

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father .....Amen.

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**

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. May almighty God have mercy on us.... Amen.

**THE GLORIA**

Glorify 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 govern all things, both in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the pleading of your people and bestow your peace on our times. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING 1 Samuel 3:3-10.19**

A reading from the first Book of Samuel.

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the

third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps. 39: 2.4 7-10

R. Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. [R]
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings, but an open ear. You do not ask for holocaust and victim. Instead, here am I. [R]
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written that I should do your will. My God, I delight in your law in the depth of my heart. [R]
4. Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly. My lips I have not sealed; you know it, O Lord. [R]

**SECOND READING**

1 Corinthians 6:13-15. 17-20

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

The body is not meant for fornication; it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia! We have found the Messiah - which means the Christ - grace and truth have come through him. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 1:35-42**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' - which means Teacher - 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' - which means the Christ - and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' - meaning Rock.

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

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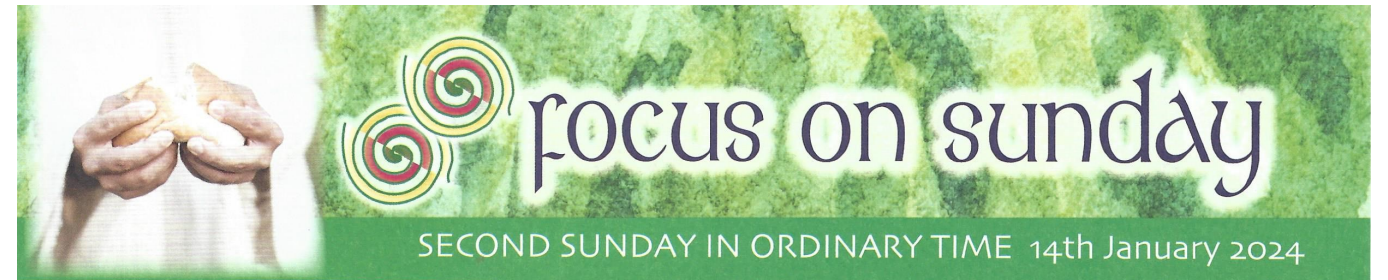
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.

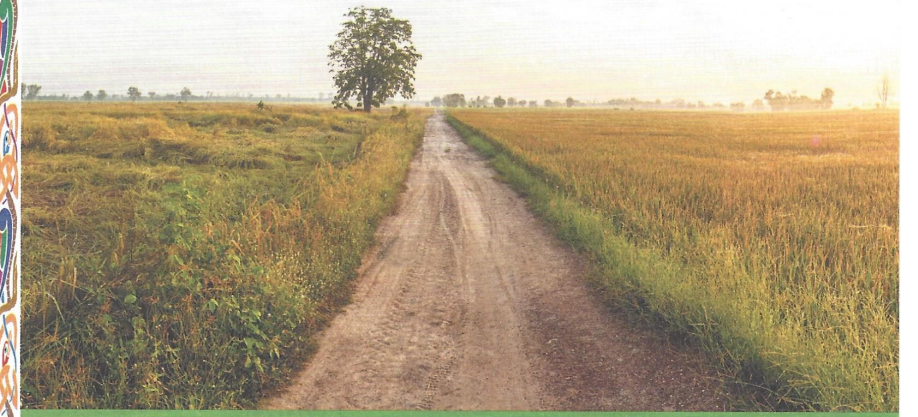
**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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.



The Christian life is a calling from God to be companions of Jesus and work for the spread of his love and justice. All of us are asked to do this in our own lives.

Come and see



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray, that we may participate worthily in these mysteries, for whenever the memorial of this sacrifice is celebrated the work of our redemption is accomplished. 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. 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**

We have come to know and to believe in the love that God has for us.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Pour on us, O Lord, the Spirit of your love, and in your kindness make those you have nourished by this one heavenly Bread one in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.



**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit. May your faithful people rejoice, we pray, O Lord, to be upheld by your right hand, and, progressing in the Christian life, may they delight in good things both now and in the time to come. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

And 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 experts tell us that the longest journey on the planet is the journey within. And it's probably the hardest journey we can take. Our interior world is confusing. People struggle with the personal issues of the 'inside world' that confounds them.

Without spending time in personal reflection before God, the heart can feel like a foreign territory. It's easier to engage with the busyness of daily life than listening to what's stirring within us.

When Jesus first sees John's disciples in today's Gospel he asks them about their heart's desires. "What do you want?" And then they ask him a question, but it is not "what are we to do? Feed the poor? Say our prayers?" Instead they dig deeper. "Rabbi, where do you live?" They wanted to know what goes on in Jesus' inmost heart. Who ARE you?

The Christian life begins with some inside wisdom about Jesus Christ. Very shortly before his death Jesus asked Simon Peter, "Who do you say I am?" He wasn't looking for an answer from his CV. Jesus wanted something more, a personal and heartfelt relationship of trust. To follow Christ is to live with a heart open to commit, a heart willing to change, a heart ready to serve, a heart disposed to pray, like Samuel, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

The world is hungry not for more experts and busier people but for people with big, big hearts. It seeks not only people who work for God but those who have come to know God through personal prayer and encounter.

Fr. Joe Walsh

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Andrew and Peter meet Jesus. Jesus invites them to come with Him and see. They liked the way Jesus lived. He was friendly, and He treated other people well. They became friends. Jesus did not ask them to read any books. He invited them "Follow me." Jesus' welcome was for everyone.



# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th JANUARY 2024

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 15th-20th JANUARY 2024

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

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Noreen Morley, Knox St.

Robert & Philomena Fox, Carrowreagh

Kathleen Connell, Redford & decd. of the Molloy family

John Grady, Tooreen

John, Teresa, John & Phyllis Murphy, Carton North, Tooreen

Catherine Kavanagh, Station Rise

Peter & Kathleen Regan, Agloragh

Thomas M. & Ellen Caulfield & decd. Upper Main St.

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave

Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill

Padraic Phillips, Leow

John, Jimmy & Helena Finnegan, Bohogue

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### SUNDAY 21st JANUARY—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Pierce Higgins, Esker Pines

15th-21st Jan. 2024	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Eileen Jordan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Anne Carney, Helene McCafferty, Breda Davis, Jacinta Flynn
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Marie Brennan, Dympna Greally, Deirdre Brown, Eileen Donnellan

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9pm (when possible) Mondays to Fridays, continue to be broadcast on parish radio 105.2 FM 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)

**WEBCAM:** For those who watch the church webcam on MCN Media, the live streaming web address has been updated. To access the service, go to [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) on your web browser. This replaces [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) which will no longer work after 20th Feb. For those who watch Mass on the Ballyhaunis parish website, there will be NO change, everything remains the same. Masses can be live streamed on [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.  
Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm  
Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Between 9am & 7pm daily.

### BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday of the month at 11.00am. Minimum of four weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.



**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 **this Saturday evening 13th Jan.** Our focus this month is on teaching them about Baptism, the sacrament through which new members are welcomed into our parish family.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** takes place from 21st-27th January on the theme of Catholic Schools as Communities of Service. During this week, we aim to celebrate the unique contribution that Catholic schools make to their communities. Our Catholic schools are places where faith is lived in service to one another in a spirit of inclusion, hope and belief in one another as gifts.

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT:** The annual Archdiocese of Tuam Young Adults' Night takes place at Knock Shrine on Friday 2nd February. Starting with Mass at 6pm in the Apparition Chapel celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy, followed by guest speakers, a Q & A session, pizza & social. This year's speakers include Dr. Mark Garavan, Mary Killeen & Dr. Kevin Hargaden. Call Mark on 087 1323296 / @tuamyoungadultministry

**PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to those who have already returned their Christmas envelopes. Your ongoing support & generosity is appreciated. Envelopes can be returned at Masses or to the parish office. For those wishing to make an online donation to the Priests' Account, the **IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.**

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes led by Archbishop Francis Duffy will take place from 30th August to 5th Sept. 2024. Direct return flights from Ireland West Airport Knock, 6 nights hotel full board. For details, call 01 2410800 or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE:** Knock to Mostar from 18th-25th September 2024, accompanied by a Spiritual Director. Discounts for bookings made before 3rd February. For details, contact Anne Keadin on 086 3766293.

**LIVING WELL** is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with a chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety etc can benefit from this programme which is delivered over 6 weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. The next programme in Kilkelly starts on 28th February and the next online programme starts on 30th Jan. Advance registration is required. Contact Liam on 086 0142675 or email [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

### Offertory Collection

Sunday 7th Jan 2024  
€1,930

**FURTHER STUDIES:** Are you considering a Postgraduate or Mission & Ministries programme in 2024? Explore the wide range of full-time, part-time and blended learning programmes in Theology, Philosophy, Divinity and Liturgical Music available at St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Courses available from Certificate, Diploma, Higher Diploma to Masters and Doctorate level. Visit [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses) for more information.

**IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER:** Copies are now on sale at the back of the Church. Cost €3, please place money in candelabra coinbox.

**PIONEER NATIONAL BALL:** Pioneers & friends are invited to the 25th Pioneer National Ball on Saturday 6th April. Starting with Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar followed by dinner, guest speaker, music & dancing in the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. For tickets, contact Dermot at 085 7201646 or Daisy at 087 6544626.

**JOB VACANCY:** Lisacul National School is seeking a permanent part-time secretary. For details, email [lisaculns@hotmail.com](mailto:lisaculns@hotmail.com)

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community  
Éabha Louise Mulrennan, London;  
Shay Eoghan Brown, Queensland, Australia

### FOR ANYONE AFFECTED BY ALCOHOL:

There are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis. AA - Fridays and Sundays at 8.30pm. in the Friary House. Al-Anon - Sundays at 8.30pm. in Scoil Íosa. Al-Anon offers understanding and support for families and friends of problem drinkers in an anonymous environment. More information on [www.al-anon.org](http://www.al-anon.org)

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MEETINGS:** Life after a bereavement can feel very lonely. Trained facilitators conduct a weekly Bereavement Support Meeting at the Family Centre, Knock Shrine at 11am every Wednesday There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday each month. No appointment needed. Further information from Monica Morley at 094-9375320.

### BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEER WESTERN ALZHEIMERS:

Can you spare a couple of hours per week? You might consider becoming a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Training provided. For details, contact Caroline on 087 3694477 or 094 9364900.

**CHRONIC PAIN RELIEF CLASSES:** Clinical Somatics uses slow, gently exercises to relieve pain, reduce stress and improve your posture and Movement. 6-week introductory course starts in Claremorris Family Resource Centre on Tues. 16th January at 7pm. For details, contact John Roe on 087 7495573.

**IRISH FOR BEGINNERS:** Irish classes for beginners will resume on Tuesday 23rd January in the Community Hall from 7pm to 8pm. Classes will run for 6 weeks, cost €30 payable on the first night. This is a friendly interactive weekly gathering, organised by the Ballyhaunis language Café. For details, call 087 9777899 or email [ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

**ICA:** The next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday 18th January at 8pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. Call Carmel for details on 087 2125340

**BIKE REPAIR CLINIC:** The next bike repair clinic will be held in Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Saturday 20th January from 10am to 12.30pm. For details call Mark on 087 9777899.

**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 newsletter can be dropped in or emailed to [ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com) by Thursday also, for inclusion in the weekend newsletter.