

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 Father 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. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, 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 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the Book of Genesis. Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord,' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 26:1.7-9.13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my help.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? [R]
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' [R]
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. [R]
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! [R]

SECOND READING, Philippians 3:20-4:1. (Shorter form only 3:17-4:1)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

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 Luke 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken,

Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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

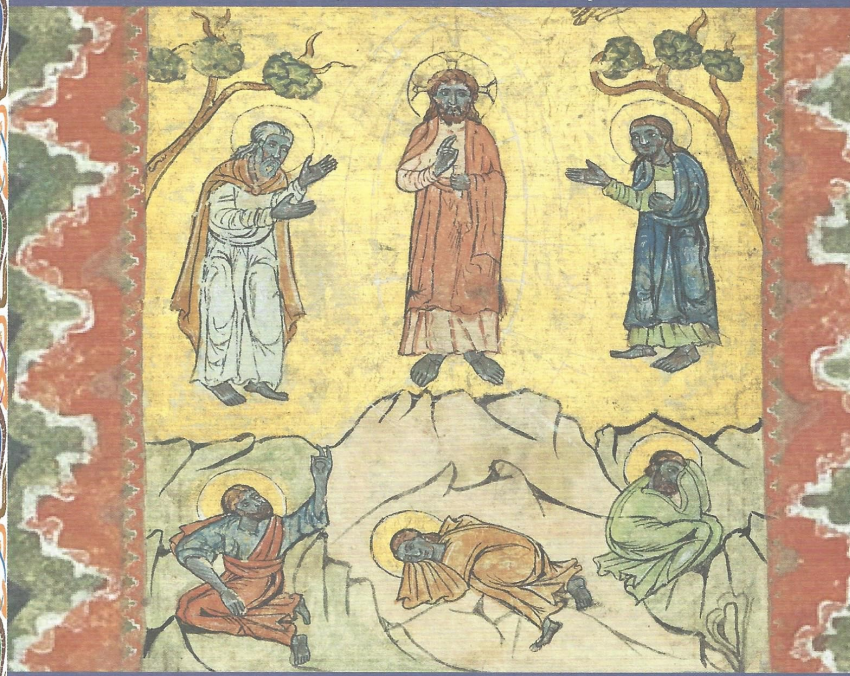
May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities. Through Christ our Lord.

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.



The gift of God's love and the following of Jesus is offered to all of us by God. It is a gift we struggle with, as evil in the world tempts us to live in selfishness. Lent, and today's gospel, reminds us of the glory of our calling to follow in Jesus' ways.



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. 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.



The transfiguration of Jesus shows him in glory and at his best. In showing his glory he speaks of his coming death and resurrection when he will show the greatest love we know.

The question can be asked – how can his body today – the body that we all are – be transfigured? How can we be the type of body that God our Father wants, as he shows us in the Transfiguration the body of his Son.

The body today is transfigured when love overcomes apathy and hatred in society, when justice prevails over unjust structure and inequality, when the body is a body of faith overcoming doubt and unbelief. We are called to be this body – and to be 'ministers of Transfiguration' of each other.

We do this in small and big ways as we can. Mary, a 'simple' woman was the first cause of the transfiguration of Jesus and without her Jesus would not have been born. In any way we bring Christ to birth and alive in our world, we are agents of the transfiguration of the body of Christ today.

In that way Mount Tabor, one possible place of the event, can be every mountain, and anywhere in the world, and each one of us can make fresh, new, and whole the Body of Christ, the Church, today.

Donal Neary S.J. (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story Liam Hickey

Jesus suddenly changes his face and clothes in today's story, to give a taste of Heaven. His friends were thrilled with joy and wanted to stay with Him forever. Heaven is like a Birthday Party that goes on forever.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 14th - 20th MARCH 2022

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

Tommy Jordan & decd. Knox St.

Michael & Madge Fahey

John & Tom Mitchell & their parents Tom & Delia Mitchell, Irishtown

Mary & Michael Lyons, Lecarrow & John Bradley, Manchester

Ned & Mae Carroll, Drimbane

Patrick Cassidy & decd.

Sean Finn, Hazelhill & New York

Tom, Delia & Marian Glynn, Upper Main St.

Laercio Alves Costa, Brazil

Sighle & John Forde, Clare St. & The Square

Frances O'Toole, Doocastle

Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. Manchester

Kate, John, J.J. & Patrick Goulding, Ballinlough, & Anne Joyce, Birmingham

Ellie & Tom Donnelley, Andy Killeen & Brian Hassall, Manchester

Elizabeth & Timothy Rabbitte, Derrylea, & decd. of the Rabbitte, Sullivan & Farrelly families

Sunday 20th March, First Anniversary

Peggy Daly, St. Gerald's Crescent

Month's Mind

Ted Maughan, Cherryfield

14th - 20th Mar.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Kay Curley
Tuesday	Mary Donnelly	Frances Mulhern, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Christina Concannon	Marie Brennan, Mary Sykes
St. Patrick's Day	Mary Finan	Marina Coyne, John Dillon
Friday	Willie Broderick	Margaret Byrne, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm.	Aoife Doherty	Joe Byrne, Laura Brogan, Clare Higgins
Sunday 10.00am.	Anne Durkan	Eileen Lynch, Miriam Judge, Breege Halpin
Sunday 12.00	Pat Higgins	Bernie Quinn, Patricia Plunkett, Mary T. Griffin

Offertory Collection

6th March 2022
€1,720

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place money in the nearby candelabra.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

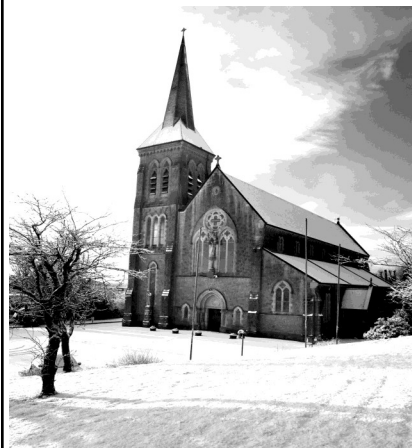
Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
Pete Sloyan, Forthill

Bridie Hunt, Larganboy, mother of Regina Carney, Classaroe
Sean Grealley, Birmingham, nephew of John Stephen Grealley,
Drimbane

Sr. Evelyn Fahy, Galway & formerly Convent of Mercy,
Ballyhaunis

Margaret Diskin, Claremorris, sister of Pauline Egan, Clagnagh



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY: Thursday next, 17th March is the Feast of St. Patrick - Patron Saint of Ireland. Mass will be celebrated at 10.00am.

FR. JOE COONEY MEMORIAL MASS: This month marks the second anniversary of the death of Fr. Joe Cooney who was parish priest of Ballyhaunis from 1993-2011.

His death in March 2020 coincided with the outbreak of the Covid 19 pandemic. At the time of his death it was not possible to celebrate in a meaningful way his contribution to the parish during his years among us. At the recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, it was decided that the 12pm Mass on Sunday, March 27th, will be a special commemorative Mass in his honour. A sub-group of the PPC has taken responsibility for planning the liturgy for the Mass.

JOB VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY

Ballyhaunis Parish is currently recruiting a Parish Secretary. This role is offered initially on a one-year fixed term and part-time basis for 20 hours per week, Monday to Friday.

Reporting to the Parish Priest / Moderator, duties include:

1. Providing an administrative service to Ballyhaunis parish - confidentially essential
2. Managing the parish office with the effective use of up-to-date office systems
3. Receiving members of the public and dealing with enquiries
4. Maintaining computerised accounts for the parish
5. Recording and managing parish records
6. Responsible for the payroll function
7. Some light housekeeping duties

Requirements:

- The successful candidate will have at least 5 years administrative experience
- Robust book-keeping skills and experience is essential, and a Certificate in Accounting Technicians of Ireland (IATI) is desirable
- Up-to-date computer skills including Microsoft Word and Excel with some database experience. Microsoft Publisher would also be desirable
- Highly developed interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively and work as part of a team

Next Steps: Letter of application with enclosed curriculum vitae should be emailed to ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com or posted to: Parish Office, Main St., Ballyhaunis, Co. Mayo. Private and Confidential. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 28th March.

LENT: 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: A meeting of the PPC will be held on Monday next, 14th March at 8.00pm. in Scoil Íosa staff room.

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils for the 2022/2023 year is now open. Enrolment forms are available at the school or by emailing: iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com

PRO LIFE CAMPAIGN: Sincere thanks to all who helped with and contributed to the recent collection which amounted to €200.

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

An information leaflet has been issued by the Archdiocese of Tuam and is available in the church porch.



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES

FOR ATTENDING MASS: The government recently lifted all restrictions relating to Covid 19. However, due to the continued high numbers testing positive, we will continue to observe most of the restrictions in the church building for the present. We will continue to keep protective measures in place to ensure safety of the congregation, i.e. wearing of masks and hand sanitising - even if we have received the vaccine.

The numbers testing positive for Covid. Due to the possibility that members of our congregations may have underlying health conditions, we will continue to take precautions. For that reason we will keep every second pew closed for the present.

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) are sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam

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>

ST. PATRICK'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents Ken Ludwig's hilarious play 'Lend me a Tenor' in Tooreen Hall for 4 nights only - Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th March at 8.30pm SHARP. Doors open at 8.00pm.

CENSUS 2022: Census is taking place on Sunday 3rd April 2022. Census enumerators are calling to every home in your area to deliver census forms from now until census date. They will return after census night to collect your completed forms. Enumerators can help you with any census queries that you have. You can visit the website census.ie for more information. Contact details for the census office are available on the website. Please ask to see their ID badge when they call. Census enumerators will not enter your home. The census is carried out by the Central Statistics Office.

BALLYHAUNIS TIDY TOWNS: The annual Good Friday clean-up will be held on Friday 15th April in conjunction with the National Spring Clean Campaign. Local clubs, Residents' Associations, groups etc. are invited to take part by registering on www.nationalspringclean.org and they will receive a clean-up kit.

THANKS to everyone who supported the Cake Sale in aid of Red Cross Ukraine fund held in Began Community Centre. A total of €2,783.57 has been raised so far. Thank you everyone.

ANNOINTING FIRE CATHOLIC MINISTER (AFCM) are holding an afternoon healing service on Sunday 20th March, 1.30 - 4.00pm. in the Holy Rosary Church, Castlebar. Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing Prayers, Talks, Eucharistic Adoration. All welcome.