

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Divine Mercy Sunday) 11th April 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

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.....

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

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1 - 6

A reading from the first letter of St. John. Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit, For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

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.



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Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.

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, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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. When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia. Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



Thomas was a man who wanted to see before he would believe, and you would not blame him for that. He would want to see the wounds of Christ and touch them, and then he would believe in the risen Lord. He had left the apostles, gone away from the group. Where he went, we do not know but wherever he went he did not find what he wanted, so he came home. He returned to Mary and the apostles, probably still grumpy and unbelieving.

Like many of us when we stray from faith, we find it weaker, and look for a fulness of life elsewhere.

Somehow Jesus came among the apostles. Afraid as they were, they were faithful enough to wait. They believed he had been raised from death. After all he had told them that this would happen.

When he came among them, he sought out Thomas, and he showed him his hands and his side.

It is interesting that nowhere does the gospel say that Thomas actually touched the wounds. He was coming to realise that even though he could see the wounds of Jesus, faith was something more than seeing or touching, and the end of the story was very much directed to him. 'happy are they who have not seen and yet believed'. Those words are not a rebuke but a promise and a grace, that he would know more and more of this man whom he followed and loved as his life went on.

Lord I believe, strengthen my belief.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey Jesus said to Thomas 'Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.'

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th APRIL 2021

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 12th - 18th APRIL 2021

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

Mido & Mary Cunningham, Abbey St.

Kathleen & Micheál Waldron, Johnstown

Marion Egan, Aghamore & Ballina

Michael & Margaret Boyle, Clagnagh, & Eileen Lyons & decd. Knockbrack

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong

Josie & Jack Eaton & decd. Main St.

Ned & May Carroll, Thomas & Ellen Carroll, Drimbane

Catherine Flanagan, Calry, Sligo

Fr. Richard Phillips, John Phillips & decd. of the Phillips & Prendergast Families

Delia & John Comer, Killinaugher

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave, Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill, & Padraig Phillips, Leow

Paddy & Andy Comber, Ballybeg

Delia Regan & decd. Carrowkeel

Martin Forde & his parents Delia & Martin Forde, Island

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**Sunday 10.00am. First Anniversary:** Val Lyons, Spaddagh

12th - 18th APRIL	READERS
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly
Friday	Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm.	Kevin Henry
Sunday 10.00am.	Julia Kelly

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 on Sunday will be broadcast on Mid West Radio on 11th & 18th April. The 10 o'clock Mass is being broadcast on Mid West Radio every Wednesday morning.

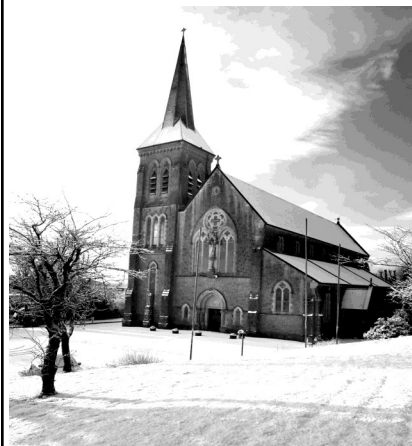
**Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.**

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be 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

**PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to all who have returned their Easter Collection envelopes or paid by bank transfer. Envelopes can be dropped through the letterbox of the Parochial House at any time. If you wish to set up a direct debit the account details for the Easter Collection are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account. BIC: ULSB IE 2D. IBAN: IE59 ULSB 9852 7005 520 114. The bank account details are printed on the back of the envelopes.

**TRÓCAIRE:** Any outstanding contributions can be dropped in the letterbox of the Parochial House during the coming week. Thank you for your generosity.

**33 DAY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH** continues along side the rosary at 9.00pm. each evening and will conclude on 1st May, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. This present year has been designated as a year dedicated to St Joseph by Pope Francis.



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm.

Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC 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.



**CALLED TO SERVE AS A PRIEST?** On Vocations Sunday, 25th April from 5.00 - 7.00pm. the Archdiocese of Tuam will host a zoom meeting for those who feel they may have a vocation to priesthood, or those who would simply like more information about serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Tuam. If you are 18+, please email: [admin@tuamdiocese.org](mailto:admin@tuamdiocese.org) to register your interest and a zoom link will be forwarded.

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you." Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his truth and peace as a priest, sister or brother? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

**SCOIL ÍOSA** - Enrolment of new pupils for the 2021-2022 school year in Scoil Íosa has now commenced. Enrolment forms may be collected from the school by appointment, can be emailed directly to applicants on request or alternatively can be downloaded from our website under the enrolment tab. The closing date for applications is April 30th 2021. Please contact either [kdennedy@iosaballyhaunis.com](mailto:kdennedy@iosaballyhaunis.com) [iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com](mailto:iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com) or [ccassidy@iosaballyhaunis.com](mailto:ccassidy@iosaballyhaunis.com)

**TRANSITION PROGRAMME** from 6th class to 1st Year with Foróige Ballyhaunis Youth Service (BEY Project). Online group support for students starting Secondary School begins on Monday 19th April, 4.30 - 5.30pm. To register contact Laura, 086-7791878 or Paul, 086-7791881.

**ARMCHAIR AZURE TOURS IN MAYO:** Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is hosting a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. Tours are one-hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates: April 19th and 26th | May 04th and 17th | June 07th Contact Katriona Gillespie, Mayo County Council Arts Service at [mayoarts@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) or phone 094 9064666 for details. This KEEP WELL campaign is brought to you with thanks to Healthy Ireland - an initiative of the Government of Ireland with funding from the Healthy Ireland Fund and the Sláintecare fund delivered by Pobal.

**BALLYHAUNIS CHAMBER** has set up an online petition to keep the local branch of Bank of Ireland open. They invite every resident of the town and every business in the area to sign this petition to create an awareness of the effect the closure is having on our community. Please share with your neighbours, employees, friends, work colleagues and people you know who commute to and from the area or who return to the area regularly. The petition can be accessed on the Chamber Facebook page or at: <https://my.uplift.ie/petitions/keep-ballyhaunis-bank-of-ireland-branch-open>

**CALLING IRISH CENTENARIANS!** Are you or someone you know aged 100 years or older? Athlone Institute of Technology is currently researching the lives lived by Irish centenarians and is actively looking for participants. Contact Alison via email at [a.fagan@research.ait.ie](mailto:a.fagan@research.ait.ie) for more information on this project.

*The Nobel Peace Prize winner Nadia Murad speaks with Vatican Media on Pope Francis' recent visit to Iraq, the hope for a peaceful future and the Yazidi people's struggle for survival.*

With her immense courage Nadia became a symbol for her people, the Yazidis, and for all women who are victims of violence, whether or not in war. In this interview with Vatican Media, Nadia speaks about the fruits expected from Francis' visit to Iraq, and she makes a pressing appeal to the international community to work to liberate the many Yazidi women who remain in the hands of Jihadists

*The media worldwide have unanimously described Pope Francis' visit to Iraq as historic. In your opinion, what remains in the hearts of the Iraqi people from this journey?*

Not only is Pope Francis' visit to Iraq historic in itself, but it also comes at a historic time for the Iraqi people, as they rebuild from genocide, religious persecution, and decades of conflict. The Pope's visit shone a light on the potential for peace and religious freedom. It symbolized that all Iraqis - no matter their faith - are equally deserving of dignity and human rights. His Holiness also sent a clear message that restoring the interfaith fabric of Iraqi society must start with support for the healing of minority communities, like the Yazidis, who have been the target of violence and marginalization.

*Speaking to reporters on the plane, Pope Francis said that one of the reasons he visited Iraq was after reading your book, "The Last Girl". In his first speech, which he addressed to the country's authorities, he recalled the suffering of the Yazidis. How important is it to have the Pope offering this advocacy for you?*

During my audience with Pope Francis back in 2018, we had an in-depth discussion about the Yazidi community's experience of genocide, particularly the violence endured by women and children. I am glad that my story stayed with him and that he felt called to bring this message to Iraq. His advocacy for the Yazidi cause is an example for other religious leaders in the region to amplify the message of tolerance of religious minorities like the Yazidis.

*Today you are a Nobel Peace Prize laureate, a UN Goodwill Ambassador, and you have founded an organization "Nadia's Initiative" to help women victims of violence. Where did you find the strength to turn all the pain you have suffered into this force for good? All Yazidis have shown great strength in their survival and resilience. The entire community has withstood immense trauma. We will not be able to recover and rebuild our lives on our own. The community is in dire need of support and resources. Nadia's Initiative is striving to empower the community in their recovery by providing tangible and sustainable support.*

*ISIS lost the war in 2017 but you remind us that there are still thousands of women, even young girls, in slavery who have not yet been freed. Why can't this tragedy be ended and what should the international community do? The fact that 2,800 Yazidi women and children remain missing in captivity after nearly seven years exposes the lack of political will to protect women's basic human rights and safety. It shows that sexual violence and slavery are not taken seriously by the international community. A multilateral task force must be established immediately with the sole purpose of locating and rescuing these women and children.*

*You have said: "I want to be the last woman on earth with a story like mine". What would you say today to the many women suffering from war and terrible violence? To them, I say: "It is not your fault". Global patriarchal systems have been designed to subjugate us, profit from our oppression, and wage war on our bodies. But surviving and fighting for recognition of these injustices is an act of resistance. I would also say: "You are not alone". Over one-third of women around the globe experience sexual violence. That does not mean we must accept it. There are women in every community who are surviving, standing up, and speaking out. When we unite to fight for our rights, change will be unstoppable.*