TWENTY - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4th September 2022

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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 healed the sick: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you forgave sinners: Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you give yourself to heal us and bring us strength:
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

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ.....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Wisdom 9:13-18

A reading from the book of Wisdom
'What man can know the intentions of
God?

Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;

for a perishable body presses down the soul.

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth,

laborious to know what lies within our reach:

who, then, can discover what is in the

heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above?

Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.'

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps. 89:3-6, 12-14.17

R. O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

- You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. [R]
- You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. [R]

- 3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

 Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?

 Show pity to your servants.

 [R]
- 4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

SECOND READING Philemon 9-10.12-17

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to Philemon This is Paul writing, an old man now and,

what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more. but something much better than a slave, a dear brother, especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a bloodbrother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Luke 14:25-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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

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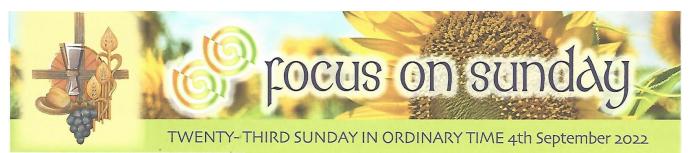
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with 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.



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

O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty, and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart.

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.

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life.

Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

CONCLUDING RITE

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

May almighty God bless you,the Father, and the Son, № and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Go in peace. Thanks be to God.

The christian's life is centred on God and not on possessions or wealth: these are to be used in the service of God.





Today's gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? The call to 'hate' our family is not to be taken literally. It is a call for us to break free from any habit or relationship that is holding us back. Reflect on a time when you gained

a significant new insight or began a new phase of life. You may find that it involved letting go of something you were attached to. Attachments can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives and moving on from what we find comfortable can be painful, but that is how we grow.

In Laudato Si' – On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis calls each of us to become 'painfully aware' of what is happening to our world. We know now that the past 200 years of 'development' have caused widespread destruction of our planet, altering the very fabric of our ecosystems. Levels of consumption by humans are out of control. We have not considered the full cost of building the 'tower' Jesus talks about in today's gospel.

The Season of Creation, which began on September 1st and runs to October 4th, is a time to reconnect with the beauty of God's creation so that we can set out on more sustainable paths. This involves breaking away from systems which harm our environment and the most vulnerable and embracing a gentler way of walking on this earth. It requires a change of heart so that we can set out on new paths. Pope Francis tells us that "Truly, much can be done!" This Season of Creation pledge to do one small thing in your own life to help care more deeply for our common home.

Jane Mellett, co-author of The Deep End – A Journey through the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Luke, Messenger, 2021.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus is always telling us that God is Love. Love is trying to put others first, and to care. Our parents put us first and cared for us when we were small. Often they had to stay awake at night if they worried about us. Often they had to do without things to save money for our care. Jesus says there is always a cross to carry, when we love and care. God helps us to grow in love. We need to ask all the time.

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MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday: 10.30am. - 7.00pm.

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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 5th- 11th SEPT 2022

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

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

John & Janie Fitzmaurice, Derrynacong
Decd. of the Hoban & Enright families, Derrynacong & Dublin
Mary, Micheál & Jim Maher, Thurles & Mullingar
Elizabeth & Pat Joe Lyons, Holywell
John Joe, Patrick & Richard Philbin, Maureen Philbin Caulfield

& their parents Patrick & Mary Philbin

Christina (Ena) Dunleavy (née Nolan), Manchester & formerly Mountain, Forthill & decd. of the Nolan family

Eddie & Eileen Fitzgerald, Clare St. & Edward Fitzgerald, Upper Main St.

Dave & Mary Jordan, Lecarrow & decd. of the Jordan family

James & Anne Fitzmaurice, Spaddagh & decd. family members

Eamon Burke, Devlis

James & Bridie Toolan, Devlis & decd. of the Moran & Toolan families

Sunday 11th September—Month's Mind

Noel Patterson, Knock Road

5th-11th Sept.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Anne Carney
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Margaret Byrne, Eileen Lynch
Friday	Christina Concannon	Willie Broderick, Marie Brennan
Saturday 7.30pm	Aoife Doherty	Marina Coyne, Marion Regan, John Dillon
Sunday 10.00am.	Maura Murphy	Geraldine Murphy, Cáit Webb, Breege Halpin
Sunday 12.00	Joan Flanagan	Patricia Plunkett, Eileen Jordan, Mary. T. Griffin

Recently Deceased

Michael Coffey, Charlestown & formerly Cherryfield, Ballyhaunis

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

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community Millie Taylor, U.K. & Cave Offertory Collection 28th August 2022 €2,080 **HARVEST MASS** takes place in Ballyhaunis Friary this Sunday 4th September at 2pm. Fr. Stephen Farragher will be joined by Fr. Anthony Finn and Fr Michael Mernagh of the Augustinian Order to celebrate the Mass, with music provided by the Abbey Male Choir.

LOUGH DERG DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN

UKRAINE: This one-day retreat on Sunday 25th September will pray for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest speaker is Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at the Ukranian Catholic University. Boats leave for Lough Derg at 9.15am, the retreat programme begins at 10.15, and boats return at 4.30. Booking essential by ringing 071 9861518 with special discounted rate for Ukranian refugees. Visit www.loughderg.ie for more details. Meanwhile, a bus to the Lough Derg one-day pilgrimage on Saturday 17th Sept will leave Kiltimagh at 7am, travelling via Knock and Kilkelly. For more details, call 089 4995599.

MARY'S MEALS have thanked the people of Ballyhaunis for their support for the walkers who recently passed through the town on their way to Knock on 15th August, and for their contributions to the charity which currently feeds almost 2.3 million children every day in schools in some of the poorest parts of the world. Mary's Meals can provide a meal for one child for a full school year for €18.30. Further details available on www.marysmeals.ie

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL Monthly meetings are resuming after the Summer break, with a meeting at 8pm next Wednesday 7th Sept in the Community Hall upstairs room. The agenda will include preparations for the reopening of the hall following refurbishment. All welcome to attend.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE will be held at the home of Joe & Helen Byrne, Johnston on Fri 16th September from 11am to 5pm. All welcome, with funds raised going to the Mayo/Roscommon Hospice.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP continues to meet every Wednesday at 11.00am. in the Family Centre at Knock Shrine. All welcome. For further information, contact Monica Morley at 094-9375320. benefits available. This event will take place in the Ard I in Tuam on the 6th Sept, and at the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe on 7th Sept from 10am to 1pm. For more det contact 091 844335 or GRETB freephone 1800 140 242

WEBINAR ON GRIEF: As part of Palliative Care week which runs from 11-17 Sept, psychotherapist Liz Gleeson (host of the Shapes of Grief podcast) and the All Ireland Institute of Hospice & Palliative Care are hosting a webinar on Tues 13th Sept from 7-9pm. The webinar entitled "Shapes of Grief—An exploration of grief before & after death" is open to the general public and will explore issues such as loss and grief, how to support people in grief, how grief can affect our body and how to cultivate a compassionate approach when supporting bereaved people. To register, log onto: https://tinyurl.com/shapesofgrief.

ENCOUNTER SCHOOL OF MINISTRY is offering an online training programme in Catholic teaching and tradition. Classes are held on Thursdays at 7:30pm from mid-September through May. For more information visit https://encounterschool.org/online-campus-ireland/

LEAVING CERTS: We wish the best of luck to the students who received their Leaving Cert results on Friday. We will continue to keep you in our prayers over the coming weeks as you make decisions and choices on college courses and careers.



■ SEASON OF CREATION.

which runs from 1st Sept. to 4th October, celebrates the joy of creation, as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. It has a special significance for the Catholic Church, as Pope Francis established 1st Sept as annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The theme for the Season of Creation 2022

is "Listen to the Voice of Creation" and the symbol for the event is the burning bush. Today, the prevalence of unnatural fires are a sign of the devastating effects that climate change has on the most vulnerable of our planet. During the Season of Creation, this symbol of the burning bush calls us to listen to the voice of creation and respond through worship, repentance and action.

A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

That we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Amen. (Laudato Si')

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. Copies of the Parish

Pastoral Council bi-annual newsletter also available in the porch.

GALWAY RURAL DEVELOPMENT: GRD, GRETB and the DSP are running a series of free information events called "Make the Link" that will showcase education and training courses in your area, along with information on financial support and benefits available. This event will take place in the Ard Rí Hotel in Tuam on the 6th Sept, and at the Shearwater Hotel in Ballinasloe on 7th Sept from 10am to 1pm. For more details, contact 091 844335 or GRETB freephone 1800 140 242

COMPUTER & BUSINESS COURSES starting in Ballinrobe and Swinford in September. The courses are free, and provide unemployed adults with an opportunity to return to education, update their skills and learn new skills with QQI accreditation. All course materials are provided. VTOS eligibility criteria may apply. For further details, contact Beatrice, Further Education Centre, Ballinrobe on 086 0610020 or Emer, Further Education Centre in Swinford on 086 0610009. You can also email beatricebrophy@msletb.ie or emermullins@msletb.ie

CASTLEBAR VTOS (MSLETB): Places available. Students can study for a range of courses / awards all certified by QQI Level 5: Culture & Heritage, Business Administration, Language and European Studies, Tourism & Business Studies, Apprenticeship Preparation, ECDL, Health & Fitness, Health & Safety at Work.

For details, email pauladonnellan@msletb.ie

ANNAGH MAGAZINE: The committee would welcome photos and articles for this year's edition, particularly wedding photos. Email info@annaghmag.ie