

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

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

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
The Lord be with you. 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.....

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 2:42 - 47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
The whole community remained faithful
to the teaching of the apostles, to the
brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and
to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked
through the apostles made a deep
impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and
owned everything in common; they sold
their goods and possessions and shared
out the proceeds among themselves
according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple
everyday but met in their houses for
the breaking of bread; they shared their food
gladly and generously; they praised God

and were looked up to by everyone. Day
by day the Lord added to their community
those destined to be saved.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps117: 2-4.13-15.22-24

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

- 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]
- I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. [R]
- 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 Peter 1: 3 - 9

A reading from the first letter of St. Peter.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy
has given us a new birth as his sons, by
raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so
that we have a sure hope and the promise
of an inheritance that can never be spoilt
or soiled and never fade away, because
it is being kept for you in the heavens.
Through your faith, God's power will
guard you until the salvation which has
been prepared is revealed at the end of
time. This is a cause of great joy for you,
even though you may for a short time
have to bear being plagued by all sorts
of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is
revealed, your faith will have been tested
and proved like gold - only it is more
precious than gold, which is corruptible
even though it bears testing by fire - and
then you will have praise and glory and
honour. You did not see him, yet you love
him; and still without seeing him, you are
already filled with a joy so glorious that
it cannot be described, because you
believe; and you are sure of the end to
which your faith looks forward, that is,
the salvation of your souls.

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.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
All bow for following two lines:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen



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

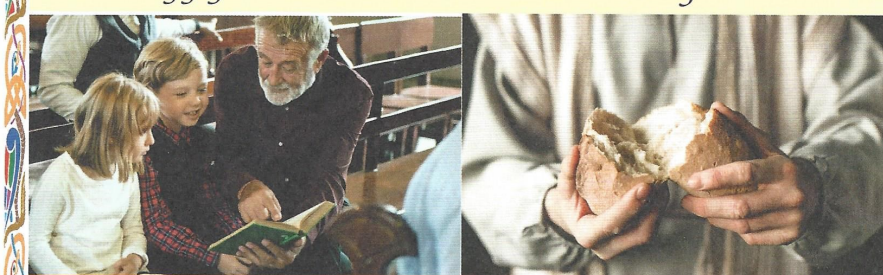
Grant, we pray, almighty God,
that our reception of this paschal Sacrament
may have a continuing effect
in our minds and hearts.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.



Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe



We do not come through suffering and difficult times unscarred.
We are changed by them. Often, they bring some sort of growth
into our lives and usually it is not a pleasant experience. The
Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and in today's
Gospel invites Thomas to get in touch with this reality. The great
mystery of this narrative is that the cross and new life are deeply intertwined. We
can be healed, fully transformed, even experience resurrection yet the scars of
what has happened remain, almost like a reminder of how far we have come. When
we recall times of our own 'wounded-ness' do we also hear Jesus's "peace be with
you"? This peace, this Shalom, is more than a wish for a peaceful day. It expresses
the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and
spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving.

In difficult times, becoming aware of Christ's presence amongst us can open our
hearts, we keep going in confidence that any suffering we are experiencing is not
the end of the story. For the disciples this experience moves them from being
closed off to the world, to rejoicing, and this in turn opens up the mission for them
to be unending witnesses to God's love, to be for others what Jesus has been for
them. The Risen Christ is active in all our lives and in the world around us. May we
be open to transformation, to growth and to share this life-giving Spirit with others.
"For even if the whole world believed in resurrection, little would change until we
began to practice it. We can believe in CPR, but people will remain dead until
someone breathes new life into them." - Shane Claiborne

Jane Mellett is the co-author of
The Deep End - A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew,
Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus Risen from the dead is present in a new way through His Spirit. Jesus
shows Thomas his wounded hands and side. Jesus says "Thomas, here are
my Hands, give me your hands." Jesus has the whole world in His Hands. He
asks us to bless others with our hands, in our work, in our hugs and friendship,
in our music, art and sport, and prayer to heal others.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 17th—22nd April 2023

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

Kathleen & Michael Waldron, Johnstown

Mark & Eileen Waldron, Cave

Danny & Annette Fadian, Achill

Pádraic & Séan Phillips, Leow

Mary Teresa McHale née Rattigan, Ballinlough & formerly Knox St.

Michael & Mary Lyons, Lecarrow & John Bradley, Manchester

Paddy & Mary Freeley, Main St. & Abbeyquarter

Decd. of the Durkan, Finlay, Nicholson & Lang families

Denis Finnegan & decd. of the Finnegan family, Carraroe, Dunmore

Billy Rochford, Knock Road

Martin Connery, Bohogue

SUNDAY 23rd APRIL— FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Sr. Eithne Nolan, Mercy Convent, Ballyhaunis;

Sr. Mary Catherine Leonard, Dublin & formerly Upper Main St. &

Carrowscoltia, Tooreen

17th-23rd April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Joe Byrne
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Helen Freeley, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Mary Freeley
Sat 7.30pm	Norrie Dillon	Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis, Eileen Jordan, Mary T. Griffin
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Mary Murphy, Miriam Judge, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke

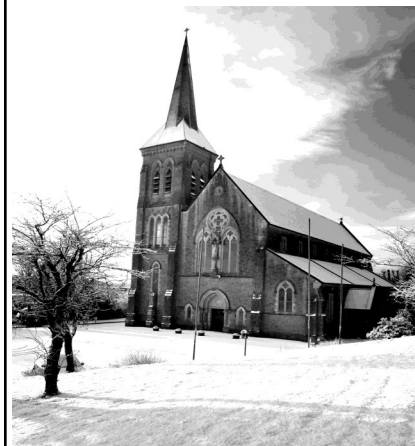
Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

Séan Paul Tighe, Carrowbawn, Crossard & Carrowreagh;

Patricia (Patsy) Kilraine née Toolan, Galway & formerly Ballyhaunis

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.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Thanks to all who have returned their 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.



MASSES:

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

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC 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.



PRESIDENT'S VISIT TO KNOCK SHRINE: Well done to Fr. Richard Gibbons and his team at Knock Shrine for the warm welcome extended on Friday to the U.S. President, Joe Biden. A massive security operation was in place for the private visit by the President and his family, with coverage of the event broadcast across the world. It was another very successful visit to the Shrine by a world leader, and will help to reinforce Knock as a major international Marian Shrine.

GROW IN LOVE: The preparation programme for children who will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion continues at 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening 22nd April. Our focus this month is on the way in which our parish family celebrates Easter. For those who believe in the Resurrection, there is always hope, and we can all play our part in bringing that hope to our homes, our parish and our country. First Holy Communion will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday 6th May at 11am.

APOSTOLATE OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION annual pilgrimage to Knock takes place next Sat 22nd April from 7pm to 10pm and Sunday 23rd from 10.30am to 4.30pm. More details available on www.eucharisticadoration.ie or by calling 087 1045200.

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Chloe De Oliveira Guerra, Abbeyquarter

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS will host a Tea Day, in conjunction with the Memory Dance Social Club, at the Curam Family Centre in Claremorris on Wed. 19th April from 10am to 2pm. Please support.

COFFEE MORNING: A coffee morning in aid of Western Alzheimers will take place at the home of Jimmy & Mary Walsh, Knockbrack on Friday 21st April from 10am to 2pm. All welcome.

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. You're also asked to help turn Ballyhaunis Sunshine Yellow on the weekend of the 5th/6th May!

ANGER MANAGEMENT ONLINE COURSE:

Knock Counselling Centre will run a 5-evening Online Anger Management programme, starting on Tuesday 18th April from 7-9pm. For details, contact Peter Devers at 094 9375032 or log onto www.knockshrine.ie/counselling

MAYO STOMA SUPPORT MEETING: The Mayo Stoma Support Group will meet on Thursday 20th April at 7pm in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar. If attending, please contact JJ on 087 2300580.

THREE TENORS CONCERT: Ballyhaunis is delighted to host the popular Three Tenors live at the Friary Church on Sat. 29th April at 8pm. Enjoy a great night of music & song—from the Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli—with special guests including the Scoil Íosa NS Choir and Knock NS Choir. Tickets are now on sale locally in McHugh's Café and The Gem Costcutters, and online at EventBrite.ie. Proceeds from the concert will go to the Friary Preservation Fund.

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.

Offertory Collection

Holy Thursday Trócaire collection €5,475

Good Friday Holy Places collection €745

Holy Saturday / Easter Sunday €3,285

LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES: Three-day pilgrimages take place between 1st June and 15th August. Booking is advised. One-day retreats are available on 1st, 7th, 9th, 14th, 20th, 27th & 29th May. Booking is essential by calling 071 9861518. A four-night residential retreat will take place from 11th to 15th June, and again from 6th to 10th August. Further details of the 2023 pilgrimages are available on www.loughderg.org

TRÓCAIRE: Please return any outstanding Trócaire Lenten collection boxes at Masses or to the parish office. Your support is appreciated.

VAKS: Would you like to volunteer at Knock Shrine? The Volunteer@Knock Shrine programme is for young people in TY, 5th Year & Leaving Cert who would like to volunteer over a weekend this Summer. This is an opportunity to assist the pilgrims visiting the Shrine. You will develop new skills, share your talents and make a big difference to the lives of others. Mandatory training day on Sunday 21st May, and you can then choose what weekends you would be available to volunteer for. More details available from the Youth Ministry at Knock Shrine on 094 9375321.

PIONEERS: The National Pioneer Ball will be held in the Menlo Park Hotel, Galway on Saturday next 22nd April. Mass at 6.30pm in the Church of the Resurrection, Ballinfoyle, Headford Road, Galway. Dinner at 8pm. For tickets, call Frances at 086 3121695.

IRISH LANGUAGE CLASSES for beginners and improvers continue every Tuesday evening at 7pm in the Community Hall. Learn a cúpla focail in a relaxed atmosphere. Enquiries to Ballyhaunis Language Café on 087 9777899.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT offers a range of emotional supports to people with cancer and their families. Call 094 9038407 for information.

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

ICA: Irish Countrywomen's Association meeting takes place in Granlahan Community Centre on Thursday 20th April at 8pm. New members welcome.

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