

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. 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, 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 Genesis 22.1-2.9-13. 15-18.

A reading from the book of Genesis. God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood. Then he stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self - it is the Lord who speaks - because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 115:10.15-19

R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I: you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R)**

SECOND READING Romans 8.31-34

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us -he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

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 Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they

were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said '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 to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

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 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.

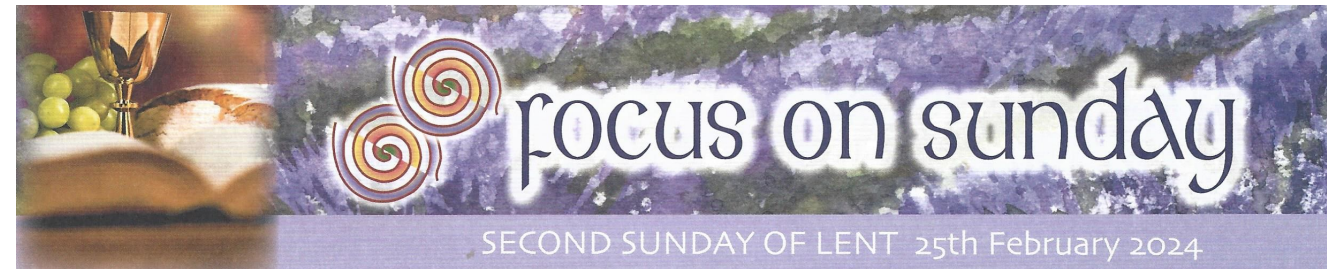
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.



Jesus is glorified by his father and receives his mission from him. Jesus' transfiguration encourages us to be confident that we shall be with God eternally if we are faithful to him now.

GOD is with us



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.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.....

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 mountain and the cloud were important and significant places for Jesus. He would have known of Moses coming down out of the cloud where he met God; the mountain of Tabor and then of Calvary were big in his life, as was the sermon on the mount. These were places and atmospheres where he found himself near to his Father.

We may ask where are places we find the nearness of God?

And what happens when we find a nearness to God? There can be a sense of peace that the love of God lives within us; there can also be the call to spread this love of God in different ways in our life, as Jesus, having found God on the mountain, went with the others to spread this love.

An authentic nearness to God will bring us closer in love and compassion to those near and far, and a compassion for the cry of the earth which so badly needs our care.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



In Lent, we look at Jesus. In Jesus' Heart were Two Special Friends hidden; God The Father, and God The Holy Spirit. Jesus let Peter, James and John feel the love of God, in today's story. The Light of God The Father was so brilliant that it made every part of Peter glow with joy, and the Holy Spirit's Voice was full of every sound. So we always bless ourselves in the name of our Three Special Friends, God The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 26th FEB-2nd MARCH 2024

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

Frank & Teresa Connolly, Devlis

Flan Moroney, Abbeyquarter

Doris Kedian, Moneymore & Clare Court

John & Vera Waldron & decd. of the Waldron & Geraghty families &

Mary Grant, Scrigg

Pat O'Brien & decd. Knox St.

Patrick (Pa) Freeley & decd. Gurteen

Bridie Walsh & decd. Redford

Nora & Thomas Greene & decd. Knox St.

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH—MONTH'S MIND

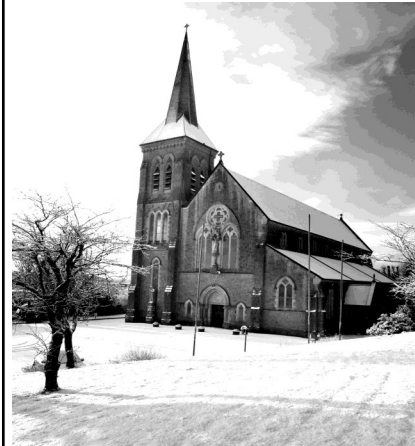
Maureen Comer, Killinaugher

Josephine Feeney née Fitzmaurice, Dublin & Derrynacong

Christopher Mongan, Tooraree

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Fiona Rabbitte, Tuam, UK & Larganboy



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.



26th Feb-3rd Mar.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Jacinta Flynn, Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Bernie Quinn, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy
COLLECTORS FOR MARCH		
Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Oliver Cribben, Peter McCafferty, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Tom Finn, Eddie Mooney, Mike Griffin, Martin Fitzmaurice	
MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team A- Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh, Eva Grace Kilcourse	
Sunday 10am	Team B- Evan & Olivia Feeney, Ben Jordan, Jonathan Powers	

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:

Nell O'Brien née Mulligan, Galway & formerly Hazelhill

Martin Tarpey, Brickens -son-in-law of Eileen McKermitt, Hazelhill;

Tommy Cunnane, London & formerly Balla-brother of Alma Carney, Scrigg.

Tom Flannery, Ballaghadereen- brother of Úna Jenkins, Knock Road.

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

GROW IN LOVE: The preparation programme for children celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion this year continues at 7.30pm Mass next Saturday evening 2nd March. Our focus this month is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which all members of our parish family are invited to celebrate, particularly during Lent. Pope Francis urges us to "Be courageous, and go to confession". He tells us "Jesus will be there, and...he will receive you with so much love!" Confessions are available every Saturday evening before the 7.30pm Vigil Mass.

PPC MEETING: The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council takes place this Monday evening 26th Feb. at 8.30pm in the Community Hall.

PPC NEWSLETTER: The Parish Pastoral Council Newsletter from July to December 2023 is available in the Church porch. Please take a copy home. It contains articles and photos of events that took place in the parish in the second half of last year.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 18th Feb. 2024
€1,790

"OUR PARISH- FACING THE FUTURE: An opportunity to explore the challenges facing parishes today". This 3-part series, facilitated by Rev. Dr. Eugene Duffy, will be held in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine over three Monday evenings - 26th Feb, 4th & 11th March from 8pm to 9.30pm, with international guest speakers via video link. **This will be of particular interest to Parish Pastoral Councils.** The series is free of charge but advance booking is advisable by calling 094 9388100 or email faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie

LENT: Parishioners are reminded that packs containing a Trocaire box and information on this year's Lenten campaign are available in the Church porch -please take one home and make a contribution to those suffering from poverty and injustice in many parts of the world. This year's campaign focuses on Malawi, which has been badly affected by climate change and severe droughts. Trócaire is helping communities to develop sustainable access to clean, safe drinking water supplies.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: A final reminder to parishioners who have received CHY3 certificates (a green form) in the post in recent weeks. If you have not yet returned it, please complete the form and post it back in the enclosed self-addressed envelope, or drop in the letterbox of the Parochial House as soon as possible, 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. If you have received a form and are NOT eligible for tax, please let us know at the parish office.

MARY'S MEALS are asking for prayers for the people of Tigray in Ethiopia, where drought and civil war have left many in crisis and in danger of starvation. Mary's Meals feed tens of thousands of children one meal in school each day in the region. If you would like to support their mission and help them to reach more children, please visit marymeals.ie or contact 01 8535163.

"KEEPERS OF THE SACRED FLAME": This one-day symposium focused on the history of nuns and female monasticism will take place in Kylemore Abbey, Connemara on Wed. 6th March. The free event will mark the launch of a new book "Brides of Christ: Women and Monasticism in Medieval and Early Modern Ireland" (Four Court Press). Programme and registration at www.eventbrite.com

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima takes place from 9th May for 7 nights, flying from Dublin to Lisbon. Transport available from Castlebar via Tuam. Includes full religious programme & guided tours. Call 01 2410800.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT wishes to thank everyone who supported the recent Church gate collection in Ballyhaunis which raised almost €430. Special thanks to the volunteer collectors.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY: On Friday 8th March, Le Cárde invites you to celebrate International Women's Day at "Spring Inspiration", with art, music & dance in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall from 8pm to 10pm. All welcome. Free event and refreshments served.

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS:

Mayo PPN is continuing its series of funding information workshops for community groups (places limited):

Managing Your Community Group Board/ Committee:

Wed. 28th February at 10am. This will provide tips on how to provide clear expectations and avoid conflict within your community group.

Home To Mayo Festival Grants: Wed. 28th Feb. at 11.30am. Home to Mayo takes place during the month of May to encourage our diaspora to travel back to the county. If you're planning to hold a festival, celebration or event to coincide with Home To Mayo, Mayo County Council is opening a grants process than can assist with such events. To register for these workshops, visit www.mayoppn.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL monthly meeting takes place next Wednesday 28th Feb. at 8pm in the community hall. Items for discussion include the newly-installed community cinema and plans for an Irish Night on 16th March to mark Seachtain na Gaeilge. Everyone welcome.

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER: Copies are available in the church porch at a cost of €3. Please place money in candelabra coinbox.

CHIME: Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Outreach clinic on Friday next 1st March from 10am to 12.30 in Room R22 in the Old Health Centre, Vicar St, Tuam. Contact Tony Dolan for appointment or more information on 086 8341318 or email tony.dolan@chime.ie

FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING DAY on Saturday 2nd March in Knox St carpark from 10am to 4pm. Recycle household electrical items, or anything with a plug, lead or battery. Toys, large or small batteries, energy saving light bulbs, power tools etc. will all be accepted free of charge. This event is organised by WEEE Ireland & supported by Mayo County Council.

BCS: Congratulations to the Ballyhaunis Community School Boys senior Gaelic football team who won the Connacht Final last Saturday, and best of luck to the lads in the All-Ireland senior C semi-final this weekend.