

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. Amen.
The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us..... Amen.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19: 1 - 2. 17 - 18

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You

must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

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. (R)
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. (R)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians

3:16 - 23

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

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it; if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 5: 38-48

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on

the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. "You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.

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.



focus on sunday

(Day of Prayer for Temperance)

It is hard to forgive and forget, but Jesus asks us to go one step further: we must love those who offend us - be forgiving and tolerant of our enemies. If we strive to achieve this Jesus favours us with his compassion and love.

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.

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

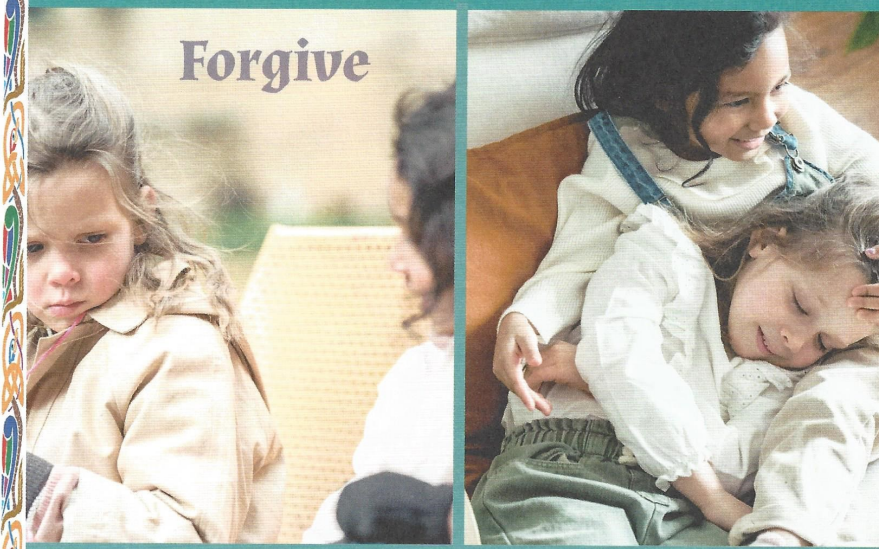
I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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



Temperance has been described as "the seatbelt for the decision-making parts of our minds". Perhaps this is why we have a Sunday for Temperance just before Lent as we repair our "just one more" lack of control on Shrove Tuesday!

Some of you may be familiar with the damage which has been caused by lack of control and by intemperance at other times of the year. They are saying the Serenity Prayer every day as they cope with a trail of broken promises, shattered trust, and dashed hopes. They and their families need - and they deserve - our spiritual support. The Gospel today is about forgiveness and acceptance, part of the journey to recovery is about asking for forgiveness and learning to forgive. The staff in Cuan Mhuire and in other addiction treatment centres also need our spiritual support. Their skills address the problems of addiction for each individual who is humble and honest enough to admit that they are out of control. Treatment and counselling leads individuals who are living with addiction and their families towards decisions which will be fruitful once they return home.

While Pioneers have always prayed for people who are struggling with addiction we would also like the help of others along this journey of spiritual support. Can I invite you to consider "taking the pledge for Lent" or to become a "spiritual sponsor" for a resident of Cuan Mhuire this Temperance Sunday?

Just drop a line to me at Fr Robert, PTAA, PO Box 13492, Dublin 7 or visit www.pioneers.ie/pray.

Fr. Robert McCabe, PTAA Spiritual Director

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus tells us today that God is all love and caring, never angry, heals our wounds, and forgives all our failings. The answer to all commandments is Love. God's love in our hearts helps us to love others, to care, to help, to heal.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 20th – 26th Feb. 2023

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

Ted Maughan, Cherryfield

Jim & Mary Healy, Holywell

Carmel Waldron, Upper Main St.

Charlie & Phyllis Phillips, Main St.

William & Catherine Neary, Main St.

Declan, Michael & Kathleen Mulhern

Ann, John & Brendan Hoban, Lisbane

Una Collum, Devlis

Doris Kedian, Moneymore

Tom & Dora Forde, The Square

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

Kenny family, Kiltimagh & Hayley Vahey, Ballyheane

Decd. members of the Forde family

John, Gretta & Micheál Murren, Upper Main St. & Mary Commins, Knock

Josie & Jason Morley, Knox St.

Tom McCormack, Clare Court & Tulsk

Pat & Margaret Byrne, Knox St.

Ted Webb, Main St.

Pat Lyons, Classaroe

Paddy & Josie Ryan, Hazelhill

SUNDAY 26TH FEB.—MONTH'S MIND

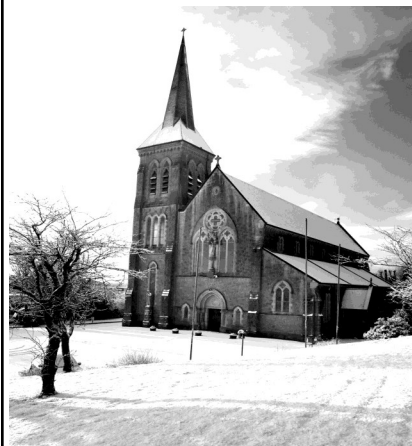
Anthony Waldron, Clagnagh & formerly Cave

20th-26th Feb	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Frances Mulhern
Ash Wed 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Ash Wed. 7.30pm	Stella O'Neill	Deirdre Browne, Fionnuala Nolan
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn, Tim Byrne, Lorraine Waldron
Sunday 10am	Mary Finan	Mary Sykes, Kay Curley, Margaret Tarpey, Miriam Judge

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Josie Rattigan, Birmingham—sister of the late Kathleen Cribbin, Knockbrack

COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER are available at the back of the Church. Cost €2.50. Please place money in the candelabra coinbox.



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.



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.

The 10am Mass on Sunday 19th February will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio.

LENT: Next Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday—the start of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 10am morning Mass, with evening Mass also at 7.30pm.

Trócaire packs containing the Trócaire box and information on this year's Lenten campaign are available in the Church porch—please take one home and make a contribution to help those suffering hunger and injustice in many parts of the world.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Sincere thanks for your generosity over the past week, following the horrific earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. The parish is forwarding the donations to charities & agencies working on the ground in the worst-affected areas, and to members of the Syrian community in Ballyhaunis who have family members in the stricken area of Syria and are ensuring that aid is being provided to those in dire need. Donations made be dropped into the parish office.

PPC MEETING: The next meeting takes place this Monday evening 20th Feb at 8pm in the Community Hall.

NEW PPC: Nominations are now being accepted for the new Parish Pastoral Council to serve from 2023 to 2027. Brochures have been circulated to homes in the parish, and are also available in the Church porch, with information about the PPC and how to go about nominating new members. **Closing date for nominations has been extended for another week, until 27th Feb.** Nomination forms should be returned to the box in the Church porch or the Parish Office. The following are unavailable for the new PPC or ineligible, having already served two terms: Laura Brogan, Clare Higgins, Mary Mulrennan, Emer Gallagher, Mike Byrne, Mike Griffin, Willie Ryan, Eileen Lynch, Marion Regan, Mary Waldron & Mary McGuire. The parish wishes to sincerely thank the outgoing PPC members for their time and commitment.

PPC NEWSLETTER: The Parish Pastoral Council Newsletter is now available in the Church porch. Please take a copy home. The bi-annual publication contains articles and photos of events that took place in the parish from July to December 2022.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY: RTE will broadcast Mass this Sunday 19th February at 11am to mark Temperance Sunday - a day of prayer for all who live under the shadow of addiction. Prayers will be offered for all who are in treatment for addiction and for those in recovery.

CONFIRMATION: Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May have already started the preparation programme "You Shall Be My Witness...". The next session is on Tuesday evening 21st February at 8pm, with further sessions on the 28th Feb. and 14th March. Parents are asked to arrive back at the school at 8.50pm to join in the prayers at the end of each session before collecting their son/ daughter.

Offertory Collection

12th February 2023

€2,305

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: For those who received a CHY3 form in the post last month, it's important that any outstanding certificates be returned as soon as possible to the Parish Office, as a return is currently being prepared for Revenue. This tax rebate scheme is of considerable benefit to the parish. Once completed, the forms are valid for a further 5 years.

ACCORD provides Marriage Preparation courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church. Anyone interested in becoming an Accord Marriage Preparation Facilitator is asked to email marriagepreparation@accord.ie for more information. Formal training will be provided to volunteer facilitators.

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

Lenten Workshop—"Following in the Footsteps of Jesus to His Passion" with Fr. Denis McBride CSsR on Saturday 25th February in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock Shrine from 10am to 4pm. Fr. Denis is a Redemptorist priest, lecturer, author and publishing director of Redemptorist Publications. Advance booking is essential.

Lenten Reflections: Weekly short talks will take place on Tuesday evenings at St John's Welcome Centre from 8 to 9pm. March 7th: Kieran Cronin: "Laudato Si: St Francis and Prayer for Ecological Conversion."

March 14th: Jane Mellett: "Almsgiving: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor through Care for Creation".

March 21st: John Connell: "Living More Simply in a Complex World". More details available on www.knockshrine.ie

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.

EASTER PARADE: The Ballyhaunis Easter Parade will take place on Easter Monday 10th April at 2pm, starting from Upper Main St. and proceeding down Main St, ending on Knox St. Main Street will be closed to traffic from 12pm to 4pm, with local access only. The Ballyhaunis Festival & Events Committee is inviting businesses, clubs, organisations, schools and individuals to enter a float or marching band. A prize fund of €1,000 is on offer for the best floats. To register, contact 094 9630311 or ballyhaunischamber@gmail.com

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

COFFEE MORNING: Sincere thanks to all who supported the coffee morning last weekend at the home of Mary & Jim Goulding. €3,300 for raised for the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. Those who supported the event, by attending or making a donation, and their families will be remembered at Our Lady's Grotto in Lourdes, where Jim & Mary's granddaughter Siobhán Gallagher will light a candle for you all. Siobhán is one of a group of young people travelling from Mayo to Lourdes over Easter to assist people with special needs.

THANKS: Mary Donnelly would like to sincerely thank all who came to the Community Hall last Sunday, and all who sent good wishes on the occasion of her retirement as parish secretary. Special thanks to Fr. Stephen and the Parish Pastoral Council for organising the celebration.