SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20th February 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 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, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. 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, always pondering spiritual things. we may carry out in both word and deed that which is pleasing to you.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:27-9.12-13. 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel. Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David

answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without quilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 102:1-4.8-10.12-13

R. The Lord is compassion and love.

- 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. [R]
- 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
- 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins. nor repay us according to our faults [R]
- 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:45-49. A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The first man, Adam, as scripture says. became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another. just as I have loved you, says the Lord Alleluia!

Luke 6:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too: to the man who takes your cloak from you. do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is

compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you; a full measure. pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

As we celebrate your mysteries, O Lord, with the observance that is your due, we humbly ask you, that what we offer to the honour of your majesty may profit us for salvation. 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

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

I will recount all your wonders. I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

mysteries. Through Christ our Lord.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we may experience the effects of the salvation which is pledged to us by these



It is natural to stand up to people and 'get even' with them. The message of the gospels runs differently: we must learn to be as compassionate and forgiving as God our Father is when we turn to Him for forgiveness.





Compassion is, to my mind at least, not one of those skills that can be learned. I often think that compassion is quite impossible to explain but rather, is an intuitive awareness of the gift that offering a compassionate experience is. While a key element of my health care pastoral ministry toolbox, it is something that is intrinsic in the

person who strives to offer an experience of compassion in an authentic way. It is not learned or forced. Compassionate care is an experience to be shared and is known often without the use of words or platitudes but rather through the awareness that someone cares for me right now as I struggle to make sense of it all. Indeed, having recently taught a workshop on compassionate care, I came to the conclusion that compassion is one of the most important things we can offer to anyone pained and struggling, while also being one of the most challenging. It is so hard sometimes to be compassionate even when we want to be.

The liberation theology movement has I believe compassion at its heart. It reminds us of our call to be compassionate, to be present to the struggle of the 'other'. It reminds us of God's 'preferential option for the poor' - the poor in mind, body and spirit and how each of us are challenged and called to be agents of this preferential treatment. It reminds us to walk that road that can at times be less travelled and offer the hand of God to those we would rather walk away from.'.

Margaret Naughton, Compassion and Ministry, in Sacred Heart Messenger, March 2022. www.messenger.ie



Jesus' Story

Imagine Jesus asking you and me to love those who steal from us and treat us badly. Yet even those who jeered him on the way to Calvary and the thief on the cross were treated very well by our friend Jesus. Did he not say 'Forgive them, for they know not what they do?'

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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. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

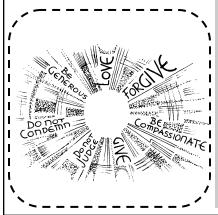
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EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

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 21st - 27th FEBRUARY 2022

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

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

William & Catherine Neary, Main St.

Charlie & Phyllis Phillips, Main St.

Declan Mulhern, Knock Road

John, Anne & Brendan Hoban, Lisbane

Patrick Freeley, Gurteen

Una Collum, Devlis

Margaret & Pat Byrne, Knox St.

Seamus Waldron, Abbeyquarter, & decd. of the Waldron family, Woodpark

John & Mary Kenny, their sons John & Martin & daughter Nuala, Kiltimagh & Ballyhaunis, & Hayley Vahey, Ballyheane

Josie & Jason Morley, Knox St.

Jack & Sheila Dillon & decd. The Square, & Bertie Dillon, Clogherhead, Co. Louth

Margaret O'Connell, Upper Main St.

Michael & Catherine Curley, Clare St.

Pat O'Brien & decd. Knox St.

Carmel Waldron, Upper Main St.

Decd. of the Kilroy & Stenson families

John, Mary, Tom & Mark Dillon Leetch, Main St. Paddy & Josie Ryan, Hazelhill

Tom & Dora Forde & decd. The Square

21st - 27th Feb.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Frances Mulhern
Wednesday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Eileen Lynch, Margie Gallagher
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm.	Kevin Henry	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne
Sunday 10.00am.	Tommy Caulfield	Marie Brennan, Mary Sykes, Willie Broderick
Sunday 12.00	Murt Hunt	Mary T. Griffin, Eileen Donnellan, Wiktor Siemionkowski

Offertory Collection 13th February 2022 €1,765

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers Carmel Grant, Gurrane Roberta (Bertie) Dunphy, Ballyragget, Co. Kilkenny, sister of Moyra Patterson, Knock Road

CHY3 CERTIFICATES:

Sincere thanks to all who have returned their CHY3 Certificates during the past week, and a gentle reminder to those who have not yet returned them. We would ask you, please, to return the completed certificates in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelopes, or drop them in the letterbox of the Parochial House at your earliest convenience.

Copies of the Parish Pastoral Council newsletter outlining events in our parish from July to December 2021 are available in the porch - please take one.

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES FOR ATTENDING

MASS: The government recently lifted all restrictions relating to Covid 19. However, due to the continued high numbers testing positive, we will continue to observe most of the restrictions in the church building for the present. We will continue to keep 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.

If the numbers drop considerably in the next week or so we will open up all the pews in the church. However we will keep every second pew closed for the present.

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 The 10 o'clock Mass is being broadcast on Midwest Radio on Sunday 20th February.

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

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

The annual Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of **Abuse** will take place on Friday 25th February 2022. The Day of Prayer has been marked in Irish dioceses and parishes since 2017. A Candle of Atonement will be lit in all churches with special prayers and reflections offered for all victims and survivors of

'The Candle of Atonement and accompanying prayers are offered as a reminder to all of the need for us to atone, to ask forgiveness as a Church for the suffering caused by abuse'

Archbishop Eamon Martin

Abbey Trust and Abbey Partnership will take place next week. The Abbey Trust is the official body holding the buildings and

BALLYHAUNIS ABBEY PARTNERSHIP: Meetings of the

grounds of St. Mary's Abbey - the Friary - in trust for the local community. The Abbey Partnership takes day-to-day management decisions and is made up of representatives of local community groups along with Mayo County Council.

The Abbey Partnership is always open to feedback from the community on the Friary. Get in touch by messaging or emailing ballyhaunisabbey@gmail.com

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

A Prayer for the Synodal Pathway

Lord of all hopefulness, as we embark on this journey together, may we listen and discern and be guided by the Holy Spirit, who constantly breathes new life



into our world, our hearts, our families, homes and parishes. May renewal and reform, fresh hope and healing come for all people of God in Ireland.

By virtue of our baptism may we each play our part in transforming the church through a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit which is your gift and promise, upon our land.

Grant us the encouragement we need to bring faith, hope and love in abundance to meet the challenges before us and to fulfil the Church's mission of proclaiming to the world, God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ.

A Mhuire Mháthair, mother of the Church, guard and guide us on our pilgrim way. Amen. *************

BALLYHAUNIS GAA CLUB: Time to renew your GAA membership for the 2022 season ahead! Plenty of options available from U6 boys and girls to Family Membership, Adult Player & Non-Player, Gaelic for Mothers & Others and more. Renewal can be done online at https://returntoplay.gaa.ie An open registration evening will be held at the clubhouse on Tuesday 22nd February, 7.30 - 9.00pm.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS invites anyone interested in being part of the preparation of the Community Biodiversity Plan for Ballyhaunis to contact any member of the committee or email: ballyhaunistidytowns@gmail.com. Facebook: Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns. Funding of €3,500 has been received from The Community Foundation for Ireland, which will enable the group to work with an ecologist to identify and classify local habitats, map them and define necessary actions to preserve, protect and enhance the town's biodiversity.

FREE HEARTSAVER CPR AED COURSES will be provided to Family Carers in various Galway City and County Locations by the HSE Carers Department in partnership with Croi. Contact the HSE Carers Department on 091 546133 or email: carersdepartment@hse.ie for an application form and details.

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT GROUP: Next meeting takes place on Thursday 24th February at 7.00pm. in The Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. Eileen Lim Joon – Colon Plast Nurse West will be in attendance. Please confirm your attendance to JJ @ 087 2300580 (numbers required for hotel). New members welcome.

FREE 6 WEEK COOKERY COURSE with Tony - Starting Tuesday 22nd February from 7.00 - 9.00pm in GRETB Dunmore. No experience required. To book a place contact Úna on 087 466 2547 or Sheila 087 667 5516.

GALWAY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP will be running a 4-week Chair based exercise programme for older adults starting on 7th March. This programme will develop cardiovascular fitness, muscular strength, flexibility and reduce the risk of falling. It will be carried out via video meaning it can be done in the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you. They are offering a pack of resources to assist the classes and an Irish version of the video will also be available. It will be free of charge and it is suitable for all levels of fitness. Contact Emma at ebleakley@galwaycoco.ie.