

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

After the Lord was baptized, 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. 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 42:1-4. 6-7*  
**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom my soul delights. I have endowed him with my spirit that he may bring true justice to the nations. He does not cry out or shout aloud, or make his voice heard in the streets. He does not break the crushed reed, nor quench the wavering flame. Faithfully he brings true justice;

he will neither waver, nor be crushed until true justice is established on earth, for the islands are awaiting his law.

I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right; I have taken you by the hand and formed you;

I have appointed you as covenant of the people and light of the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to free captives from prison, and those who live in darkness from the dungeon.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 28:1 - 4. 9 - 10.**

**R. The Lord will bless his people with peace.**

- O give the Lord you sons of God, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name. Adore the Lord in his holy court. [R]
- The Lord's voice resounding on the waters, the Lord on the immensity of waters; the voice of the Lord, full of power, the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. [R]
- The God of glory thunders. In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!' The Lord sat enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits as king for ever. [R]

**SECOND READING** *Acts 10: 34 - 38*

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

'It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ - but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. 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.'

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *Matthew 3: 13 - 17*

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

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said, 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

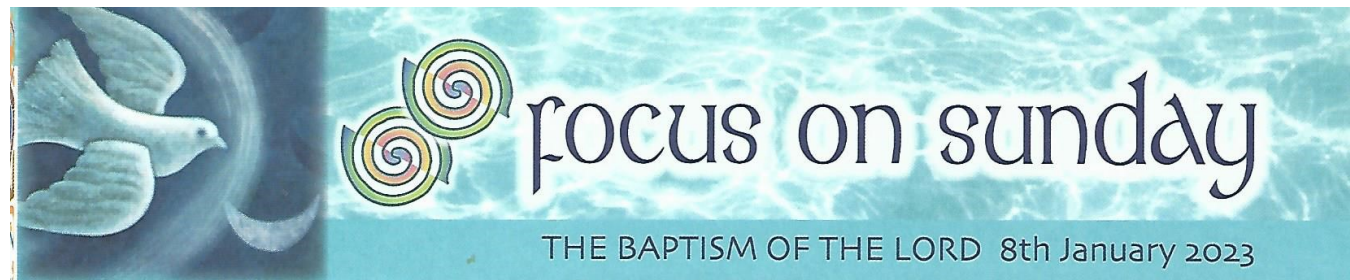
**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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 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.



This is the feast of Jesus receiving from his Father the calling and mission which he followed through in his life, death and resurrection. We too are baptised into a similar relationship with God in Christ.

**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. 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.



Nowadays we see baptism as welcoming a new person or infant into the Christian community. There was no Christian community for Jesus to be welcomed into when he was baptised by John in the river Jordan. By his baptism Jesus identified with all who were in need of God's special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as foretold by the ancient prophets. The opening of the heavens, the voice, and the Spirit all confirmed that Jesus was God's presence in the world. He would treat people as if they were his Father in heaven.

His presence offered hope and healing to all who felt overwhelmed and overburdened. "Come to me all you who labour and are overburdened...." Matthew 11: 28. We who have been baptised by water and the Holy Spirit have become other Christs. We are God's presence in the world. Christ lives in us - Galatians 2: 20. "Christ has no body now on earth but yours - no hands, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks out his compassion on the world. Yours are the feet with which he goes about doing good. Yours are the hands with which he blesses...." - Teresa of Avila. Let's not underestimate the power we have to offer hope and help to others when they are down - a listening ear, a kind word, a welcome mat, a bit of humour.... Maybe we could go another step and offer the questioner a good reason for the faith we practise and the hope we have - 1 Peter 3:15.

Fr. Joe Walsh

**Jesus' Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*

When Jesus is baptised, He tells us that we have Three Special Friends. God The Father, who makes the sun shine on the good and not so good. God, The Son, who came at Christmas, to be our forever Friend, and God The Holy Spirit who is "The Breath of God" in us and in all the Universe. We bless ourselves in Thanks, and say "Glory be to The Father, and to The Son, and to The Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th JANUARY 2023

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 9th-15th JANUARY 2023

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

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Helen, Thomas & Bridget Meehan & decd. Curries & Dolores King, Ballaghadereen

P.J. Kelly & Liam Carney, Bekan

Decd. parishioners who no longer have family to pray for them

Fr. Michael Kenny & his parents Michael & Christina Kenny, Skeghard

Tom Kelly, Merseyside

Mary & John Dillon Leetch, Main St.

Michael & Kitty Nolan, Erritt

Tom Flatley, Clare St.

John Comer, Killinaugher

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave

Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill

Padraic Phillips, Leow

Nellie, Tom & Seamus Lyons, Ballinastoka

Thomas, Mary, Martin & Terry McDonagh, Tooraree & England

### Sunday 15th January—Month's Mind Mass

Mary Higgins, Knockbrack

9th-15th January	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Willie Broderick	Marie Brennan, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Joan Flanagan	Tim Byrne, Anne Carney, Lorraine Waldron, Eavan Caulfield
Sunday 10am	Brendan Donnellan	Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan, Daniela Balbino Romao, Patricia Plunkett

### Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Tom Cribbin, Cahir, Aghamore & formerly Togher,

Brid McGrath née Rabbittee, Knock & formerly Derrylea,

Fr. Martin Newell, retired Parish Priest of Corrandulla,

Fr. Michael Goaley, retired Parish Priest of Glenamaddy.

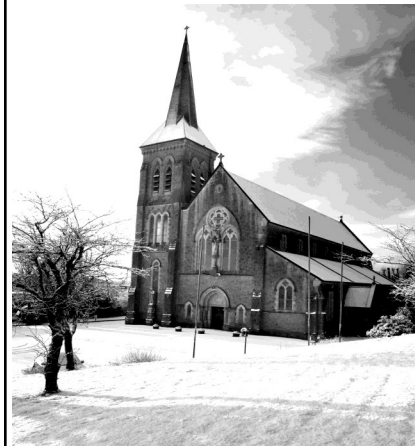
All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2FM and streamed on the parish webcam: <https://www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie).

### Offertory Collection

1st January 2023

€2,305

PARISH CALENDERS 2023 are available in the Church porch. Please take one home.



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil:

7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC

### ADORATION

Each day on selected hours

between 9am & 7pm

### BAPTISMS

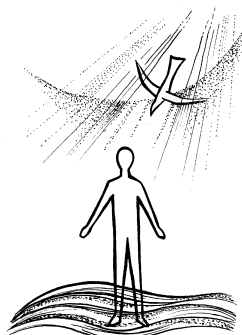
First Saturday & third Sunday

of the month at 11.00am.

Minimum of four weeks'

notice required. Contact the

parish office, 094-9630006.



**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Sincere thanks to those who have returned their envelopes. The Christmas collection envelopes can be placed in the box at the back of the Church at any of the daily Masses, or dropped in the letterbox of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the Priests' Account has recently been moved to AIB:

**BIC: AIBKIE 2D**

**IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.**

**NEW PCC:** The present Parish Pastoral Council was elected to serve a 4-year term 2017-2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all members agreed to stay on for an extra year, and we are truly grateful for their commitment to this ministry of service in our parish. In the coming weeks, you will be asked to nominate people for a new Parish Pastoral Council to serve from 2023 to 2027. A brochure will be circulated to homes in the parish, containing some basic information about a Parish Pastoral Council. The following are some of the qualities we are looking for, when nominating members for the new council:

- They should have time to give: some people are already too pressurized to be able to meet the time commitment.
- They should be able to think in terms of the whole parish. Some people find it hard to see beyond a particular area of interest.
- They should be team people, able to work well with others, good listeners, interested in other views and perspectives. Some cannot see beyond their own preoccupations.
- They should be open to new ways of doing things, with an energy and passion about the future of the parish and not stuck in the ways of the past.
- They should be able to work by way of meetings: planning, discussing and reviewing. Many people who are 'doers' find meetings intolerable.

**ENABLE IRELAND—VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Enable Ireland is currently recruiting volunteers to work with children with a disability throughout Co Mayo—if you have some free time and might like to assist. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home, but also within their community or at the centre in Castlebar. No more than three hours are Required per week, and training is provided. For more details, contact Fiona at 087 6808350 or email [fscully@enableireland.ie](mailto:fscully@enableireland.ie)

**BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB WORKSHOP** takes place in Scoil Iosa on Friday 13th January at 7pm. The club extends an open invitation to parents, players & new volunteers to take an active part in the workshop. Topics for discussion will include:

- Coaching and games—Adult
- Club structures and administration
- Finance and fundraising
- Club development and facilities
- Culture, community PR, beyond the games
- Juvenile games development and player welfare
- Social health and wellbeing.

**KNOCK COUNSELLING SERVICE** is running an Online Anger Management Programme. For more details, call Peter Devers at 094 9375032 or log onto [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling)

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING SERVICE:** Trees can be disposed of at the bottle banks in the car park behind Main St. from Friday 6th to Saturday 21st January.



### POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT:

The funeral has taken place in the Vatican this week of the former Pope Benedict XVI, who's mourned by Catholics across the world. On 19th April 2005, Cardinal Joseph Aloisius Ratzinger was elected 265th Pope of the Catholic Church, and

took the name Benedict XVI. He served until his resignation in February 2013 on health grounds. Hundreds of thousands of people paid their respects to him this week at St. Peter's Basilica, ahead of his funeral on Thursday. Following the Funeral Mass, he was laid to rest in the tomb where St John Paul II had been buried before his beatification. The Archbishop of Armagh & Primate of All-Ireland Eamon Martin said he was saddened to hear of the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. "At this time of mourning in the Catholic Church throughout the world, we remember his gentle soul in prayer, asking God, in His great mercy, to forgive his sins and human failings, while rewarding his generous service and complete dedication to the Gospel and to the Church. On behalf of the Irish Bishops' Conference, and the faithful across Ireland, I extend sympathy to Pope Francis, to the family members and carers of the Pope Emeritus, and to all those in his native Germany and around the globe who loved him and will mourn his loss. On that rainy day in April 2005, when the entire world had its eyes fixed on the new pope, Pope Benedict XVI described himself as a "simple, humble worker in the Lord's vineyard." As Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, he had already been working closely with Pope Saint John Paul II through the final years of the Cold War and the beginning of a new millennium, the fall of communism in central and eastern Europe, growing globalization and the emergence of an international threat of terrorism. In his lifetime, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI was an outstanding teacher and academic whose impressive intellectual ability, combined with clarity of expression, made of him one of the greatest theologians of our era. His personal writings on Jesus of Nazareth bear witness to his life's work to share the Good News of salvation that comes through Christ. In 2011, declaring the opening of universal Year of Faith, Pope Benedict spoke about how, at baptism we enter the 'door of faith' and set out on a journey that lasts a lifetime. Now that his earthly journey has ended, I pray that, by the help of God's mercy, the saints will go out to meet him and welcome him into his heavenly home. Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam dílis".

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**LIVING WELL** is a free online group programme aimed at helping people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. The programme is delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. Participants do not have to disclose their health condition. The next online programmes commence on 12th & 31st January and 20th Feb. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by contacting Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or email [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**IRISH FOR BEGINNERS:** Irish language classes for beginners / improvers will start on Tuesday 10th January at 7pm in Ballyhaunis Community Hall (formerly the Parochial Hall). The weekly hour-long classes are organised by Ballyhaunis Language Café, and are held in a fun, welcoming atmosphere encouraging people to use the Irish language. Enquiries to 087 9777899.