

# MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD 1st JANUARY 2023

## ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King, who rules heaven and earth forever.

## GREETING

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

## 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 through the fruitful virginity of Blessed Mary bestowed on the human race the grace of eternal salvation, grant, we pray, that we may experience the intercession of her, through whom we were found worthy to receive the author of life, our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son. Who lives and reigns .....



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING Numbers 6:22-27

#### A reading from the book of Numbers

The Lord spoke to Moses and said, 'Say this to Aaron and his sons: "This is how you are to bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them:

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace."

This is how they are to call down my name on the sons of Israel, and I will bless them.

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

### RESPONSORIAL Ps 66:2-3, 5,6,8

#### R. O God, be gracious and bless us.

1. God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. [R]
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. [R]
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. [R]

### SECOND READING Galatians 4:4-7

#### A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Galatians

When the appointed time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born a subject of the Law, to redeem the subjects of the Law and to enable us to be adopted as sons. The proof that you are sons is that God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts: the Spirit that cries, 'Abba, Father,' and it is this that makes you a son, you are not a slave any more; and if God has made you son, then he has made you heir.

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

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

#### Alleluia, alleluia!

At various times in the past and in various different ways, God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets; but in our own time, the last days, he has spoken to us through his Son. Alleluia!

### GOSPEL Luke 2:16-21

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The shepherds hurried away to Bethlehem and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.

When the eighth day came and the child

was to be circumcised, they gave him the name Jesus, the name the angel had given him before his conception.

**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

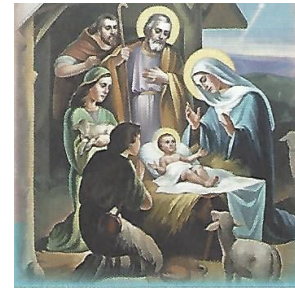
O God, who in your kindness begin all good things and bring them to fulfilment, grant to us, who find joy in the Solemnity of the holy Mother of God, that, just as we glory in the beginnings of your grace, so one day we may rejoice in its completion. Through Christ our Lord.

### 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.



# focus on sunday

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### World Day of Peace

From the moment she was told she was to be the mother of God, Mary accepted God's plan for her with willingness and humility. May we learn to respond to God in this way.



## 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

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and for ever.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have received this heavenly Sacrament with joy, O Lord: grant, we pray, that it may lead us to eternal life, for we rejoice to proclaim the blessed ever-Virgin Mary Mother of your Son and Mother of the Church. 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.



Some people have a quiet and calming influence on us. They have the knack of putting worry in perspective and of giving us a good sense of ourselves. They are often silent carers, around at the time we need them. Mary the mother of Jesus was one of these. All through the gospel she says little – only to help others like at the wedding of Cana when she calmly came to the couple's rescue when wine ran out. She was with the apostles in the secret, upper room for the days before the coming of the Holy Spirit, a quiet, confirming presence for people who were very afraid.

To be a good listener we need to have time for people – she seemed to have that as with Elizabeth her cousin, when she visited her before the birth of their children. We need to be interested in them as she was- in going to where the others were as in that scene at Pentecost. We need to know when to speak, as at Cana. She is the patron of listeners!

One of the greatest gifts we can give to another is to listen, with compassion. In a busy world of social media, the sympathy of real listening is often missed.

**Open my ears and my heart O Lord to listen well.**

*Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)*

## Jesus' Story

*Fr. Liam Hickey*



Mary kept 'thinking in her heart' of all the things that happened at Christmas. In the New Year, we look forward to all that is going to happen...new days and new things, in Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter. Mary helps us to see things with our heart. We see things with our hearts when we say 'I love you' to Mam and Dad and others, when we say 'Thanks' and 'Sorry', when we smile and make others happy.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st JANUARY 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Farragher, 094-9630006 / 087-9210305

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PARISH WEBSITE: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie>

PARISH RADIO: 105.2FM Newsletter on line: Parish website & [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

Web-cam: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie> or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

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

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Began: 094-9313937

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 2ND-8TH JANUARY 2023

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

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Noreen Hopkins, Upper Main St.

Liam & Josie Smyth, Knox St.

Pat Gildea, Johnstown

Margaret Kavanagh, Dublin

Séan & Maura Griffin, decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly families & Mike Freeley

Kieran, Elizabeth & Tom Carney, Classaroe

John Grady, Tooreen

Eugene & Mary Carney & decd. Holywell

Jimmy Jordan, Manchester & Knox St & decd. of the Jordan & Guilfoyle families,

Knox St & Greenwood

Timothy & Lily Rabbitte, Timothy & Nora Rabbitte, Derrylea & decd. of the Sullivan family, Derrylea

Larry Farrelly & decd. of the Farrelly family

John, Gretta & Micheál Murren, Upper Main St. & Mary Commins, Knock

Tom & Rosie McDonagh & sons Bernie, Paddy, John & Martin, Castlebar

Decd. members of the Brackloon /Spaddagh Group Water Scheme

James & Mary Plunkett, Forthill & decd. members of the Grogan families, Aghamore

2nd-8th January	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Fionnuala Nolan, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Lorraine Waldron, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Margie Gallagher
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Paul Sykes, Marion Regan, Jacinta Flynn, Helene McCafferty
Sunday 10am	Frank Browne	Mary Murphy, Miriam Judge, Breege Halpin, Eileen Lynch

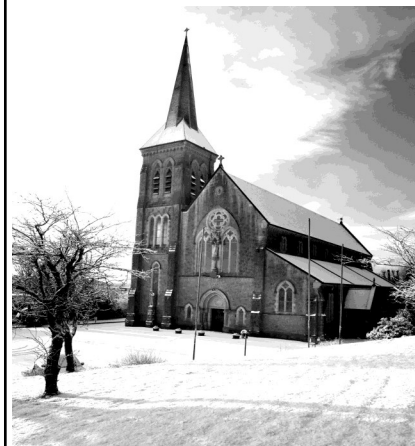
### COLLECTORS FOR JANUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Peter McCafferty, Oliver Cribbin, Kieran Connolly, Hugh Rudden
Sun. 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Gerry Lyons, Michael J. Walsh

### MASS SERVERS FOR JANUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Team C—Anna Kelly, Sonny Kelly, Estela Balbino, Kleber Lucas
Sun. 10am	Team D—Cian Murphy, Hazel Murphy, Henzio Neves

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](http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie).



### MASSES:

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

### CONFESSIONS:

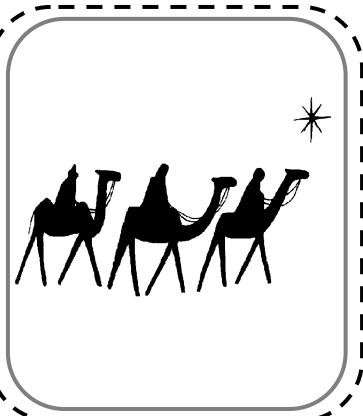
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### 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.



**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:** Next Friday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany. Masses will be at 10am & 7.30pm.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION ENVELOPES:** Sincere thanks to those who have returned their envelopes. The Christmas collection envelopes can be placed in the box at the back of the Church at any of the daily Masses, or dropped in the letterbox of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the Priests' Account has recently been moved to AIB:

**BIC: AIBKIE 2D**

**IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54.**

Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

**PARISH CALENDERS 2023** are available in the Church porch. Please take one home, and bring one to a neighbour or friend who might like one.

### BEFRIENDING VOLUNTEER WESTERN ALZHEIMERS:

Can you spare a couple of hours per week? You might consider becoming a Befriender to those living with Dementia. Full training provided. For details, contact Caroline on 087 3694477 or 094 9364900.

### Offertory Collection

25th December 2022  
€5,605

### KNOCK YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME:

This programme aims to bring together a group of passionate and enthusiastic people from different parishes to learn youth ministry skills and to bring these skills back to their parish to set up child and youth-focused faith activities/ gatherings/ events. The programme starts on 25th February, and places are limited. Contact the Youth Ministry on 094 9375321 or [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie) for details and applications forms.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023:** This is a Catholic international event, attended by Pope Francis and held every three years. It will take place from 1st-6th August 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal. The Archdiocese of Tuam will participate in this exciting pilgrimage, and is inviting young adults (aged 18-35) to join in a week of prayer, faith and friendship. For more information, email [tuam2lisbon23@gmail.com](mailto:tuam2lisbon23@gmail.com) or have a chat with Fr. Stephen.

**LIVING WELL** is a free online group programme aimed at helping people manage their long-term health conditions and improve their wellbeing. The programme is delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. Participants do not have to disclose their health condition. The next online programmes commence on 12th & 31st January and 20th Feb. Places are limited and must be booked in advance by contacting Liam Gildea on 086 0142675 or email [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**KNOCK COUNSELLING SERVICE** is running an Online Anger Management Programme. For more details, call Peter Devers at 094 9375032 or log onto [www.knockshrine.ie/counselling](http://www.knockshrine.ie/counselling)

**COPIES OF THE IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER** are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place the money in the coinbox at the candelabra.

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

### 2023 PILGRIMAGES TO MEDJUGORJE:

20th-27th September: Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Pat Holleran.

27th Sept.-4th October: Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Peter Okpetu.

Cost includes return flights, transfers to Medjugorje, 7 nights accommodation, breakfast & dinner each day. Discount if booked before 31st January. For details, contact Anne Keadin on 086 3766293.

**MAYO COUNTY COUNCIL** invites applications for the second annual Cathaoirleach's Awards. The awards recognise the unsung heroes that exist in every local community and who represent the best of Mayo; the individuals and groups that work quietly behind the scenes to make our communities stronger, more vibrant, and caring. The awards will recognise 11 winners across eight different categories from a broad spectrum of individuals and organisations across the county. Closing date for nominations is Friday 13th January 2023. Nomination forms and information are available on [www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2022](http://www.mayo.ie/cathaoirleachsawards2022).

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 11am every Wednesday in the Family Centre, Knock. All welcome. Further information from Monica Morley, Knock Shrine at 094-9375320.

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### A New Year's Prayer

A New Year stands on my doorstep, ready to enter my life's journey.

Something in me welcomes this visitor;

The hope of bountiful blessings,

The joy of a new beginning,

The freshness of unclaimed surprises.

Something in me rebuffs this visitor;

The swiftness of the coming,

The boldness of the entrance,

The challenge of a year's goodbye.

Something in me fears this visitor;

The unnamed events of the future days,

The wisdom needed to walk love well,

The demands of giving away and growing.

A new year stands on my doorstep.

With fragile caution I move

To open the door for its entrance.

My heart leaps with surprise,

Joy jumps in my eyes,

For there beside this brand new year

Stands my God with outstretched hand!

Smiling and gently asking me;

'Can we walk this year together?'

And I so overwhelmed with goodness

Can barely whisper my reply:

'Yes please welcome in.'

Joyce Rupp

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Wishing all our parishioners and visitors a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year. May 2023 bring you blessings in abundance of love, joy, health & peace.