

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen. 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

Almighty ever-living God, lead us to a share in the joys of heaven, so that the humble flock may reach where the brave Shepherd has gone before. Who lives and reigns with you....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:14.36-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' 'Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.'

He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.'

They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 22:1-6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want, or Alleluia!

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. [R]
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. [R]
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. [R]
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. [R]

SECOND READING 1 Peter 2: 20 - 25
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 10: 1 - 10.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

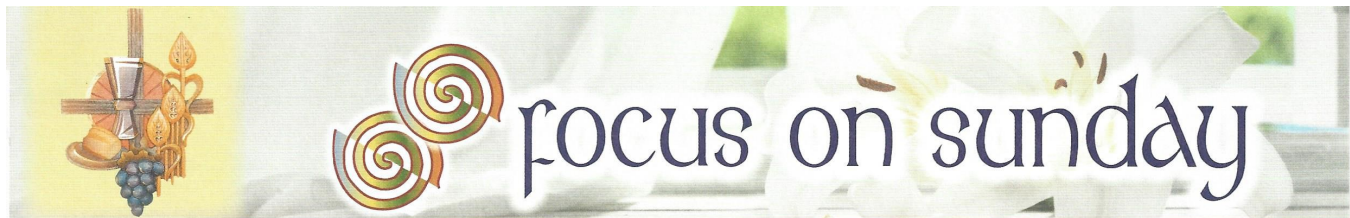
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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.



We are all called into God's service, some as priests and religious. Today we pray for all people who have given their life to serving God and living his Gospel. We pray that many others may follow the Lord in this way.

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

Grant, we pray, O Lord, that we may always find delight in these paschal mysteries, so that the renewal constantly at work within us may be the cause of our unending joy. 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.....

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again..

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And with your spirit.

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

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your flock, kind Shepherd, and be pleased to settle in eternal pastures the sheep you have redeemed by the Precious Blood of your Son. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

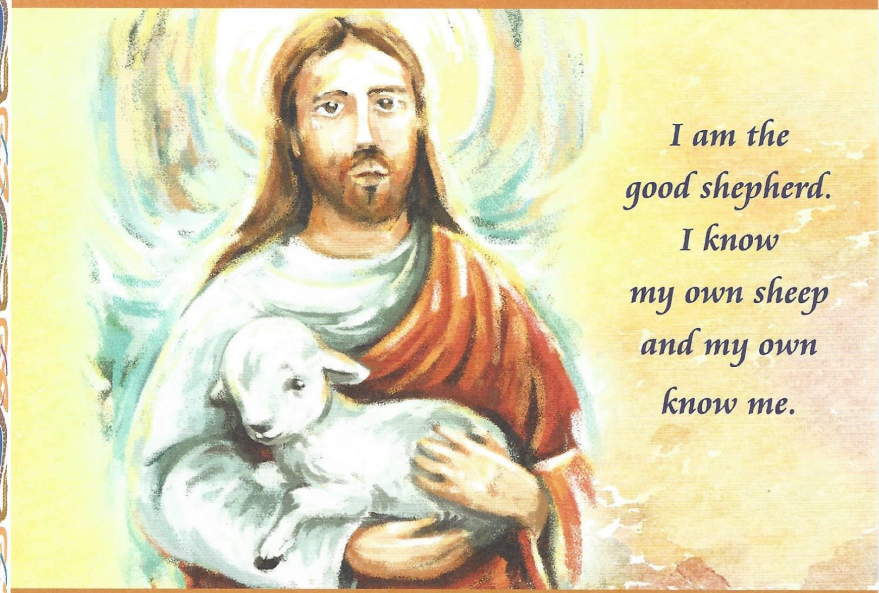
CONCLUDING RITE

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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I am the good shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own know me.



God works from the goodness inside each of us - The goodness that reaches out to others to help them and to him in prayer.

He plants this goodness from the first moment:

Small beginnings from the bodies of father and mother To grow, develop right through until eternity.

Nourish that goodness - by working for good, and in mindfulness, meditation, prayer, and community, and care and concern the poor near and far, by service in the local community.

Your goodness will bring good to the world and to others. But first and even more so

Believe in the eternal goodness inside yourself! This is the beginning of vocation.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus tells us that God Our Father is like A GOOD SHEPHERD. The Good Shepherd minds his sheep. He knows the name of every sheep. He does not drive the sheep. He leads them to find good food. He coaxes them, does not frighten them, and He cares specially for the hurt one. So God Our Father invites us all the time with His Love. We have special food from Heaven in Holy Communion, and Jesus says "Come to me when you feel weak and lonely. Take and eat I am your Forever Friend".

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 1st—6th MAY 2023

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

Kathleen, Paddy Joe & Tomás Cribben, Knockbrack & decd. of the Cribben & Freeley families
 Madge, John & decd. of the Neary family, Knox St & decd. of the Forde family, The Square
 James Patrick Cruise & decd. of the Cruise family, Knockbrack and the Dyer family, Derrynacong
 Patrick, Mary & Michael Diskin, Killinaugher
 Fr. Enda Lyons, Tuam & Knox St.
 Ellen, Joseph & Pat Cribbin, Lecarrow
 Ann & Patrick Keane & decd. Knox St.
 Steve Waldron & decd. Knox St.
 Monica Kearney,
 John, Maureen & Bob Ryan, Derrylahan
 Teresa & Patrick Flanagan, Brenamore, Loughglynn

SUNDAY 7th MAY

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary P. O'Dwyer,
Galway & Ballyhaunis

MEMORIAL MASS

Hellen O'Malley Unitt,
Warwickshire, UK & formerly Upper Main St.



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

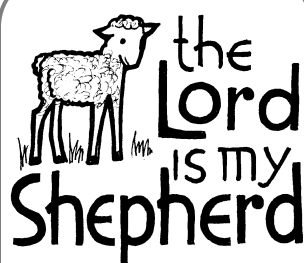
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

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.



1st—7th May	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Freeley, Margaret Tarpey
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Marie Brennan
Sat 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Jacinta Flynn, Frances Mulhern, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Tommy Caulfield	Dympna Grealley, Kay Curley, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves
COLLECTORS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Oliver Cribben, Kieran Connolly, Seamus Coffey, Gabrielle Lyons	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Michael J. Walsh, Carlos Balbino Romao	
SERVERS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team F—Liam & Molly Thompson, Bobby Gallagher	
Sunday 10am	Team E—Sean & Aibhe Donnellan, Zara Waldron, Kate Monaghan	

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Dr. Mickey Loftus, Crossmolina- father of Orla Moran, Knox St;
 Mary Teresa Lowry, Manchester - wife of Bill Lowry, formerly of Brackloon;
 Pat Carr, Manchester - husband of Jane Fitzmaurice formerly of Mountain, Forthill;
 Joe Maxwell, Louisburg - brother of Delia Coen, formerly of Clagnagh

All weekday and weekend Masses, and the daily Rosary at 9.00pm Mondays to Fridays 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 2nd class children from Scoil Íosa National School will receive their First Holy Communion next Saturday 6th May at a special Mass at 11am.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will take place next Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Easter donations. Envelopes can still be returned at Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the accounts details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account. BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354. The bank details are also printed on the back of the envelopes. Any outstanding Trocaire envelopes can also be returned to the parish office.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2023 takes place at sunrise on Saturday 6th May. This year's walk/run will start and finish at the gym in Ballyhaunis Community School. Register online at www.darknessintolight.ie to help raise funds for Pieta.

MINI VIGILS AT KNOCK SHRINE: The pilgrimage season at Knock Shrine commences on 1st May, and Mini Vigils take place on the first Friday of each month during the season. The first takes place next Friday 5th May, starting with Confessions from 8pm to 9pm, while the Vigil takes place in the Parish Church from 9pm until midnight (Rosary, Holy Hour and Mass).

DONAL WALSH 10th Anniversary Mass & Youth Pilgrimage will take place on Thursday 11th May from 10am to 3pm. Children and young people from all over Ireland are welcome to Knock Shrine to celebrate the life of Donal Walsh and to reflect on his message to "Live Life". To book a school or youth group, contact youthministry@knockshrine.ie or call 094 9375321.

JOB VACANCIES: The Archdiocese of Tuam is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for two positions: the full-time position of Diocesan Accountant, and Diocesan Pastoral Resource Person (two-year contract). For details, visit www.tuamarchdiocese.org. Applications for both positions should be submitted by 5pm on Friday 12th May.

CATCHING THE FIRE CONFERENCE: Fr. Gerry Campbell & evangelist Terry Quinn invite you to a one-day conference with guest speakers Ralph Martin & Peter Herbeck of Renewal Ministries, Ann Arbor, USA. The conference takes place on Saturday 13th May from 10am to 5pm in St. Mary's Church, Knockbridge, Co. Louth. All welcome. For information & bookings, call Terry on 086 4667107.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: ALONE, the national organisation supporting older people to age at home, is seeking volunteers in this area for Telephone Support & Befriending. Volunteers are asked to commit to 2 hours per week to provide support and information, or companionship to an older person. For more details, contact Paul at 086 0135043, or visit www.alone.ie

YEAR FOR VOCATIONS: This Sunday 30th April marks the start of the "Year for Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood. The Council for Vocations of the Bishop's Conference has organised this year to promote vocations to the priesthood. Chairman of the Council, Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, says one of the objectives of the Year for Vocations is to start conversations within families, with priests and in parish communities on the beauty of the vocation of priesthood. Bishop Cullinan says that "in 2023, answering God's call to journey as a priest is a counter-cultural and courageous decision" and he's encouraging anyone who seeks to explore their calling to priestly ministry to make contact with their local priest or diocesan vocations director.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:

God our Father, send workers into your harvest. May the Spirit we received in baptism touch the hearts of many To offer themselves in priesthood, religious life And other forms of service. Give the parents and families of our diocese The wisdom and courage to support young people In searching for and following the call of God in their lives.

THE MONTHLY CENACLE OF PRAYER held under the aegis of the Marian Movement of Priests will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Aghamore next Thursday 4th May. Commencing at 6.15pm with Rosary, the Cenacle will conclude with Mass at 7pm. All welcome.

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with long-term health conditions 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 these online workshops. The next online programme starts on 10th May. Places are limited, and to register contact Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or lgildea@southmayo.com

FAMILY FUN DAY on Bank Holiday Monday 1st May in Tooreen to celebrate the opening of the community Ruaille Buaille Playground at 1pm. All welcome for fun, activities & refreshments.

Offertory Collection
23rd April 2023
€2,045

BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL

takes place from Monday 29th May to Mon. 5th June. The week-long programme will include a number of new and interactive events for all ages. The Festival Family Fun Day takes place on Sat 3rd June, followed by a free music festival "Indie West Fest" and street market on Main St. on Sunday 5th June. More details to follow.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: A meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at 8pm in the Community Hall. The first draft of the Biodiversity Action Plan for Ballyhaunis will be reviewed, and preparations for this year's entry for the National Tidy Towns Competition will be discussed. New members welcome.

COMMUNITY GARDEN: There are a limited number of plots available in the Community Garden at the Friary, where locals grow vegetables in a friendly and supportive environment. To reserve a plot, email ballyhaunisabbey@gmail.com

IRISH NIGHT at the Community Hall, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 6th May at 8pm. Music, song, dance, recitations, tea & coffee. €5 entry. Fáilte roimh chách—everyone welcome.