

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father ..... 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 forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**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**

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Isaiah 58: 7-10**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer;

call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 111: 4 - 9**

**R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright or Alleluia!**

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. [R]
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. [R]
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; Open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. [R]

**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 2: 1-5**

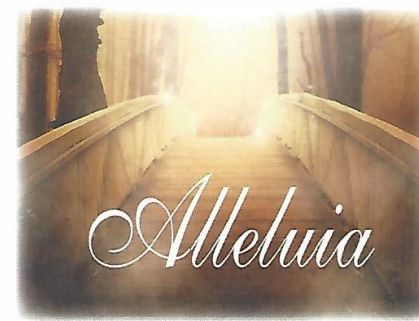
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL Matthew 5:13 - 16**  
**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.'

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

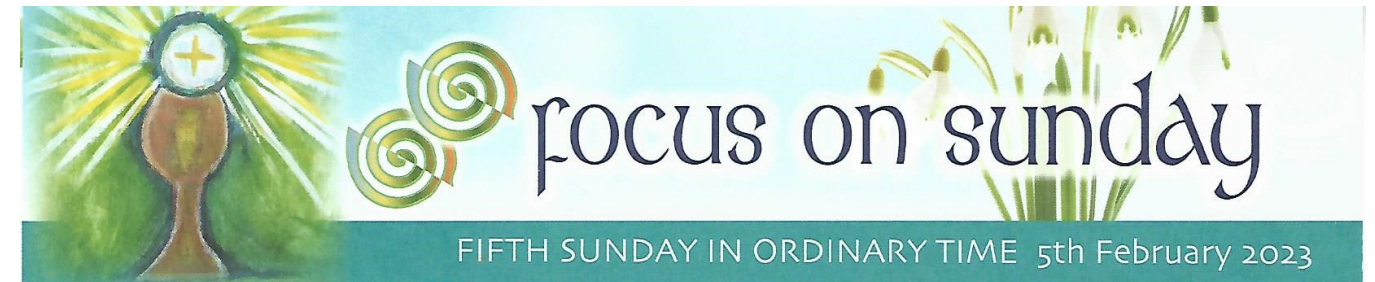
**NICENE CREED**

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.

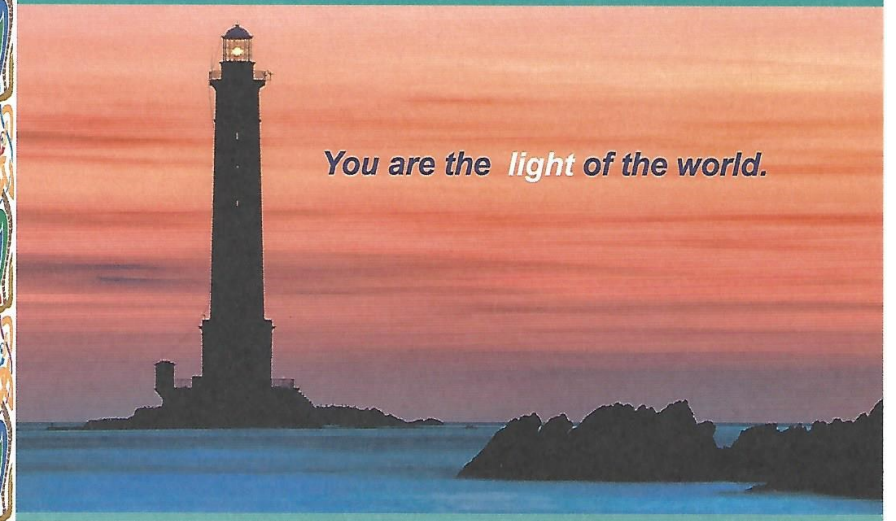


**LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

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.



The followers of Jesus are the "light of the world" if they are seen to care for the oppressed, the hungry and the homeless. When such care is shown then the light of Christ is seen in our world.



**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

O Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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.*  
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**

**Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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 light is what we receive. We are light because He shares light with us – a gift at baptism. Our baptismal candle will be lit at big times of life, like confirmation, maybe Easter celebrations and at our funeral Mass. It is lit from the paschal candle. This gesture is saying we get our light from Christ. The centre of our faith is our relationship with Jesus Christ. The second reading brings out the way we shine!

*Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, Clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn*

*If you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness,*

*Light isn't just a light for me to see by. The light of Christ is for the sharing: giving a hand at home, looking for the family when they need a hand; caring for the poor, the migrant and refugee, working for the good of our neighbourhoods, volunteering at home or abroad. Our lives should reflect the light of Christ and shine like a beacon – to bring hope to others.*

Jesus talks very often about light – light to the nations, shining in the darkness. He is called the 'light of the world'. When we share some of that light in ordinary ways, our lives improve and so do the lives of others.

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

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus liked talking about "Light." God is full of light. We light a candle to pray. At the candle shrine there was a Jesus Story about a man, who was robbed and hurt. Two men passed by. A third man stopped, helped to lift up the man, and bandage his wounds. God is full of kindness for everyone. God's light is in our hearts to help others at home, at work, in our travelling.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th FEBRUARY 2023

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 6th – 12th Feb. 2023

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

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Katie, Thomas & Carmel Johnston, Knox St.

John A. Murphy, Lecarrow

William & Kathleen Smyth, Clare St & decd. of the Smyth and O'Doherty families

Paddy & Eileen Kelly, Drimbane

Maire & Joe Burke, Doctor's Road

Jim & Ann Brennan, Greenwood

Michael, Mary & Joe Rattigan, Lecarrow

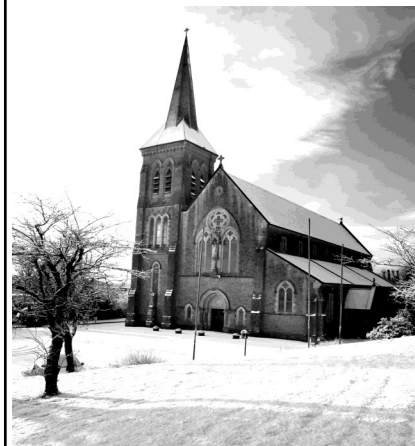
Eileen, Michael & Martin Comer, Bargarriff

Paddy & Mary Carney, Island

Tom & Agnes Ruane & decd. Bargarriff

### SUNDAY 12TH FEB.—MONTH'S MIND

Martha Culliney, Knox St.



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil:

7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

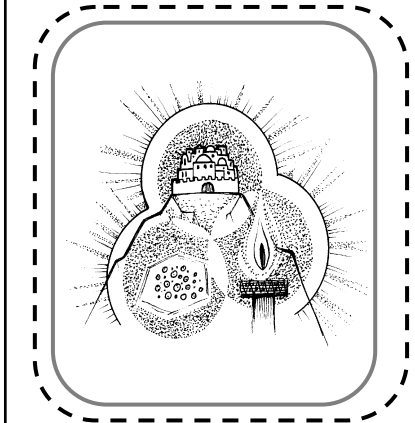
Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### 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.



6th-12th Feb	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Joe Byrne, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Margaret Tarpey
Friday	Willie Broderick	Marie Brennan, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Kevin Henry	Fionnuala Nolan, Lorraine Waldron, Marina Coyne, Anne Carney
Sunday 10am	Willie Ryan	Helena Byrne, Deirdre Browne, Gilmar Neves, Bernie Quinn

### COLLECTORS FOR FEBRUARY

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

### MASS SERVERS FOR FEBRUARY

Sat. 7.30pm	Team F—Liam & Molly Thompson, Bobby Gallagher
Sunday 10am	Team E—Séan & Aibhe Donnellan, Zara Waldron, Kate Monaghan

**Recently Deceased**—We remember in our prayers  
Nora Teresa Concannon, Ballymahon, Co. Longford—sister  
of the late Pat Byrne, Johnstown

**Offertory Collection**  
29th January 2023  
€1,750

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).

The 10am Mass on Sundays 5th, 12th & 19th February will be broadcast live on Midwest Radio.

**CONFIRMATION:** The enrolment Mass for children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 7.30pm this Saturday evening 4th February. Parents and candidates are asked to attend, as preparation gets underway for the Confirmation programme "You Shall Be My Witnesses..." Parents who have volunteered as leaders for the programme are asked to attend a training evening in Scoil Íosa next Tuesday 7th Feb. at 8pm.

**APPRECIATION:** Following Mary Donnelly's recent retirement, the parish would like to thank Mary for her professionalism and kindness over almost 30 years in the role of Parish Secretary. You can show your appreciation by joining Mary and members of the Parish Pastoral Council for a cup of tea /coffee in the Community Hall following 10am Mass next Sunday 12th Feb.

**NEW PPC:** In the coming weeks, you will be asked to nominate people for a new Parish Pastoral Council to serve from 2023 to 2027, as the present PPC has served its term. A brochure will be circulated to homes in the parish, containing basic information about a Parish Pastoral Council, and how to go about nominating new members. Distributors are asked to collect the brochures in the sacristy next weekend, and deliver them in your area.

### FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

The Faith Renewal Programme offers a variety of day retreats, seminars & events throughout the year. Spring/ Summer events: **Saturday 11th Feb:** Free screening in the Prayer Centre, Knock Shrine of "The Letter: A Message For Our Earth". The film tells the story of four people from very different backgrounds, and the roles they're playing to care more deeply for our common home. First screening: 11am to 1pm, with second screening from 2pm to 4pm. Film duration: 80 minutes plus Q&A/ discussion.

**Saturday 25th Feb:** "Following in the footsteps of Jesus to His Passion" - a workshop with Fr. Denis McBride C.Ss.R in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel from 10am to 4pm. Cost: €30  
**Saturday 1st April:** Day Retreat with Deirdre Ní Chinnéide: "The Spiral and the Cross—symbols of hope through challenging times" takes place in the Prayer Centre from 10am to 4pm. Cost: €30. Advance booking is essential for these events. More details on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**EUROPEAN SYNODAL ASSEMBLY:** Archbishop Eamon Martin, President of the Irish Catholic Bishop's Conference, will be among 200 delegates attending the first-ever European Synodal Assembly within the Catholic Church, which takes place in Prague next week. In October 2021, Pope Francis launched a global synod, with consultations taking place in dioceses across Ireland and across the world. Delegates from each Catholic Bishops' Conference will now take part in a Continental Assembly to continue the synodal process of reciprocal listening and consultation. There are seven Assemblies taking place across five continents. Ahead of the event, Archbishop Martin said "This Assembly in Prague will be a further step in the ongoing synodal process of strengthening the Church through prayer and dialogue, and by sharing experiences, questions and hopes for the future".

**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. The certs are valid for 5 years. **We would urge you to send us the form in the next week if possible, as a return is being prepared for Revenue.**

**TUAM DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES,** led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will depart from Ireland West Airport Knock for 5 nights, from Friday 1st to Wed. 6th September 2023. For details & bookings, contact 01 2410800.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis, will take place on Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick.

**SIERRA LEONE FUNDRAISER:** Michael Ryan, a native of Brackloon now living in Westport, has been involved in supporting orphan children in Sierra Leone for a number of years, providing accommodation, food and basic health care, as well as supporting the Catholic Church in Sierra Leone. Michael will travel to Sierra Leone next month, and has organised a fundraiser on Go Fund Me. For details on how you can make a donation, visit Aiding Hope Children Foundation Go Fund Me page.

**COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE** will take place next Saturday 11th February at the home of Jim & Mary Goulding, Doctor's Road (F35 F768) from 11am to 2pm. The event is in aid of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust, who are bringing a group of children & young adults with special needs to Lourdes at Easter. Your support would be appreciated.

**BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL:** Monthly meeting takes place on Wed. 8th February at 8pm in the Community Hall. All welcome.

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

**TIDY TOWNS:** The next meeting of Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns takes place on Monday week 13th Feb. in the Community Hall at 8pm. New members always welcome.

**BALLYHAUNIS FESTIVALS:** Following a well-attended meeting earlier this week, plans have been announced for an Easter Sunday Parade on 9th April, starting at 4pm, and for a Summer Festival taking place from 29th May to 5th June. More details to follow

**LOCAL LINK RURAL BUS SERVICE:** A meeting to discuss the current status and potential development of Local Link Rural Travel routes servicing the Ballyhaunis area will be held in the Community Hall on Wed. 15th February at 7.30pm. Organised by Ballyhaunis Community Council, and Local Link Mayo representatives will be present.

**BEEKEEPING:** For those wishing to get involved in beekeeping, the Ballyhaunis Beekeepers Association is running a beginner's course in Clare Court, Ballyhaunis on Sat & Sun 25th & 26th February. To comply with insurance, you must be a member of the Ballyhaunis Beekeepers Association to attend the course. To register, email [ballyhaunisbees@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhaunisbees@gmail.com) or through their Facebook page.