

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**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**

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**

Grant, almighty God, that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance we may always hold to in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING**

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise', he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 97:1-4**

**R. The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations. or Alleluia**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

**SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10**

A reading from the first letter of St. John

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL John 15:9-17**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's

commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

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

**APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, All bow for following two lines: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



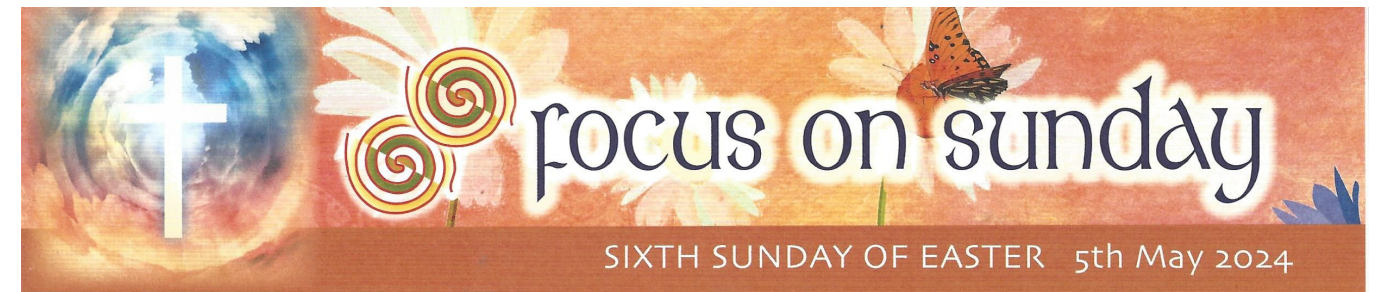
**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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 our prayers rise up to you, O Lord, together with the sacrificial offerings, so that, purified by your graciousness, we may be conformed to the mysteries of your mighty love. Through Christ our Lord.



The joy that Jesus promises is the joy that we find in the type of love which is his. This is the deepest desire of the human heart: Jesus gives meaning to all our hopes for loving and being loved in our lives with others.



**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. 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**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

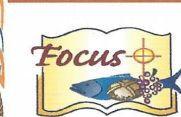
**CONCLUDING RITE**

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.

Thanks be to God.



**God of Promise**

A promise is one of the most important words we hear --- remember how often we reminded parents - you promised! Jesus makes many promises and one today is 'as the father loved me, I have loved you'.

That can be a sort of mantra, favourite word of God, for our lives. We need it always. At times when we think maybe God seems to have abandoned us.

But our faith is that then he is most present to us.

Sometimes in prayer, sometimes in creation, often in the care and promise of each other.

In the care of each other, God is present. In your and my care for others, God is present.

The human heart wants consistent love. The love of marriage is a promise to be with someone in love forever. This is a huge promise to make, and we need God's help in keeping it. There is a promise in all sorts of other loves - friendship, religious community, ordinary family life of parents and children.

Jesus' promise - as the father loved me, I have loved you, and will love you always.

This is what the Holy spirit brings - not just truth and wisdom but the love of the Father and Son. the holy Spirit is the love of the Father for the Son Jesus. This then reaches out to the world.

Pope Francis recalls this: And what is the most important truth in life? That we are beloved children of God. We are God's beloved children: this is the most important truth, and the Spirit reminds us of this. God is a companion for life, a stable presence.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor Sacred Heart Messenger

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus liked telling people that God's Name is Love. Whenever there is love, that is a sign of God's Spirit. God's Love is like the sunshine...for everybody and everywhere, like the breath we take. That is why we respect other people, especially people who are in pain or hungry. We try to be friends because God tells us that we are special friends of God. We show friendship when we put others first, when we are shopping, cycling, playing games.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th MAY 2024

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 6th-11th MAY 2024

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

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Thomas Connell, Redford & decd. of the Connell family  
 Madge, John & decd. of the Neary family, Knox St. & Forde family, The Square  
 Tom, Delia & Bill Walsh, Drimaderra  
 Mary & Brian Hunt & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny families, Derrynacong  
 James Patrick Cruise, Knockbrack, & decd. of the Cruise family, Knockbrack &  
 the Dyer family, Derrynacong  
 Séan & Maura Griffin, decd. of the Griffin & O'Reilly families & Mike Freeley  
 Patti Brennan & Mary Hopkins, Swinford  
 Ellen, Joe & Pat Cribbin, Lecarrow  
 Delia Grogan, Kiltaboe  
 Patrick & Teresa Flanagan, Brenamore, Loughglynn  
 John, Maureen & Bob Ryan, Derrylahan  
 Lawrence & Margaret Morris & decd. Brackloon  
 Kate & Joe Dunleavy, Carrowreagh  
 Mary, Mike & Michael Lawlor, U.S.A.  
 Mike & Pake Ryan & decd. Derrylahan  
 Pat & Mary Ann Heneghan, Carrowreagh  
 Mike, John & Paddy Ryan, Gorthaganny

### SUNDAY 12th MAY

#### FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Mary Flanagan Feeney,  
 Devlis & Crossard

#### MONTH'S MIND

Gabriel Carney, Mountain, Forthill  
 Patrick Kearney, Annagh

6th-12th MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Helen Freeley, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Marie Brennan
Friday	Christina Concannon	Mary Freeley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Lorraine Waldron, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes, Joe Byrne
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Breege Halpin, Dympna Greally, Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne
COLLECTORS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Oliver Cribben, Pdraig Regan, Gabrielle Lyons, Gideone Alves da Silva	
Sunday 10am	Pat Phillips, Mike Griffin, Michael J. Walsh, Bernie Quinn	
MASS SERVERS FOR MAY		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team E-Aibhe Donnellan, Zara Waldron, Kate & Séan Monaghan	
Sunday 10am	Team F- Henzio Neves, Estela Balbino, Kleber Lucas, Silmara Da Silva Nunes, Joao Migeul De Oliveira Guerra	



### 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.



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

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, takes place this Sunday, May 5th starting with the Anointing of the Sick at 2.30. Mass at 3 pm in the Basilica, with Benediction & Rosary Procession. All welcome.

**COLUMBAN MISSIONARIES:** Next weekend, Fr. Conal O'Connell and a lay missionary will speak at the Saturday evening & Sunday Masses on 11th & 12th May in Ballyhaunis, to make an appeal for support for the Columban Missionaries in Ireland, whose mission is to facilitate the formation of vibrant faith communities throughout the world and help struggling people regain their dignity through social, economic, medical and educational programs.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at 10am  
 Mass next Sunday 12th May. Children aged 4 to 8 are invited into the sacristy during Mass and will return to their families after Communion.

**TRÓCAIRE:** Any outstanding Trócaire boxes or donations to the Lenten appeal can be dropped into the Sacristy or parish office.

**YOUTH 2000 CONNAUGHT RETREAT** will take place in Calasactus College, Oranmore, Co Galway on the weekend of the 10th to 12th May, including workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. If you're aged between 16 and 35 and would like more information, or to book a place, email [connaught@youth2000.ie](mailto:connaught@youth2000.ie) or visit [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT** walk at sunrise next Saturday 11th May, starting at Ballyhaunis Community School at 4.15am. All funds raised go to Pieta House. Let's make Ballyhaunis sunshine yellow again this year! Together we can ensure no one faces the dark alone, and that hope and help is only a phone call away. To take part, register online at [www.darknessintolight.ie/sign-up](http://www.darknessintolight.ie/sign-up)

**"LIVE LIFE" YOUTH RETREAT,** in memory of Donal Walsh, takes place on Thursday 9th May at Knock Shrine. The theme of "Live Life to the Full" is explored through a variety of speakers and workshops. Free event but booking essential. For more details or to book a group, email [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie) or call 094 9375321.

### TUAM ARCHDIOCESE YOUTH EVANGELIZATION SEMINAR:

Calling all teachers, priests, youth ministers, parents, religious and young people— a seminar will take place in Knock Shrine next Friday 10th May. The evening will begin with input from guest speakers Gerard Hanley (Alpha Ireland) and Charlene Morgan & Luca McQuillan (Revive Scotland) followed by group discussions, "conversations in the Spirit" and a Q&A. Conference begins at 8pm. Register free by calling 087 1323296 or email [markquinn@tuamparish.com](mailto:markquinn@tuamparish.com)

**Recently Deceased** - We remember in our prayers:  
 Teotonio Guterres Monteiro, Upper Main St. & East Timor  
 Emily Dempsey née Clarke, Devlis Cottages & U.K.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 2nd class children from Scoil Íosa National School will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday 18th May at a special Mass at 11am. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Community Hall.

**VOLUNTEER FOR HOSPICE:** Mayo Roscommon Hospice is looking for volunteers to help with National Sunflower Days for Hospice on Friday 7th & Sat. 8th June at local outlets. Support would be welcome from members of Men's Sheds, Active Retirement groups, sports groups or any community group. Contact 094 9388666 or email [info@hospice.ie](mailto:info@hospice.ie)

**MEN'S PRAYER GROUP** commencing next Sunday 12th May at 7pm in Brickens Community Centre with Rosary followed by refreshments. For details, call 086 3727988.

**CHAPEL ST. GOSPEL CHOIR** present their 25th anniversary concert at the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar next Friday 10th May at 8pm. A celebration of music with the Chapel St. Gospel Choir, Gardiner St. Gospel Choir, Mayo Concert Orchestra & The Sophisticats with special guests Mundy, local favourite U.M.A.N & Donna Taggart. Tickets available from the Royal Theatre Box Office 094-9023111 and from Ticketmaster.ie

**LOUGH DERG PILGRIMAGES:** Lough Derg— Sanctuary of St. Patrick in Co. Donegal— opens its 2024 Pilgrimage season in May. Three-day pilgrimages take place between 31st May and 15th August. Booking is advised. One-day retreats are available on selected dates in May, August & September. Lakeshore Pilgrimages (along the Pilgrim Path) are on Sunday 26th May and 1st September, and four-night Residential Retreats take place on selected dates in June, July & August. Further details are available by calling 071 9861518 or at [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**LATIN MASS:** The next Latin Mass takes place on Sunday 12th May in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock at 6pm.

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION:** Accord Castlebar have marriage preparation programmes available on the following dates: 13th & 14th September and 18th & 19th October 2024 in the Ellison Hotel. Book your place on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

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

**ELECTIONS:** If you live in Ireland, you may be entitled to vote in the upcoming local & European elections on Friday 7th June. Visit [www.checktheregister.ie](http://www.checktheregister.ie) to update your details, by adding your PPSN, date of birth & Eircode. You can also check if you're eligible to vote by calling Mayo County Council on 094 9064000.

**BALLYHAUNIS SUMMER FESTIVAL:** The festival starts with Crazy Bingo in the Rugby Club on Wed 29th May and the Inter-Pub Quiz on Thursday 30th May. The highlights of the festival include a Family Fun Day on Knox St. on Sunday 2nd June from 12 to 4pm, followed by a music festival— Rock on Knox St—from 4pm till late.

**CLAREMORRIS DRAMATIC SOCIETY** will bring their 3-act comedy "Family Affair" by Sam Creed to Ballyhaunis Community Hall on Friday 10th & Saturday 11th May at 8.30pm. All welcome to enjoy a night of laughter and comedy.

**KILMOVEE BINGO** in the Community Centre every Sunday evening at 8.30pm. Bus available from Ballyhaunis. Contact Sandra at 087 7938857.