

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Save us, O Lord our God!
And gather us from the nations,
to give thanks to your holy name,
and make it our glory to praise you.

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 RITE

Lord Jesus, you have shown us the way
to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you have given us the
consolation of the truth:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd,
leading us into everlasting life:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
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

Grant us, Lord our God, that we may
honour you with all our mind, and love
everyone in truth of heart. 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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "Your God will
raise up for you a prophet like myself,
from among yourselves, from your own
brothers; to him you must listen. This is
what you yourselves asked of the Lord
your God at Horeb on the day of the
Assembly "Do not let me hear again"
you said " the voice of the Lord my God,
nor look any longer on this great fire, or
I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All
they have spoken is well said. I will raise
up a prophet like yourself for them from
their own brothers; I will put my words
into his mouth and he shall tell them all
I command him. The man who does not
listen to my words that he speaks in my

name, shall be held answerable to me for
it. But the prophet who presumes to say in
my name a thing I have not commanded
him to say, or who speaks in the name of
other gods, that prophet shall die."

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (PS. 94)

*R. O that today you would listen to his
voice! Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving
thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. [R]

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made
us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. [R]

3. O that today you would listen to his
voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' [R]

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to
the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about
is pleasing the Lord; but a married man
has to bother about the world's affairs
and devote himself to pleasing his wife:
he is torn two ways. In the same way
an unmarried woman, like a young girl,
can devote herself to the Lord's affairs;
all she need worry about is being holy
in body and spirit. The married woman,
on the other hand, has to worry about
the world's affairs and devote herself to
pleasing her husband. I say this only to
help you, not to put a halter round your
necks, but simply to make sure that
everything is as it should be, and that you
give your undivided attention to the Lord.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The people that lived in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who dwell in the land and
shadow of death a light has dawned.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as
Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath
came Jesus went to the synagogue and
began to teach. And his teaching made
a deep impression on them because,
unlike the scribes, he taught them with
authority.

In their synagogue just then there was
a man possessed by an unclean spirit,
and it shouted, 'What do you want with
us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come
to destroy us? I know who you are:
the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said
sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And
the unclean spirit threw the man into
convulsions and with a loud cry went out
of him. The people were so astonished
that they started asking each other what
it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is
new' they said 'and with authority behind
it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits
and they obey him.' And his reputation
rapidly spread everywhere, through all
the surrounding Galilean countryside.

*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,

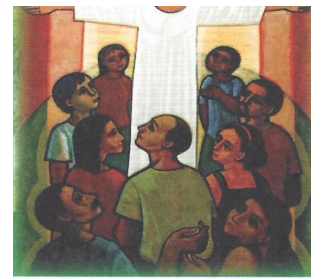
All bow for following two lines:

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.

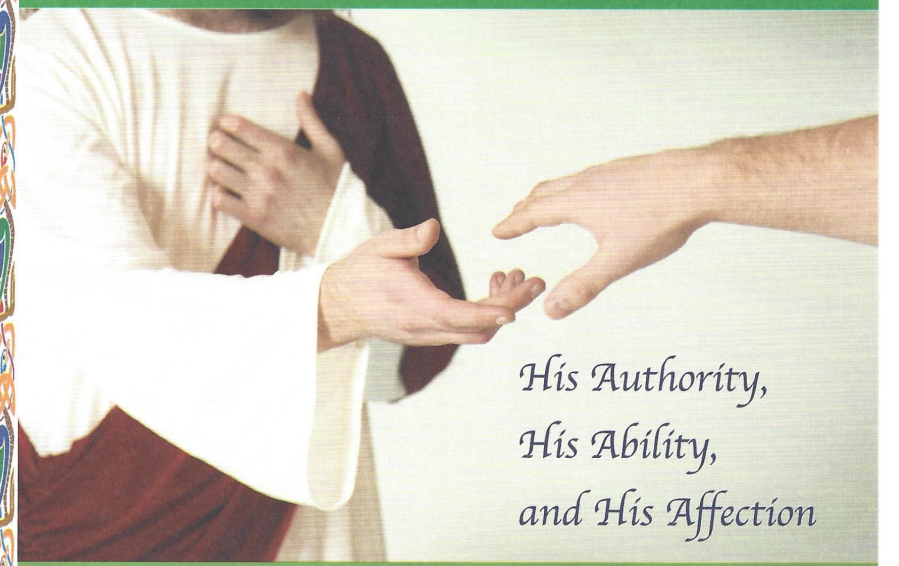
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.



focus on sunday

Jesus speaks the words of his Father today with an
authority that made a deep impression on his listeners.



His Authority,
His Ability,
and His Affection

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

O Lord, we bring to your altar
these offerings of our service:
be pleased to receive them, we pray,
and transform them
into the Sacrament of our redemption.
Through Christ our Lord.

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.
We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection until you
come again.

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

Let your face shine on your servant.
Save me in your merciful love.
O Lord, let me never be put to shame,
for I call on you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Nourished by these redeeming gifts,
we pray, O Lord,
that through this help to eternal salvation
true faith may ever increase.
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.



Mark 1:21–28 - The Holy One of God

Unclean spirits or 'demons' in Jesus' time offered an explanation
for physical or psychological illness but having an 'unclean spirit'
was a phrase also used to describe someone who was opposed
to that which was considered 'holy'. There is an irony throughout
Mark's Gospel in that it is the 'demons' and not the disciples who speak the truth about
Jesus: 'I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' While the man in the Gospel today
speaks the truth, it is also an example of how it is not enough to know a thing. You
can know the truth and still be opposed to it if it doesn't suit your agenda. The real
example of faith involves trusting with the heart and responding with action to the truth.
The demons are unable to do this. Jesus responds quite bluntly to 'the unclean spirit',
literally telling it to 'Shut up' or 'Be muzzled'.

There are many 'demons' in our world that need to be cast out – hatred towards
migrants and refugees, racism, war, discrimination of all kinds, greed, inequality, self-
centredness. One message from the narrative today is that it is not enough to know a
thing, you can know that Jesus is the Holy One of God, but faith is a way of living, not
just believing. Jesus is the one who comes to restore and to liberate, he brings healing
and frees people from that which tries to overpower them. As we journey through this
week, we might ask ourselves what needs healing in ourselves, in our lives? What
needs healing in society, in our church today?
'Once brought into the light of mutual love, demons lose their power and quietly leave
us.' – Henry Nouwen

These reflections are extracts from *The Deep End – A Journey Through the Sunday Gospels in the
Year of Mark*, Messenger Publications, Dublin, 2023. (Jane Mellett and Triona Doherty).

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

We get to know Jesus especially by listening to His Love Stories which are about God,
God's people and God's world. Before we read a Jesus Story we ask Jesus to help us.
We can touch our head, lips and heart. Sometimes we can light a candle. I like to watch
to see how Jesus touches people, the little children in his arms, the man with disease, the
widow who lost her only son; how He stops and listens, praises those who help the sick,
how He enjoys meals and organises people. It is not enough to read words, but to catch
THE WORD in the journey of life is a great blessing.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 29th JAN-3rd FEB. 2024

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

Liam & Josie Smyth, Knox St.
 Delia Mulkeen & decd. Cloonbullig
 Jack Flatley, Gurteenmore
 Máire & Joe Burke, Doctor's Road
 Tommy & Mary Jordan, Knox St.
 Decd. of the Durkan, Tinley, Lang & Michalson families
 Mary Forkan, Tara Ryan & decd. Tooreen & Swinford
 Patrick Lyons, Classaroe
 Doris & Eddie Duddy, Manchester & decd. of the Gallagher family, Donegal
 Kate, John, JJ & Patrick Goulding, Ballinlough & Anne Joyce, Birmingham
 Ellie & Tom Donnelly, Andy Killeen & Brian Hassall, Manchester
 Sr. Philomena Jordan PBVM, Raith & Manchester
 John & Tommie Hopkins & decd. Larganboy
 Michael & Mary Frehill, Island & Mary Ellen Frehill, Clare Court

SUNDAY 4th FEBRUARY—MONTH'S MIND

Tom Devane, Johnstown

29th Jan-4th Feb.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Mary Sykes
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Marie Brennan
Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Higgins	Francis Mulhern, Lorraine Waldron, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Julia Kelly	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy

COLLECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Eamonn Egan, Patsy Glynn, Pat Devine, Gabrielle Lyons
Sunday 10am	Kieran Fitzmaurice, Richard Waldron, Mike Griffin, Jaroslav Drunnik

MASS SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

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

ST. BRIGID'S DAY: The Feast of St. Brigid, Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland, is next Thursday 1st February. As there are no Masses on Thursdays, St. Brigid's crosses will be blessed at the 10am Mass next Wednesday morning.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD—
 Candlemas Day Friday 2nd Feb. with blessing of candles.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE is on Saturday 3rd Feb. The blessing of throats will take place at the Vigil Mass at 7.30pm on Saturday evening and at the 10am Mass on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY at 10am Mass on Sunday next 4th Feb. Children from age 4 to 8 (up to 2nd class) are invited to come into the Sacristy during Mass and will return to their parents after Communion.

CHY3 CERTIFICATES: Parishioners who recently received a CHY3 certificate in the post and have not yet returned it are asked to please complete the form **as soon as possible**, and return it in the enclosed stamped addressed envelope, or drop into the Parish Office. This is a Tax Rebate Scheme which is of financial benefit to the parish. Once signed, the certs are valid for 5 years.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions, either by envelope or direct debit. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church BIC: AIBKIE2D IBAN: IE30 AIBK 9374 4421 3420 08 For those wishing to make a donation to the Priests' Account, the IBAN is IE97 AIBK 9374 4421 3423 54. Your ongoing support is much appreciated.

WEBCAM: For those who watch the church webcam on MCN Media, the live streaming web address has been updated. To access the service, go to www.mcn.live on your web browser. This replaces www.mcnmedia.tv which will no longer work after 20th Feb. However, for those who watch Mass on the Ballyhaunis parish website, there will be NO change, everything remains the same. Masses can be live streamed on www.ballyhaunisparish.ie

An update from the most recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council is also available on the parish website.

YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT: The annual Archdiocese of Tuam Young Adults' Night takes place at Knock Shrine next Friday 2nd February. Starting with Mass at 6pm in the Apparition Chapel celebrated by Archbishop Francis Duffy, followed by guest speakers, a Q & A session, pizza & social. This year's speakers include Dr. Mark Garavan, Mary Killeen & Dr. Kevin Hargaden. For more details, call Mark on 087 1323296 / @tuamyoungadultministry

Recently Deceased - We remember in our prayers
 Maureen Comer, Killinaugher;
 Margaret Ann Allen, Tooraree;
 Jack Salmon, Knock—grandson of Pete & Noreen Gallagher, Bargarriff

SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT TRAINING: A workshop for people who, in the course of their work, come into contact with those who are bereaved by suicide, will take place in the Cúram Centre, Claremorris on Tuesday 30th January from 9.30am to 4.30pm. The training is free to attend and is funded by the HSE National Office for Suicide Prevention. The one-day workshop aims to equip participants to provide support in the safest and most effective ways possible. Those who might benefit from the training include Gardaí, teachers, healthcare professionals and community leaders. For more details, call 094 9253277 or email Siobhan.McBrearty@hse.ie

CHURCH ACCOUNTS: A summary of the 2023 accounts for the parish is now available to view on the notice board in the Church porch.

CHIME: Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Outreach clinic in Room R22 in the old Health Centre, Vicar Street, Tuam (H54 H028) on Friday next 2nd Feb. from 10am to 12.30. Contact Tony for more information or an appointment on 086 8341318 or email Tony.dolan@chime.ie

MUSICAL: The award-winning Claremorris Musical Society will return to the stage of the Town Hall Theatre from 31st Jan. to 4th Feb. with the West of Ireland premiere of the musical comedy "Young Frankenstein". Show starts at 8pm nightly with tickets available from www.townhall.ie or by calling the Box Office on 094 9310999.

PARISH CHOIR: The Ballyhaunis Parish Choir is always open to new members. If you're interested in getting involved, contact Martina at 086 1599124.

PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

*You were a woman of peace
 You brought harmony where there was conflict
 You brought light to the darkness
 You brought hope to the downcast
 May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious
 And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts & in our world.
 Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.
 Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary
 Strengthen what is weak within us
 Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens
 May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen.*

