

**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 ACT**

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, .....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING** Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12 - 13

**A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**  
Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity, seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong, will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them.  
**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** PS. 145:7 - 10

**R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. or Alleluia !**  
1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R)  
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R)  
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R)

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 1:26 - 31

**A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians**  
Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen - those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

**The word of the Lord.**  
**Thanks be to God.**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia !**



**GOSPEL** Matthew 5: 1 - 12

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**  
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:  
'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.  
Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

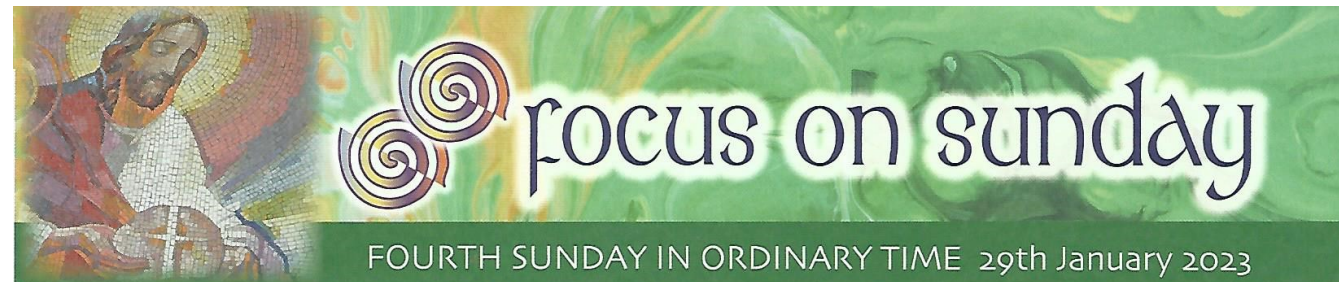
**The Gospel of the Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**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 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 gospel today is the charter of a Christian (The Beatitudes): Jesus' sermon on the mount. It is an invitation to live like him, and a challenge to serve him in our neighbour.



**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.*  
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**

**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.



The gospel today is often called the mission statement of the Church, like any organisation writes its mission statement. The mission statement lets us know what is essential to the Church: each of them is worth our consideration and worth our commitment. However, they do not come out of fresh air. The mission statement is related to the vision of that the Church is – a vision based on the life and ministry of Jesus.  
He himself lived the beatitudes before and as he preached them: a man who was humble, gentle, merciful in his relationships with everyone; who could mourn others and for his world; who had a commitment to justice and right; lived his message as he taught it and was himself persecuted to the end. Without our relationship with Jesus, the beatitudes would be just a set of regulations.  
Pope Francis expands them, saying: "Blessed are those Christian communities who live this authentic gospel simplicity! Poor in spirit means they are rich in God. Blessed are the shepherds who do not ride the logic of worldly success, but follow the law of love: welcoming, listening, serving. Blessed is the Church who does not entrust herself to the criteria of functionalism and organizational efficiency, nor worries about her image, (quoting St. Thérèse), "Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude".

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story** Fr. Liam Hickey

Jesus tells the people of new ways to be happy. Because God is Love, we are called to love God with our mind and heart. Our mind helps us to know about things, our heart helps to love and to give. It is not enough to see people who are hungry, who are lonely, who are different, who are at war. We have to try to help. We help with our heart, by talking, and listening. Peacemaking is trying to put oneself in the other person's shoes, to feel how they feel.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th JANUARY 2023

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 30th Jan. –5th Feb. 2023

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

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Martin & Kathleen Cunnane, Knox St.

John & Bridget Gilmore & their daughter Bridget, Knox St.

Jack & Kitty Greally & decd. of the Greally family, Drimbane

Delia Mulkeen, Cloonbullig

Paddy & Vera O'Connell, Drimbane

Audrey Dignam (née Hannan) Delgany, Co Wicklow & formerly Bridge St.

Michael & Mary Frehill, Island & their daughter Mary Ellen Frehill, Clare Court

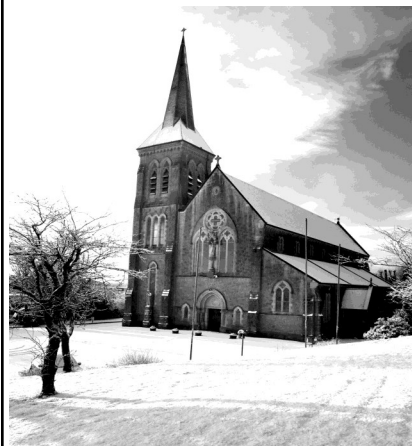
Tom & Margaret Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna

Tom & Lily Moran, Main St.

Jackie, Rita, Dónal & Brendan Tolan, Knockanara

Dan Finn & decd. of the Finn family, Erriff

Stephen & Pat Finnegan, Ballinastoka



### 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.



30th Jan– 5th Feb	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Anne Carney, Marion Regan
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Breege Halpin, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Irene Healy
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	Emer Gallagher	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Norma Jean Folliard	Margaret Tarpey, Miriam Judge, Eileen Lynch, Dympna Greally

### 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  
Paddy Moran, Galway & formerly Castlebar, brother of  
Sheila Byrne, Johnstown

**Offertory Collection**  
22nd January 2023  
€2,025

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.

**FEAST OF ST. BRIGID** is on Wednesday next 1st February.

St. Brigid's Crosses will be blessed at the 10 o'clock Mass.

**FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**—

Candlemas Day, Thursday 2nd February.

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**—Friday 3rd February. Blessing of

throats will take place after the 10 o'clock Mass.

**CONFIRMATION:** The enrolment Mass for children receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held at 7.30pm next Saturday evening 4th February. Parents and candidates are asked to attend, as preparation gets underway for the Confirmation programme "You Shall Be My Witnesses..." Any candidates who have not already submitted a Confirmation application form should do so as soon as possible. If the child was NOT baptised in St. Patrick's Church, Ballyhaunis, a copy of their Baptism Certificate will be required.

**SCOIL ÍOSA:** Enrolment of new pupils in Scoil Íosa primary school for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. Application forms are available from the school, ring 094 9630310 or from the website: [www.iosaballyhaunis.com](http://www.iosaballyhaunis.com)

**YOUNG ADULTS NIGHT:** The Tuam Archdiocese invites its youth & young adults to attend a diocesan night on Saturday 4th February, beginning with Vigil Mass in Tuam Cathedral at 6pm, followed by talks, testimonies, prayers, music & social time. For more details, call Mark on 093 24250.

**SILENT RETREAT:** If you need some time for yourself, to leave noise and distractions behind and enter into the peace and love of God, a silent retreat on the theme "If you but knew the gift of God..." will be held in St. Mary's Accommodation, Knock from 6th to 12th February. The retreat is organised by the Foyer of Charity, and includes daily Mass, Rosary & Eucharistic Adoration. For more details, call Helen on 086 1678027 or email [hellywilliams@gmail.com](mailto:hellywilliams@gmail.com)

**COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE** will take place on 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.

**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.

**FESTIVALS & EVENTS:** An open meeting to discuss a roadmap of festivals and events in Ballyhaunis for 2023 will take place this Monday night 30th January from 9pm to 10pm in the Enterprise Centre. All welcome to attend, and committee officers will be elected on the night.

**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.

**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.

**BALLYHAUNIS GAA** extends an open invitation to all parents, players and new volunteers to take an active part in our second club workshop, which will be held in Scoil Íosa on Friday 3rd Feb. at 7pm. Topics for discussion include:

1. Coaching & games—Adult
2. Club structures and administration
3. Finance & fundraising
4. Club development and facilities
5. Culture, community PR beyond the games
6. Juvenile games development & player welfare
7. Social health and wellbeing

**COUCH TO 5K:** An 8-week programme for beginners will start on Wednesday evening next 1st February at the GAA Centre of Excellence, Began. Organised by Mayo Sports Partnership. For details, contact Tracy at 086 0618126 or register on Eventbrite.

**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.

**OÍCHE NA GAELIGE:** An evening of Irish music, dancing and storytelling will take place in the Community Hall on Friday 3rd February at 7pm, hosted by the Ballyhaunis Language Café with support from Conradh na Gaeilge. Refreshments will be served, and all welcome.

**GRETB DUNMORE:** QQI Level 5 Palliative Care course commences on Tuesday next 31st January from 9.30 to 12.30. For more details, call 093 39778 or register on [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie)

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### 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 and 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

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