

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.**  
**You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.**  
**Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia**

**GREETING**

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

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
 Christ have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
 You bring light to those in darkness:  
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
 May almighty God have mercy on us,  
 forgive us our sins,  
 and bring us to everlasting life. **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**

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.**  
**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.**  
 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people

but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23**

**R. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

1. 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.' **(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. **(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. **(R)**

**SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4**

**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians**  
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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**SEQUENCE**

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.  
 The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.  
 Death with life contended;  
 combat strangely ended!  
 Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.  
 Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.  
 The tomb the Living did enclose;  
 I saw Christ's glory as he rose!  
 The angels there attesting;  
 shroud with grave-clothes resting.  
 Christ, my hope, has risen:  
 he goes before you into Galilee.  
 That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL John 20: 1-9**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

**RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES**

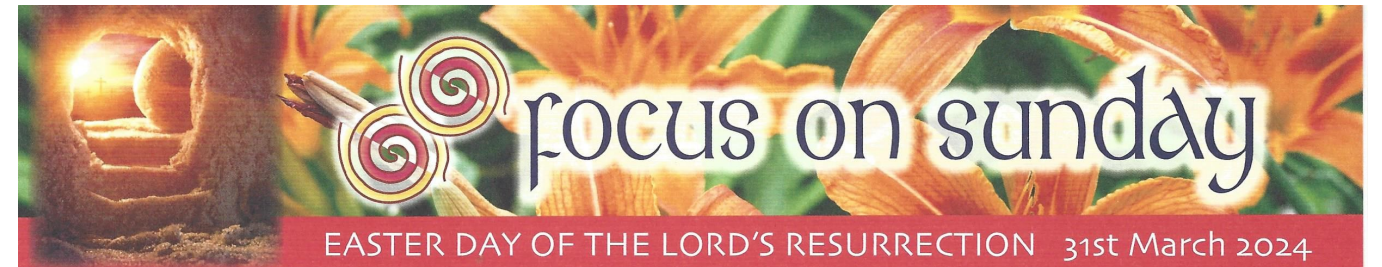
Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do.  
 P. And all his works? C. I do.  
 P. And all his empty show? C. I do.  
 P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? C. I do.  
 P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do.  
 P. Do you 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? C. I do.  
 P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. **Amen.**

*The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:*

**Antiphon**

**I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.**



**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**

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.  
 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**

**Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.**

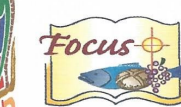
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailing love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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.

**A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.**  
**A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.**  
**A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.**




Resurrection is unnatural. When someone goes into the ground, that is that. We don't wait around for the person to reappear so as to pick up where we left off - not this side of the grave anyway. We say goodbye. We pay our respects and we get on with our lives as best we can. The only place springtime happens in a cemetery is on the graves, not in them.

On that first Easter morning while it was still dark Jesus was up and on his way. Unknown to anyone he was taking the whole world with him. People would find new hope, new reason to live. They were feeling a new spring in their step. Something new was happening. New life is unnatural. It is frightening. To expect a sealed tomb and find one filled with angels, to seek a corpse and find the risen Lord - none of this is natural.

Death is natural. Loss is natural. Grief is natural. But a stone has been rolled away and the light of a new day was not overcome by the dark. By the light of a new day God planted a new seed of life in us. New life, new strength to move mountains, banish fear, love our enemies and change the world. That God loved Jesus back from death to life is the promise of Easter that his love will never end.

*Fr. Joe Walsh*



### Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

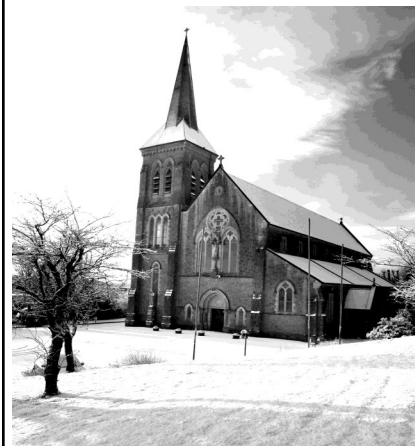
Let us look at The Christ Candle. It is studded with nails, full of colours, with a lighted flame. It tells us that Jesus died and is alive again through His Spirit. He is full of light, with blessing for us, and all the world. When we light a candle, the Risen Spirit of Jesus is with us, helping us through all that happens, in our lives.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 31st MARCH 2024

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**Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)**

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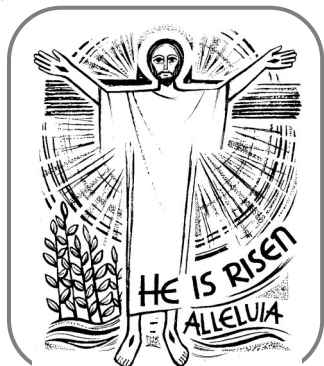


**MASSES:**  
 Monday, Tuesday,  
 Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.  
 Saturday Evening Vigil:  
 7.30pm  
 Sunday: 10.00am.

**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.



### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 1st-6th APRIL 2024

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

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Kieran & Katie Webb, Tooraree & Brickens  
 Thomas & Anne Heneghan, Tullaghane  
 Tommy Devane, Johnstown & Tommy Flannery, Ballaghadereen  
 Bill & Rosaleen Eagney, Clare St.  
 Mary Browne & decd. Coolnafarna  
 Tim & Mary Ellen Fleming & decd. Scrigg  
 John Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna  
 Teresa Finn & decd. of the Finn & Shaughnessy families  
 John, Mary & Michael Jarlath Patterson, Ballinlough  
 George & Lilian Delaney, their sons Paddy (Abbey St) & George (Bridge St/Coolnaha)  
 Denis & Ea Hannan, Bridge St, their son Raymond & daughter Audrey Dignam, Delgany  
 John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong & their daughter Josephine Feeney, Dublin  
 Decd. of the Durkan, Lang, Finlay, Nicholson & Roche families

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### SUNDAY 7th APRIL - FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Séan Paul Tighe, Carrowbawn, Crossard & Carrowreagh

1st-7th April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
<b>Monday</b>	Liam Devaney	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
<b>Wednesday</b>	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
<b>Friday</b>	Willie Broderick	Mary Freeley, Eileen Jordan
<b>Saturday 7.30pm</b>	Margaret Monaghan	Jacinta Flynn, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Julia Kelly	Marie Brennan, Cáit Webb, Gilmar Neves, Mary T. Griffin

### COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

<b>Sat. 7.30pm</b>	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Kieran Connolly
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Carlos Balbino Romao
<b>MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL</b>	
<b>Sat. 7.30pm</b>	Team C- Liam & Molly Thompson, Carlos Da Sousa Gomes, Luiz Ricardo Da Souza Gomes, Sonny Kelly
<b>Sunday 10am</b>	Team D- Cian & Hazel Murphy, Abigail Dixon, Fionn Finnegan

### Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Gerard Sheedy late of Tipperary & Leeds- brother of Martin Sheedy, Lecarrow;  
 Bernie Fahey, Ballyheane, Castlebar- sister of Margaret Tarpey, Carrowkeel



### ARCHBISHOP FRANCIS DUFFY'S EASTER MESSAGE:

“For Christians, Easter is a time of joy and hope. St John Paul II once said “We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song”. How right he was. In Holy Week, we reflect on the life, suffering and death of Jesus. On Holy Saturday night and Easter Sunday morning, we celebrate the resurrection with a blaze of light and a chorus of song. Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is good news. It is the event that destroyed the power of sin and death, once and for all. The death and resurrection of Jesus –the Paschal Mystery-adds profound meaning to human life. Bearing in mind that each individual, created in the image & likeness of God, is “the apple of God’s eye”, it is true to say that each and every person is loved by God, yes, you included. The resurrection affirms this. The resurrection also brings great hope as we are called to an eternal life with God. Death is not the end. In the meantime, Jesus calls us to follow Him in the here and now, and, in doing so, to put into action His values and attitudes as we endeavour to love God and love one another. The Lord is ever-present is our midst, He walks with us to guide us and support us. We are not alone, He is always near. I wish you all a very happy & joyful Easter because Christ is risen, alleluia”.

**+ Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam.**

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.mcn.live/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: [www.ballyhaunisparish.ie](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie)

**The 10am Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM on Sundays 7th, 14th & 21st April.**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** at 10am Mass this Easter Sunday 31st March. Children from age 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass, and will return to their parents after Communion.

**EASTER GATHERING:** The Parish Pastoral Council would like to invite you to the Community Hall for refreshments following the 10am Mass this Easter Sunday, and prior to the 12 o’clock Mass. All welcome.

**TROCAIRE:** The Trócaire Lenten collection boxes can be returned at Masses over Easter. Your ongoing support is much appreciated. Special thanks to the children of Scoil Íosa N.S. Ballyhaunis and Gorthaganny NS who raised over €600 for Trócaire in Easter raffles.

**PRIESTS’ EASTER COLLECTION:** The Easter Collection envelopes will be gratefully accepted at any of the Holy Week/ Easter ceremonies or can be dropped into the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:  
**Ballyhaunis Parish Church Priests Account. BIC AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354.**

**BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMME:** A 4-week programme on “Understanding Grief: A Journey towards Healing” will take place in St. John’s Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th April at 8pm, presented by Monica Morley. Free admission but booking essential on 094 9375320.

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE** takes place in St. John’s Centre, Knock Shrine on Saturday next 6th April from 11am to 4pm with Fr. Pat Collins CM & Fr. Isaac John MSFS. The programme will include the Sacrament of Reconciliation, prayer & meditation, Divine Mercy Hour and will conclude with the celebration of the Eucharist. All welcome. No booking required.

**AGE FRIENDLY MAYO** will host a series of information sessions in Castlebar Library on Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm . The “Lunchtime Talks” are free and all are welcome to attend. 2nd April: “**Entitlements for Older People**” delivered by Tomás Lally, Citizens Information. 9th April: “**Educational Options for Retirees**” with Máirtín Ó’Móráin, MSLETB 16th April: “**Genealogy Talk**”- Jim O’Connor, Mayo Co Co 23rd April: “**Home/Personal Safety**”- Garda Mick Toland. To register, email [agefriendlymayo@mayococo](mailto:agefriendlymayo@mayococo) or call 094 9064365.

**SYNODALITY:** An international conference entitled “Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together” will take place at St. John’s Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th April, in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote speaker is Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, with a number of other speakers over the two days. The facilitator of the conference is Prof. Eamonn Conway, Advisor to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. All welcome, no pre-booking required. Further details on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**BALLYHAUNIS AREA COMMUNITY GAMES** would like to thank all who supported their recent church gate collection which raised €256.

**Offertory Collection**  
 Sunday 24th March  
 2024  
 €1,860

**NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION** Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday evening 13th April and on Sunday 14th April from 10.30am to 5.30pm. More information on [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

### EASTER GREETINGS

*Happy Easter to all the families in our parish, and a special welcome home to all who have made the journey back for Easter. May the peace, hope and joy of the risen Lord fill your hearts & lives. Sincere thanks to all who helped with and took part in the Holy Week & Easter ceremonies, including the Sacristan, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, servers, choirs, organists, musicians and soloists, as well as those who helped with the Offertory Processions and collections, and prepared the Sanctuary. Thanks also to the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, the BCS students who filled the Holy Water bottles and Midwest Radio.*

*Fr. Stephen*

