

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Remember your compassion, O Lord, and your merciful love, for they are from of old. Let not our enemies exult over us.

Redeem us, O God of Israel, from all our distress.

GREETING

In the name of the FatherAmen.
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. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Genesis 12: 1 - 4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 32: 4-5.18 - 20.22

R. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

[R]

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. [R]

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. [R]

SECOND READING 2 Timothy 1:8-10
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy - not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah. He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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.

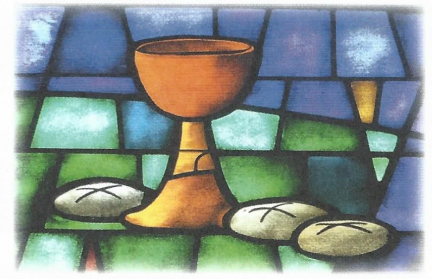
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.



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 sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

Through Christ our Lord.

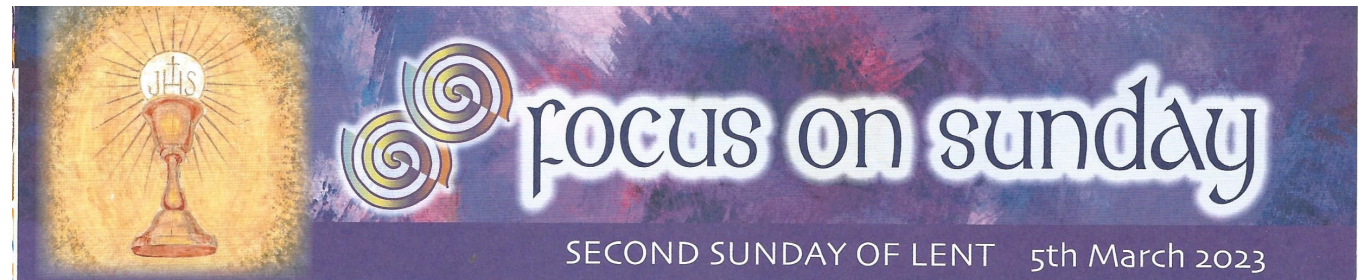
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.....



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 5th March 2023
The gospel presents the glory of Christ, the One in whom we can always hope, the One who takes our sadnesses and despair into his own heart, and gives us through his death and resurrection the promise of eternal hope.

AFTER THE CONSECRATION

The mystery of faith.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless your faithful, we pray, O Lord, with a blessing that endures for ever, and keep them faithful to the Gospel of your Only Begotten Son, so that they may always desire and at last attain that glory whose beauty he showed in his own Body, to the amazement of his Apostles. 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.

Reflection

We too should follow Jesus to the mountain top but we should follow him too - down again for it is in living and serving others, in seeing in all people the image of God that we can truly follow Jesus to his home with the Father

Lord, the glory which we see in your Transfiguration will one day be ours. We thank you for your promise and the gift of hope in this promise. Help me to see in all people the image of your glory, that in each person I meet lives the love and light of your Holy Spirit. Amen.



Focus Today's Gospel describes an overwhelming experience for three of the disciples, Peter, James and John - Jesus' 'inner circle'. Mountains are important locations in Matthew's Gospel, always associated with divine revelation, places where heaven touches earth. The trio realise there is something deeper going on as Jesus is transformed before their eyes. The presence of Moses (representing the Law) and Elijah (representing the prophets) invites parallels between these figures and Jesus, who fulfils both the law and the prophets.

"It is good for us to be here." These words of Peter recognise the enormity of the moment. Life is full of opportunities to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of God and others. How often do we take a moment with God to simply say "Here I am"? Lent gives us that opportunity to press pause and come into the presence of God.

Every moment holds the gift of God's presence. Sometimes this is referred to as the 'sacrament of the present moment', a realisation that God is not 'out there' but here and now, in this time and place. We encounter God in both the extraordinary and ordinary moments of life. In times of laughter and joy, when we delight in our loved ones, God is to be found. In times of rest and reflection, God is within. So while we might not identify with the disciples' experience of the Transfiguration Jesus, if we are attentive to the present moment, we may just find that our world is ablaze with divine love.

Jane Mellett & Triona Doherty are the authors of *The Deep End - A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew*, Messenger Publications, 2022

Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus hides himself in human clothes to comfort and help people, and not to frighten them. Behind his human face to day, on the mountain, his friends get a taste of Heaven...Jesus' Face is dazzlingly beautiful....his friends want to stay with Him forever. God's image, part of God's Face, is in every human being. When we die we see God's Face fully lit up. A smile from our face is a blessing from God. Why don't we try today?

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 6th — 12th March 2023

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

Miriam McGoldrick, Abbey St.

Patrick Mulkeen, Cloonbullig

Brendan Quinn, Knox St.

Bertie Curley, Clare St.

Helen Meehan, Curries

John & Anne O'Shaughnessy, Beechlawn

Margaret Leckey née McNamara

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH—FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Peter Sloyan, Forthill

6th-12th March	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Ann Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Willie Broderick	Margaret Byrne, Helen Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Irene Healy
Saturday 7.30pm	Margaret Monaghan	Fionnuala Nolan, Marina Coyne, Marion Regan, Laura Brogan
Sunday 10am	Orla Phillips	Geraldine Murphy, Cáit Webb, Eileen Lynch, Marie Brennan

COLLECTORS FOR MARCH

Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Padraic Regan, Kieran Connolly, Seamus Coffey
Sun. 10am	Bernie Quinn, Mike Griffin, Tom Finn, Richard Waldron

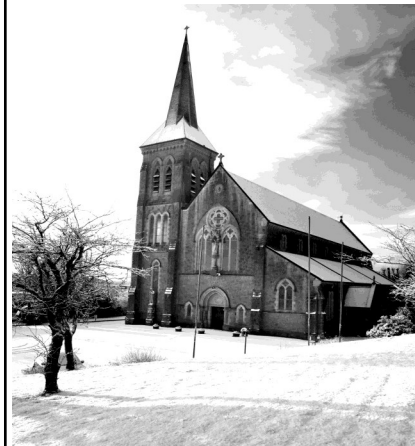
MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH

Sat. 7.30pm	Team A: Cathal, Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh
Sunday 10am	Team B: Evan & Olivia Feeney, Tomas Picarra, Darren Nkongho, Auguste Armonaviçute

Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers
Mary McQueeney, Main St. & formerly of Dunmore;
Fiona Rabbitte, Tuam & formerly of Derby, UK &
Larganboy

Offertory Collection
26th February 2023
€2,186

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



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.



FIRST CONFESSIONS will take place here in St. Patrick's Church on Tuesday evening next 7th March at 7pm.

LENT: Parishioners are reminded that packs containing a 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. Last year, the people of the Tuam Archdiocese contributed almost €240,000 to the Lenten Collection. Trócaire is 50 years old this year, and since 1973, this Archdiocese has contributed over €12.5 million to support the charity's work in relieving poverty and tackling injustice.

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

Lenten Reflections: Weekly talks with guest speakers will continue on Tuesday evenings online and at St John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine from 8.15 to 9.15pm.
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

ST. PATRICK'S EVE CONCERT: A special concert celebrating Irish music, heritage & culture will be held on Thursday 16th March in Knock Basilica at 8.30pm. Admission is free and all welcome.

EARTHQUAKE APPEAL: Sincere thanks for your generosity following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. The parish has forwarded your donations to Trócaire, the Jesuit Refugee Service and to members of the local Syrian community who have family in the stricken area of Syria, and are ensuring that aid is being provided to those most in need.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will take place on Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick.

2023 PILGRIMAGES to Fatima on 11th May for 7 nights, and to Medjugorje & Cavtat for 7 nights (4+3) from 28th June, in Association with Joe Walsh Tours. Direct flights from Dublin, with full religious programme. Limited places available. For more information, contact John McLoughlin on 087 7627910.

NEW PPC: Thanks to all who completed nomination forms for the new Parish Pastoral Council. Nominees have been invited to an information meeting on Monday 13th March where they can learn about what's involved in being a PPC member. Training will be provided.

BEREAVEMENT COURSE: A four-week course on "Understanding Grief - A Journey Towards Healing" will be held in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Wednesday nights March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 8pm. The course will be given by Monica Morley, and over the four evenings topics covered will include: how to best understand grief, managing difficult thoughts & feelings, where to find good support, and how to reach peace again. For more information or to book a place, call 094 93 75320.

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils in Scoil Íosa primary school for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Application forms are available from the school, ring 094 9630310 or from the website: www.iosaballyhaunis.com

FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING: Mayo, Sligo, Leitrim ETB will hold a free Further Education & Training Expo in Breaffy House Hotel, Castlebar this Monday evening 6th March from 7pm to 9pm. This event will give school leavers, parents, guardians and guidance counsellors the opportunities to discover the FET options in the Mayo area. Special guest will be Brian Mooney, guidance counsellor and educational columnist with the Irish Times.

EVANGELIUM IRELAND will host its 8th Apologetics Conference for young Catholic adults in All Hallows College, Dublin on Sat. 25th March from 9am to 6pm. For more details or to register, visit www.evangelium.ie

ST. ANGELA'S COLLEGE, SLIGO is inviting applications for Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education (Primary) with Online Delivery. This course is open to qualified primary school teachers and post-primary teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply. The programme will begin next Autumn, and is a one year part-time course, delivered partly online. Closing date for applications is 12th June. For more details, email mkearns@stangelas.ie or visit www.stangelas.ie

MS IRELAND would like to thank all who supported the recent Church Gate Collection in Ballyhaunis which raised €495.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: The Ballyhaunis Darkness into Light walk will take place on Saturday 6th May 2023. Looking forward to a bigger & better event this year, to raise funds for Pieta House.

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.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: For those who received a CHY3 form (green-coloured) in the post in January, it's important that any outstanding certificates be returned **as soon as possible** to the Parish Office, as a return is 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. If you received a form and are **not** eligible for tax, please let us know.

LOCAL LINK: The Local Link rural bus service is available in the Ballyhaunis area on Thursdays & Fridays, and is now also available to people in Co. Roscommon e.g. Ballinlough, Cloonfad, Granlahan, Gorthaganny, Loughglynn etc. Free for travel pass holders, and €3.50 per return trip for those without a travel pass. More details on www.locallinkmayo.ie or by calling 094 9005150.

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