

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:
 Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
 Lord Jesus, you feed us with your body and blood:
 Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
 May almighty God have mercy on us.....

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

God of everlasting mercy, who, in the very recurrence of the paschal feast kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose Blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 4:32-35

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
 The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 117:2-4. 15-18. 22-24

R. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end, or Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- Let the sons of Israel say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let the sons of Aaron say:
 'His love has no end.'
 Let those who fear the Lord say:
 'His love has no end.' (R)
- The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. (R)
- The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R)

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1 - 6

A reading from the first letter of St. John.
 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is - keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God; Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 19 - 31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
 In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit, For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'
 Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

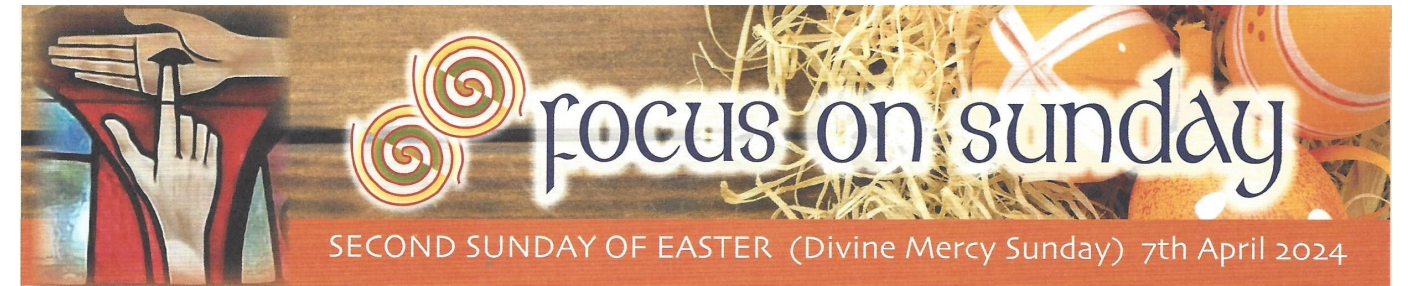
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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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

Accept, O Lord, we pray, the oblations of your people (and of those you have brought to new birth), that, renewed by confession of your name and by Baptism, they may attain unending happiness. 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.....

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

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

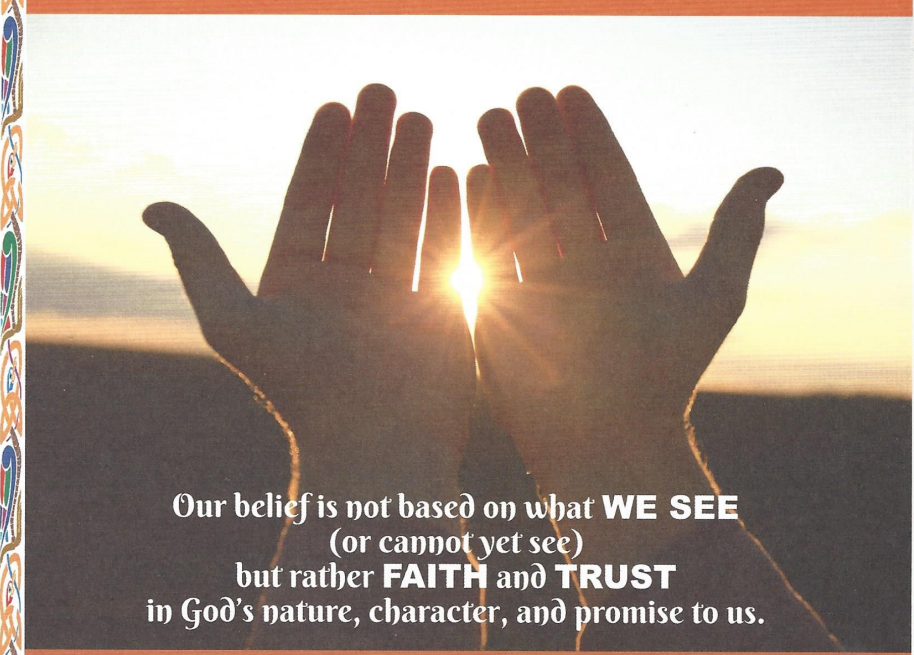
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that our reception of this paschal Sacrament may have a continuing effect in our minds and hearts. 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, alleluia, alleluia.
 Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.

Easter for Thomas was a rediscovery of his faith in Jesus. The risen power of the Lord is the basis for his people's faith.



Our belief is not based on what WE SEE (or cannot yet see) but rather FAITH and TRUST in God's nature, character, and promise to us.



"This is my commandment, love one another as I have loved you." (John 15 v 12.) Few of us will have to give our lives, as Jesus did, for our brothers and sisters, though some do in other parts of the world. But always loving others, excluding no-one, even when it is inconvenient, difficult or awkward, or makes us

unpopular, is truly saintly. But there is yet a higher form of love: to forgive someone who has offended us and may not even have asked for our forgiveness. If Jesus asks us to *"Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you."* (Matthew 5 v 44) he is only asking us to imitate Jesus, who, while we were still enemies (Romans 5 v 10), reconciled us to God by dying on the cross.

We have traditionally been taught that God will forgive us our sins, after we have expressed our sorrow and asked for forgiveness. But through the death of Jesus, we have been forgiven before we even ask. True sorrow for our sinfulness arises from our experience of the extraordinary love and compassion of God, a love *"that surpasses all knowledge"* (Ephesians 3 v 18), which leads us to ask ourselves "How could I possibly have offended such a loving God?" On Divine Mercy Sunday we celebrate the good news that we have been loved and forgiven by God. The bad-news is that we are called to do the same to others!

Fr. Peter McVerry

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus said to Thomas "Here are my hands. God's hand made the world and we are his special work of art. The Spirit of God in our hands makes a wonderful world, with all kinds of inventions. Our hands give hugs, play music, play games. We hold hands, clap hands, shake hands. We praise God, when we care and share with our hands.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 8th-13th APRIL 2024

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

Philomena & Robert Fox, Carrowreagh

Mary & Mido Cunningham, Abbey St.

Mary Dillon, Doctor's Road

Celia & Philip Thornton, Claremorris

Margaret & Michael Boyle, Clagnagh

John Hunt, Cloonfad

Michael Morley & decd. Knox St.

James & Delia Ruane & decd., Curries & Swinford

Tom & Agnes Ruane, Bargarriff & decd. of the Murray family

Tom, Delia, Joe & John Stenson, Tooreen

Mary Kelly, Bekan

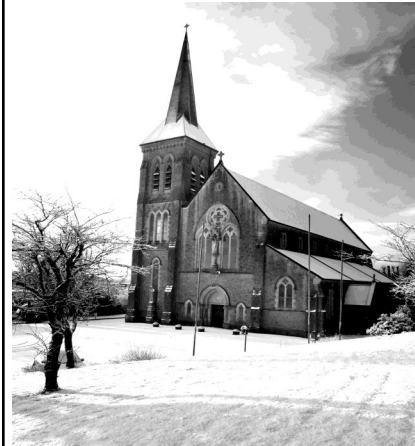
Josie & Jack Eaton & decd. Main St.

Anne Hunt, Lecarrow

Tom & May Fitzmaurice, Gurteenbeg

Martin Forde, Island & his parents Delia & Martin Forde

Delia Regan, Annie Waldron & decd. of the Waldron & Regan families, Carrowkeel



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.



8th-14th April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Helen Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Mary Freeley
Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Tim Byrne, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney, Eavan Caulfield
Sunday 10am	Murt Hunt	Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke, Eileen Lynch, Dymrna Greally

COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

Sat. 7.30pm	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Kieran Connolly
Sunday 10am	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Carlos Balbino Romao

MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL

Sat. 7.30pm	Team C- Liam & Molly Thompson, Carlos Da Sousa Gomes, Luiz Ricardo Da Souza Gomes, Sonny Kelly
Sunday 10am	Team D- Cian & Hazel Murphy, Abigail Dixon, Fionn Finnegan

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers:
Patrick Kearney, Annagh

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

The 10am Mass will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio on 96.1 FM on Sundays 7th, 14th & 21st April.

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Thanks to all who have returned their donations. Envelopes can still be returned at Masses or to the parish office. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are:
Ballyhaunis Parish Church Priests Account. BIC AIBKIE2D
IBAN: IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 342 354.

NATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Pilgrimage to Knock takes place on Saturday evening 13th April from 7pm to 9.15pm and on Sunday 14th April from 10.30am to 5.30pm. More information on www.eucharisticadoration.ie

BEREAVEMENT PROGRAMME: A 4-week programme on "Understanding Grief: A Journey towards Healing" will take place in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Tuesdays 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th April at 8pm, presented by Monica Morley. Free admission but booking essential on 094 9375320.

AGE FRIENDLY MAYO will host a series of information sessions in Castlebar Library on Tuesdays from 1pm to 2pm. The "Lunchtime Talks" are free and all are welcome to attend.
9th April: "Educational Options for Retirees" with Máirtín Ó'Móráin, MSLETB
16th April: "Genealogy Talk"- Jim O'Connor, Mayo Co Co
23rd April: "Home/Personal Safety"- Garda Mick Toland. To register, email agefriendlymayo@mayococo or call 094 9064365.

Offertory Collection
Sunday 31st March 2024
€3,655
Trócaire collection
€5,805
Holy Places collection
€465

SYNODALITY: An international conference entitled "Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together" will take place at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Friday 19th & Saturday 20th April, in association with Notre Dame University, Australia. Keynote speaker is Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops, with a number of other speakers over the two days. The facilitator of the conference is Prof. Eamonn Conway, Advisor to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. All welcome, no booking required. Further details on www.knockshrine.ie

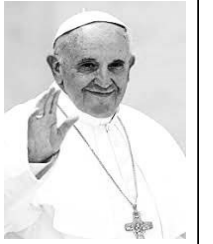
ALONE is looking for volunteers across Mayo to visit or call older people in their area, who need befriending for one hour per week and/or telephone support for 2 hours per week. For more details, call 086 0135043, email paul.stafford@alone.ie or visit www.alone.ie/volunteer

PIONEERS: Pioneer Regional Council meeting takes place on Tuesday 9th April at 8pm in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock.

MEN'S SHED: A second meeting will be held in the Marian Hall, Gorthaganny on Monday 8th April at 9pm with a view to setting up a Men's Shed in Gorthaganny. Anyone interested is welcome to attend

"URBI ET ORBI"- AN EXTRACT FROM POPE FRANCIS EASTER MESSAGE:

"Brothers & sisters, Jesus Christ is risen! He alone has the power to roll away the stones that block the path to life. Jesus alone opens up before us the doors of life, those doors that continually we shut with the wars spreading throughout the world, including the Holy City of Jerusalem. My thoughts especially are with the victims of the many conflicts, beginning with those in Israel & Palestine, and in Ukraine. May the risen Christ open a path of peace for the war-torn peoples of those regions.



I appeal once again that access to humanitarian aid be ensured to Gaza, and call once more for the prompt release of hostages, and for an immediate ceasefire in the Strip.

May the risen Christ open a path of hope to all those in other parts of the world who are suffering from violence, conflict, food insecurity and the effects of climate change. Let us pray for all those who have lost their lives, and implore the repentance and conversion of the perpetrators of those crimes. May the Risen One make the light of his face shine upon migrants and offer them consolation and hope in their moment of need. May the light of the resurrection illumine our minds and convert our hearts, and make us aware of the value of every human life".

Recently Baptised
We welcome into the Faith Community
Patrick Anthony Corrigan, Bracklaghboy

COMMON SENSE PARENTING PROGRAMME starting in Ballyhaunis Family Resource Centre at the Friary on Wed. 17th April. This course is for parents & guardians of children aged 6 to 16 and will help build on your existing parenting skills and learn new ways to deal with difficult behaviours in a relaxed & supportive environment. For more information or to book a place, call Geraldine on 086 0470587.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK: The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock led by Archbishop Francis Duffy will take place on Sunday, May 5th starting with the Sacrament of the Sick at 2.30. Mass will commence at 3 pm in the Basilica.

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

IRISH FOR BEGINNERS: Irish classes for beginners will resume on Tuesday 9th April in the Ballyhaunis Community Hall from 7pm to 8pm. This is a friendly, interactive weekly gathering organised by the Language Café. Classes will run for 6 weeks. The fee is €30, payable on the first night. For details, call 087 9777899 /email: ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com

FILM SHOW: Two hours of footage from the Joe Gilmore film collection will be shown on Saturday 20th April at 8.15pm in the Ballyhaunis Community Cinema (at the Community Hall). Featuring scenes of daily life from the 1940's to the 70's. This is a follow-up to the genealogy course run by the Community Council earlier this year. Admission free, all welcome.

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT: The Ballyhaunis Darkness Into Light walk will take place on Sat. 11th May, starting & finishing at the Community School. All funds raised go to Pieta House.