue to guide me as I pursue life's journey. Amen.

FRIDAY NIGHT VIGIL - The first Friday Mini Vigil will take place on 3rd June with Confessions from 8pm-9pm and Vigil in Knock Parish Church.

Vigils will continue to take place on the first Friday of the month.

GRETB CONSTRUCTION OPERATIVE training course is due to commence in Dunmore FET Centre on 13th June next. This full-time course will take place over 15 weeks and will include QQI certified modules in (i) Concreting, (ii) Laying Kerbs Flags and Paviers, (iii) Signing Lighting and Guarding at Roadworks & (iv) Health and Safety at Roadworks as well as tickets in Safe Pass, Abrasive Wheels, Working at Heights, Site Dumper Operator and Confined Spaces. No course fees are payable, subject to certain terms & conditions. If interested, please contact the Course Recruitment section of Galway Roscommon ETB on 091 706200 or email recruit@gretbtrainingcentre.ie

MONTHLY CENACLE: The monthly Cenacle of prayer under the aegis of the Marian Movement of Priests will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Aghamore, this Thursday evening, June 2. Commencing with Rosary at 6.30 p.m., with reading from the book, 'To the Priests, Our Lady's Beloved Sons'. Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7 p.m. by Fr. Jerald David, Aghamore, as part of the Cenacle. Everybody welcome to come along.

KNOCK MARKET @ THE PLAZA takes place on Sunday 29th May from 10.00am. - 3.00pm. Beautifully hand crafted gifts made by local crafters from the west of Ireland. If you would like to take part in the market please contact Leonie @ 086-8486924 E-mail: leoniekilroy@gmail.com

MARDI GRAS SUMMER PARADE -Saturday 30th July: Volunteers are needed to help with stewarding etc. for Ballyhaunis one-day summer festival. Please contact 087-1413846.