

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

GREETING

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division: Christ, have mercy. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father: 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 teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be so fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Leviticus 13 :1-2. 44-46 A reading from the book of Leviticus The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. 'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head.

A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 31:1-2.5.11 R. You are my refuge, O Lord; you fill me with the joy of salvation.

- 1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. (R)
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. (R)
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R)

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:31 - 11:1 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone - to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

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

World Day of the Sick

Day of Prayer for Temperance

When Jesus cured the leper he was restored back to health and to his family and friends. By being renewed with the body and blood of Christ at this Mass we are strengthened and restored to God's family.



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

May this oblation, O Lord, we pray, cleanse and renew us and may it become for those who do your will the source of eternal reward. 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.

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

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

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Having fed upon these heavenly delights, we pray, O Lord, that we may always long for that food by which we truly live. 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.



The mention of leprosy in scripture awakens thoughts of illness and isolation and the hope of healing and "re-belonging". The mention of TB in our own recent history produces similar thoughts. Sanatorium campuses were developed at Peamount and Blanchardstown on the outskirts of Dublin and Merlin Park on the outskirts of Galway city. These hospitals offered respiratory care in airy wards to patients who had to spend time away from their families.

What a coincidence that we are hearing these themes of healing and "re-belonging" on this Temperance Sunday and also on this World Day of the Sick. A Sunday for Temperance is marked every year on the weekend just before Lent while a day of Prayer for the Sick is observed every year on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes! These two events merge today and blend beautifully with our scripture texts.

For 125 years, Pioneers have been praying every day for people who have been impacted and isolated by addiction. The need is still great as we see the amount of people who are waiting on a place in a Treatment centre. These people from all walks of life need our prayers as they entrust themselves to the Lord for His healing or to a Higher Power.

If you would like to learn more about spiritual support which Pioneers offer, visit www.pioneerassociation.org

Fr Robert McCabe

Central Spiritual Director - Pioneer Total Abstinence Association of the Sacret Heart

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Today is a special day to pray for your friends that may be sick or a member of your family that is sick. Ask God to heal them just like he healed the leper and always remember to say thank you. Look out for anyone you think might be feeling lonely or sad and include them in your games. We are all God's children and He loves us with an everlasting love.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 12th-17th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Jim, Mary, Eamonn & John Healy & decd. Holywell
Maura & Séan Griffin, Clare St, decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly families &
Mike Freeley

Thomas & Delia Mitchell & their sons John & Tom, Irishtown
Pat O'Connor, Hazelhill

Kathleen & William Smyth, Clare St.

John & Mary Morley, Clagnagh

Margaret & Mick O'Connell, Upper Main St.

Willie & Mary Kelly, Bekan

Michael Murray & decd. Doctor's Road

Anthony Coyne & decd. Leenane

Ellie, John Joe, David & Ann Fitzmaurice, Forthill

Eugene & Mary Carney & decd. Holywell

Martin, Bridget & Maria Moran, Manchester & Bracklaghboy

John Joe & Ellen Murphy, Killinaugher

Charlie & Mary Agnes O'Reilly, Holywell

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY—MONTH'S MIND

Bob De La Torre, Knock

12th-18th Feb.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Ash Wed. 10am	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Ash Wed. 7.30pm	Orla Phillips	Fionnuala Nolan, Breda Davis
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Eavan Caulfield, Helene McCafferty, Deirdre Browne, Breda Davis
Sunday 10am	Anne Durkan	Marie Brennan, Breege Halpin, Gilmar Neves, Eileen Donnellan

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Henry Madden, Gurteen;

Christopher (Blacky) Mongan, Tooraree;

Gretta Henry née Fitzmaurice, Charlestown & formerly Lisbane;
Willie O'Toole, Headford—brother of Kathleen Walsh, Knock Road.



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.



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.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-patricks-church-ballyhaunis> or on the website: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

The 10am Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1FM on Sunday 11th & 18th February.

ASH WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday 14th February is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at 10am Mass, with evening Mass also at 7.30pm. "Walk with Me" Lenten prayer booklets are available in the Church porch. €2 each. During the 40 days of Lent, we are asked to pray, fast and give to those less well off than ourselves. Packs containing the Trócaire box and information on this year's Lenten campaign are available in the Church porch. This year's Lenten campaign focuses on Malawi, Africa. Malawi is one of the least-developed countries in the world and has been badly affected by climate change and severe droughts. Large sectors of the population have no access to safe drinking water. Please support Trócaire in helping communities to develop sustainable access to clean, safe water supplies by taking home a Trócaire box or making a donation online at www.trocaire.org

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Cillian Joseph Egan, Lavallyroe

Offertory Collection

Sunday 4th Feb.
2024
€2,019

LATIN MASS: The next Latin Mass will be held this Sunday 11th February in Knock at 6pm.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY: Mass for Temperance Sunday and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will be broadcast on RTE TV and Radio this Sunday 11th February at 11am.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Sincere thanks to parishioners who have returned their CHY3 certificates in recent weeks. For those who received a certificate in the post and have not yet returned it, please complete the form and post it back in the enclosed stamped & self-addressed envelope, or drop in the letterbox of the Parochial House this coming week, as a return needs to be prepared for Revenue. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of considerable financial benefit to the parish. Once completed, the CHY3 Cert is valid for 5 years.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08

For those wishing to make a donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

MOTHERS PRAYERS WEEKEND takes place from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February in St. John's Rest & Care Centre, Knock, for mothers who wish to come together to pray for their children and grandchildren. For details, call Marie 087 6184110, or email ireland@mothersprayers.org

BALLYHAUNIS ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 14th Feb. in the Communal House, Clare Court at 1.30pm—weather permitting. Looking forward to seeing all our members, and new members are very welcome.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR SURVIVORS & VICTIMS OF

ABUSE takes place on Friday next 16th February. The Day of Prayer was an initiative of Pope Francis in 2017 and since then, dioceses have marked the event with the lighting of candles in churches and cathedrals across the country as a reminder of the need for atonement and to symbolise repentance.

Towards Healing is an independent organisation providing professional support for people who experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. This is a free & confidential service, offering helpline support and counselling.

Their freephone number is 1800 303416, and more details on www.towardshealing.ie

Towards Peace is a spiritual support service for survivors of abuse and for their families. The service can be contacted on 01 5053028 or 086 7710533 or visit www.towardspeace.ie

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. There's also a special meeting for bereaved spouses/ partners on the first Thursday of each month. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

VACANCY: The Fr. Peyton Centre based in Attymass, Co. Mayo is seeking applications for the position of Centre Manager. This is an opportunity for the successful candidate to further develop the Visitor Centre and support the work of the services provided. For application form email frpeytoncentreboard@gmail.com

VALENTINE'S VITALITY: SláinteCare Healthy Communities with Age Friendly Mayo are organising a health and wellbeing event "Valentine's Vitality" in the Great National Hotel, Ballina on Wed. 14th February from 10am to 1pm. The event is aimed at those aged 55 and over, and information will be provided around overall health, fitness & nutrition, while speakers on the day will advise on various aspects of wellbeing and Croí will provide free blood pressure checks. The event is free of charge and for more details email agefriendlymayo@mayococo.ie

SVP POP-UP SHOP: St. Vincent de Paul will hold a clothing clearance sale in the Community Hall on Saturday 24th Feb. from 11am to 3pm. All items €2. Proceeds in aid of local conference.

ICA: Next meeting of Cill Tullach ICA takes place on Thursday next 15th Feb. at 8.30pm in Granlahan Community Centre. New members welcome. For details call Carmel on 087 2125340.

AA & AL-ANON: For those affected by alcohol abuse, there are weekly AA and Al-Anon meetings in Ballyhaunis.

AA meetings: Fridays & Sundays at 8.30pm in the Friary House. Al-Anon meetings, for families and friends of problem drinkers, are held on Sunday evenings at 8.30pm in Scoil Íosa.

More information on www.al-anon.org

A PRAYER TO BEGIN MY LENTEN JOURNEY:

Loving Jesus, as I make the sign of the cross

on my forehead this Ash Wednesday,

I hear you say to me "Walk with me, these 40

days of Lent, spend time with me in prayer,

Fast from things that keep you

from being the best that you can be,

Give to those who are not as blessed as you

are.

And together we will make the journey to new life at Easter".

Amen.

