

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and
splendour, strength and honour in his
holy place.

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

Lord Jesus, you healed the sick:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us
and bring us strength:
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,
direct our actions according to your good
pleasure, that in the name of your beloved
Son we may abound in good works.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Isaiah 8: 23 – 9:3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
In days past the Lord humbled the land
of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but
in the days to come he will confer glory
on the Way of the Sea on the far side of
Jordan, province of the nations.
The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep
shadow a light has shone.
You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase;
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing
the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,

the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 26:1,4,13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? **[R]**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **[R]**
3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's
goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! **[R]**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17

A reading from the 1st letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of
our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the
differences between you, and instead
of disagreeing among yourselves, to be
united again in your belief and practice.
From what Chloe's people have been
telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear
that there are serious differences among
you. What I mean are all these slogans
that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am
for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for
Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out?
Was it Paul that was crucified for you?
Were you baptised in the name of Paul?
For Christ did not send me to baptise,
but to preach the Good News, and not to
preach that in the terms of philosophy in
which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be
expressed.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
**Jesus proclaimed the Good News of
the kingdom and cured all kinds of
sickness among the people.**
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *Matthew 4:12-23 (or * 4:12-17)*

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

**Hearing that John had been arrested
Jesus went back to Galilee, and
leaving Nazareth he went and settled
in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the
borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this
way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be
fulfilled:
Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,
Galilee of the nations!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;*

*on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death a light has dawned.
From that moment Jesus began his
preaching with the message, 'Repent, for
the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.**

As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee
he saw two brothers, Simon, who was
called Peter, and his brother Andrew;
they were making a cast in the lake with
their net, for they were fishermen. And
he said to them, 'Follow me and I will
make you fishers of men.' And they left
their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another
pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee
and his brother John; they were in their
boat with their father Zebedee, mending
their nets, and he called them. At once,
leaving the boat and their father, they
followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee
teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming
the Good News of the kingdom and
curing all kinds of diseases and sickness
among the people.

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



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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,

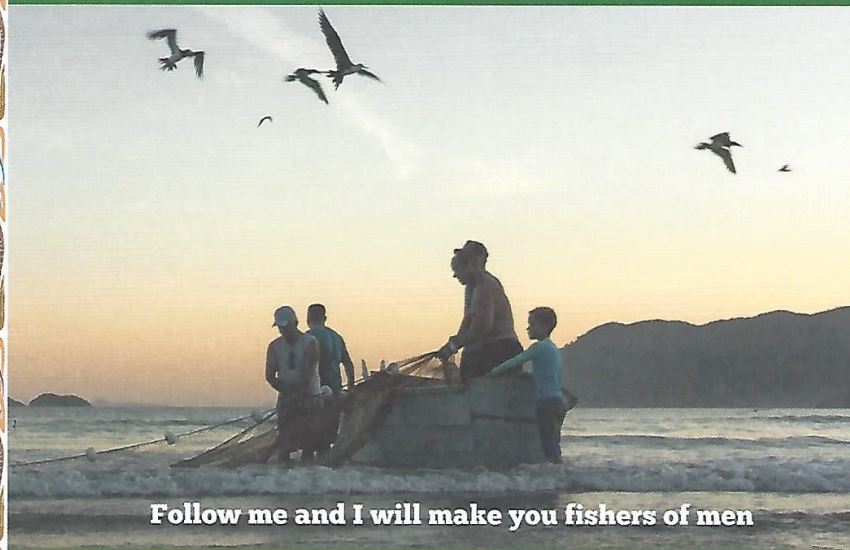
All bow for following three lines:

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

focus on sunday

Sunday of the Word of God. Catholic Schools Week begins

The gospel and the life of Jesus makes true the words: "The people that
walked in darkness has seen a great light". Christian life is a calling that
this may continue to happen in every age, every place and in every society.



Follow me and I will make you fishers of men



In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his ministry with the first of many
'gatherings'. Matthew interprets Jesus' arrival in Galilee as fulfilment
of the prophet Isaiah's declaration that a 'great light' would shine in
the darkness. The reference to 'Galilee of the Gentiles' offers a clue
as to who will be gathered and included in Jesus' mission. Fishing

metaphors feature heavily throughout Matthew's Gospel. Jesus starts his ministry in
the fishing village of Capernaum by gathering a crew of disciples – two sets of brothers,
all fishermen. In terms of social status, fishermen were low down in the pecking order.
Their occupation was precarious at best, leaving them economically vulnerable, and
they had to pay taxes to the Roman Empire, which made them unpopular. They might
seem an unlikely choice for a Messiah starting his mission. Simon (Peter) and Andrew
are casting their net out when Jesus calls them, quipping 'Follow me, and I will make
you fish for people.' Similarly, James and John abandon their net-mending 'immediately'
to follow him. They are 'all in'. The mission has momentum; these fisherfolk are needed
as the sea is ripe for fishing. Their task will be to draw others in, and the net will be cast
indiscriminately, far and wide. Later, Jesus will compare the kingdom of heaven to a
'dragnet', catching fish of every kind (Mt 13:47).

When we join together for liturgy, we often begin by acknowledging our 'gathering',
indicating that we are being called out of our ordinary, everyday lives to gather as
community, aware of God's presence among us. We are also called every day into God's
service, invited to repentance, a change of heart. Like the disciples, we are called, and
we call; we are gathered, and we gather. When we are drawn in by Jesus, we extend
the same open welcome to others. The kingdom is at hand, and Jesus' net gathers
indiscriminately, regardless of social or economic status. This week, we might reflect on
how we gather as community and how we welcome others.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty, *The Deep End*
– A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew, Messenger, Dublin 2022.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus wanted to tell people new ways to be happy. He asked Peter and Andrew to help
him. They were fishermen. They will catch people now with God's message, telling
everyone that God is Our Loving Father, giver of all blessings, knows each person by
name, loves everyone, can never be angry, and always coaxes us to love, care and
help each other.

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 our offerings, O Lord, we pray,
and in sanctifying them
grant that they may profit us for salvation.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.
When we eat this Bread
and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord,
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

**Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that, receiving the grace by which you bring
us to new life, we may
always glory in your gift.
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.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 23rd-29th JANUARY 2023

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

Francis Aiden Murphy & decd.

Tony & Josie Murphy & decd.

Jim Connell, Devlis & Clare Court

Austin Biesty, Pattenspark & decd. of the Biesty family,

Pat & Delia Finn, Carrowkeel

Tom, Bridie & John Michael McGuire, Lisbane

Mark & Eileen Fitzmaurice & decd. of the McGuire & Fitzmaurice families

Decd. members of the Maughan family, Lisbane

Peg & Bill O'Malley, Castlebar

Martin Gallagher, Drimbane

Patrick & Mary Moran, Tooraree

Pado, Jarlath & Bernie Moran, Tooraree

Alacoque Fleming, Ballinrobe

Gerry Cribben & decd. Tooraree

Sunday 29th January—Month's Mind

Paddy Lyons, Manchester & Redford

Thomas Patrick Costello, Carrowhawny



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.

23rd-29th Jan	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Margaret Byrne
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Mary T. Griffin, Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne
Sunday 10am	Maura Murphy	Margie Gallagher, Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch, Geraldine Murphy

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Pierce Higgins, Esker Pines & formerly Ballinphuill

Anthony Waldron, Clagnagh & formerly Cave

Paddy Godfrey, Moate, Ballyhaunis

Teresa Walsh, UK & Castleconnor, Co. Sligo—sister of T.J.

McCarrick, Abbeyquarter

Eileen Meehan, Brownsgrrove, Tuam, mother-in-law of

Sinead Freyne, Clare St.

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.



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023 takes place from this Sunday 22nd until Sunday 29th January. This year's theme is "Walking Together in Faith & Love". Each of us are on a journey in life, and for Catholics this journey begins and ends with God. Every Catholic school seeks to help students along their journey, nurturing their gifts and talents. This Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to the lives of our pupils, community and Church. May we walk together in faith and love.

Offertory Collection

15th January 2023

€1,832

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith

Community

Cian Matthew Walsh,

CONFIRMATION: A meeting of parents/ guardians of the Confirmation class will take place in Scoil Íosa this **Tuesday 24th January** at 8pm. All are asked to attend. The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday 20th May. Application forms have already been emailed to parents, and we would ask that they return the completed forms at the meeting on Tuesday evening. If families do not have the facility to print the form, hard copies will be available on the night.

GROW IN LOVE: The preparation programme for children who will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion later this year continues at 7.30pm Mass next **Saturday evening 28th January**. Our focus this month is on teaching the children about Baptism, the sacrament through which new members are welcomed into our parish family. As January is the first month of the New Year, and a time of new beginnings, it's a good time to think about when we began our lives as followers of Jesus—the day we were baptised. One good way for all of us to recall our Baptism is to use holy water in our homes regularly.

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils in Scoil Íosa primary school for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Application forms are available from the school, ring 094 9630310 or from the website: www.iosaballyhaunis.com

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: The Tuam Archdiocese invites its youth & young adults to attend a diocesan night on Saturday 4th February, beginning with Vigil Mass in Tuam Cathedral at 6pm, followed by talks, testimonies, prayers, music & social time. For more details, call Mark on 093 24250.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their CHY3 certificates over the past two weeks. For those who received a certificate in the post recently and have not yet returned it, please complete the form and post it back in the enclosed stamped & self-addressed envelope, or drop in the letterbox of the Parochial House as soon as possible. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Once completed, the CHY3 Cert is valid for 5 years.

SILENT RETREAT: If you need some time for yourself, to leave noise and distractions behind and enter into the peace and love of God, a silent retreat on the theme "If you but knew the gift of God..." will be held in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 6th to 12th February. The retreat is organised by the Foyer of Charity, and includes daily Mass, Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration. For more details, call Helen on 086 1678027 or email hellywilliams@gmail.com

GAA LEGEND SÉAN BOYLAN will visit the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence in Bekan on Tuesday next 24th January, to launch a new partnership involving the GAA and ALONE charity, designed to support older members of the community add life to their years, as well as years to their life. The former Meath manager will speak about his remarkable life, on and off the field of play. The gathering will be used to help recruit 20-30 people aged 60 plus, who would like to participate in a unique fitness experience delivered by healthcare provider UPMC, a company that recently opened an Institute of Health at the Connacht GAA Centre of Excellence. The free 6-week programme involves a twice-weekly exercise class designed to enhance cardiovascular health while improving strength and mobility. The event starts at 11.30 on Tuesday morning with refreshments before and afterwards, and a walking tour of the campus & Dome.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: Flying from Ireland West Airport Knock to Mostar from 11th to 18th October 2023.

Spiritual Director is Fr. Benny McHale. Includes transport, accommodation just minutes from St James Church, breakfast & dinner each day plus a full religious programme—operated by Marian Pilgrimages. Discount if booked before 31st January. For more details, contact John Lyons at 087 9887806

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT will recommence meetings & activities on Wed. 25th January in the Communal House, Clare Court at 1.30pm. All members are urged to attend and are reminded that fees for affiliation and insurance will be collected on the day.

FESTIVALS & EVENTS: An open meeting to discuss a roadmap of festivals and events in Ballyhaunis for 2023 will take place on Monday 30th January from 9pm to 10pm in the Enterprise Centre. All welcome to attend, and committee officers will be elected on the night.

IRISH FOR BEGINNERS: Irish language classes for beginners/ improvers continue on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Community Hall. The weekly hour-long classes are held in a fun, welcoming atmosphere encouraging people to use the Irish language. The classes are organised by Ballyhaunis Language Café. For details, call 087 9777899.

FORÓIGE: A number of new groups and activities are starting in the Community Hall next week, including Zumba for 11-13 year olds, Pottery & Claymaking for 10-13 years, Digital Skills & Innovation Programme for 10-14 years, and a new social group for T.Y students. For more details, see Foróige Ballyhaunis Facebook page or register with Laura or Sarah on 086 7791878 or 086 0838440.

MASS INTENTIONS should be submitted to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Thursdays to ensure the names are included in the following week's Mass list. Items for the parish newsletter should also be submitted by Thursday lunchtime to ensure inclusion. Emails can be sent to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com

CLAREMORRIS MUSICAL SOCIETY presents its 16th annual production "9 to 5—The Musical" in Claremorris Town Hall Theatre from Wed. 1st to Sun. 5th February at 8pm nightly. Tickets now available at www.townhall.ie or by calling 094 9310999.