

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.

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,

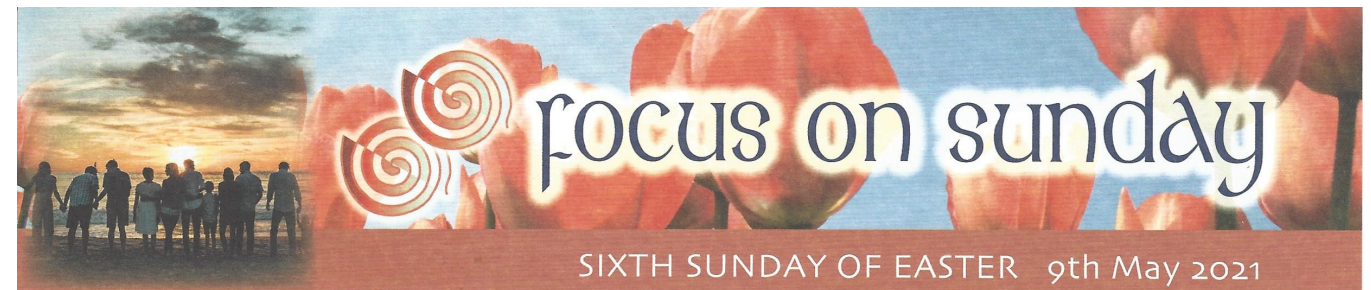
All bow for following three lines: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at 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

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.

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

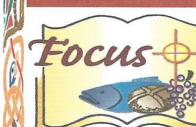
Almighty ever-living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food. Through Christ our Lord.

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.



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.



The love affair of God and God's people fill the mind and heart of Jesus in the gospels after the resurrection. The motivation for all his meetings with the apostles and disciples after the resurrection was to love them in an active way – consoling them, forgiving them, teaching them and assuring them of his presence always.

It is easier to 'see' this love of Jesus in his death and resurrection. It is easier to 'see' this love than to see the love of the Father. Jesus' words now engage us in love – that the love we find in him is the same love he shares with his Father. That is for the apostles and for us. He asks us to look no further than ourselves to know the love of God; it is 'marked' on us like a tattoo – engraved on the palm of his hand, as God says 'I have carved you on the palm of my hand'. Carving would be painful, and the love of God for us can cause God pain in whatever way we can understand his pain at our unfaithfulness, our injustices and violence in the world and the sin of the world. No matter how deep the sin, the love of God is deeper. That's why Jesus lived his life and mission the way he did: that love conquers all. That was behind his mission of consolation after the first Easter.

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

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 10th - 16th MAY 2021

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

Fr. Enda Lyons, Tuam & Knox St.

Mary & Delia McNamara, Annagh

May Mongan

Michael & Lena Byrne, Johnstown, & Jimmy Loftus & decd. Lavallyroe

Freddie O'Brien, Upper Main St.

Laurence & Margaret Morris & decd. Brackloon

Kate & Joe Dunleavy, Carrowreagh

Austin, Mary J., Fr. Brendan & Dolores Jordan

Tom Sailí O'Flaithearta, An Ceathrú Rua

Sunday 10.00am. First Anniversary: Martin Crehan, Devlis
Susan Keane, Crossbeg
Frank Clarke, Hazelhill & Colwyn Bay, Wales

10th - 16th MAY	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Jarlath Fahey	Anne Carney, Fionnuala Nolan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Frances Mulhern, Margaret Tarpey
Wednesday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Willie Broderick, Marie Brennan
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Helena Byrne
Saturday 7.30pm.	James Reidy	Jacinta Flynn, Jenny Glynn
Sunday 10.00am.	Julia Grabiasz	Mary Murphy, Geraldine Murphy

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
Tom McManus, Leeds & formerly Cottage
Tom Ryan, husband of Mary Ryan (nee
McDonagh) Lisbane

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>

Offertory Collection
2nd May 2021 €1,610

Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. From Monday next, envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or otherwise can be dropped in the letter box of the Parochial House. If you wish to set up a direct debit, the account details are as follows: Ballyhaunis Parish Church. BIC: ULSB IE 2D IBAN: IE69 ULSB 9852 7005 5200 31

"God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son, so that we could have life through him." Are you open to the call to be sent into the world as a priest or consecrated religious, that others might live in Christ? If you think God may be offering you this grace, speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.ie



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm.

Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 1.00pm.

BAPTISMS

Saturdays & Sundays 11.00am.

Minimum of two weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006, for updates due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.



RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR MASSES:

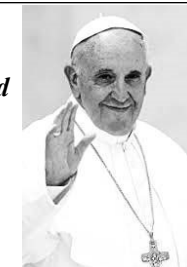
From Monday next, May 10th, up to fifty people are permitted in our church for Masses. This is great news and with God's help it will be the beginning of the further lifting of restrictions over the summer months as more and more people receive the Covid-19 vaccine. We are very grateful to all who have volunteered to resume or take up duty as ushers, sanitisers, etc. and we would welcome more new volunteers who are in a position to help out. Please contact Fr. Stephen or the parish office and we will include you in the roster for duty.

While the church building and ancillary buildings (toilets and sacristy) will be sanitised before and after each Mass or ceremony, we want to stress that if you manifest any of the symptoms of Covid-19, if you have any underlying health issues, or feel that you might be endangering your health by entering a church building, then we encourage you to continue to join us on parish radio 105.2FM or on the parish webcam: www.ballyhaunisparish.ie/webcam

Again we want to stress that:

- The main door of the church will open half an hour before each Mass/ceremony.
- The limited available seating will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis. If you find that on your arrival at the church all the available seating is full, and you wish to receive Holy Communion, we encourage you to return to your car and join in the Mass on your car radio. You are asked to avoid congregating outside the church. At the end of Mass, follow the directions of the ushers and line up outside the south wall (Super Valu side) of the church.
- The available pews on both side aisles will be reserved for family groups (3 - 6 persons).
- Ushers will be available to direct people and to ensure social distancing. We ask that Mass goes co-operate with the ushers and avoid confrontation.
- Please avail of the hand sanitisers on entering and leaving the church.
- You are obliged to wear some form of face covering while in church - even if you have received the vaccine.
- The distribution of Holy Communion will take place at the end of Mass. The celebrant and two Eucharistic Ministers will take up positions at the back of the church. Those inside the church will receive Holy Communion first and exit by the main entrance and the side door on the north side. Face coverings should be removed prior to receiving Communion. Communion will then be distributed to those outside the church. Ushers will direct you through the side door on the south side (Super Valu). You will receive Communion and exit by the main entrance or north side door (sanitising your hands as you leave). Eucharistic Ministers will remain on for a short time after Mass to distribute Communion.
- Because the Sunday obligation has been dispensed with for the present, we encourage those of you who can attend weekday Mass to do so and to stay away at weekends in order to facilitate those who are unable to attend during the week.

At the General Audience on Wednesday morning, 28 April. The Holy Father continued his series of catecheses on prayer as he reflected on meditation



Today we will talk about the form of prayer called meditation. For a Christian, to "meditate" is to seek meaning; it implies placing oneself before the immense page of Revelation to try to make it our own, assuming it completely. And the Christian, after having welcomed the Word of God, does not keep it closed up within him or herself, because that Word must be met with "another book", which the Catechism calls "the book of life" (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2706). This is what we try to do every time we meditate on the Word.

The practice of meditation has received a great deal of attention in recent years. It is not only Christians who talk about it: the practice of meditation exists in almost all the world's religions. But it is also a widespread activity among people who do not have a religious view of life. We all need to meditate, to reflect, to discover ourselves, it is a human dynamic. Especially in the voracious western world, people seek meditation because it represents a barrier raised against the daily stress and emptiness that is rife everywhere.

Here, then, is the image of young people and adults sitting in recollection, in silence, with eyes half closed... But what are these people doing, we might ask? They are meditating. It is a phenomenon to be looked on favourably. Indeed, we are not made for rushing all the time, we have an inner life that cannot always be trampled on. Meditating is therefore a need for everyone. Meditating, so to speak, is like stopping and taking a breath in life. But we realise that this word, once accepted in a Christian context, takes on a uniqueness that must not be eradicated. Meditating is a necessary human dimension, but meditating in the Christian context goes further: it is a dimension that must not be eradicated. The great door through which the prayer of a baptised person passes - let us remind ourselves once again - is Jesus Christ. For the Christian, meditation enters through the door of Jesus Christ. The practice of meditation also follows this path. And when Christians pray, they do not aspire to full self-transparency, they do not seek the deepest centre of the ego. This is legitimate, but the Christian seeks something else. The prayer of the Christian is first of all an encounter with the Other, with a capital "O": the transcendent encounter with God.

CROÍ FREE WEBINAR ON HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

Join Croí, the Heart & Stroke Charity, and leading experts for a public webinar online using Zoom on Thursday, May 20th, from 1.00 - 2.00pm. Expert guest speakers include Prof Bill McEvoy, Consultant Cardiologist, University Hospital Galway; Dr Barry McDonnell, Cardiovascular Physiologist, Cardiff Metropolitan University; and Dr Gerry Molloy, Health Psychologist, NUI Galway. The interactive panel discussion will address your priorities and concerns for living with high blood pressure. This event is in recognition of World Hypertension Day (May 17th). Register now and submit your questions for the experts at www.croi.ie/webinar, or call Croí on 091-544310.

CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Primary) - part-time online course beginning Autumn 2021 in St Angela's College, Sligo. Closing date for applications is Friday 14th May 2021. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, E.mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie or visit www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie