

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God are my strength.

GREETING

In the name of the Father..... Amen.
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God have mercy on us... Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.
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 Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive - it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no

less than the greatest - it is the Lord who speaks - since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 50:3-4.12-15

R. A pure heart create for me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R)
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R)

SECOND READING Hebrews 5: 7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

**The word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God! If a man serves me, says the Lord, he must follow me; wherever I am, my servant will be there too. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God!

GOSPEL John 12:20 - 30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: 'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:

Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.

Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered,

'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

**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.

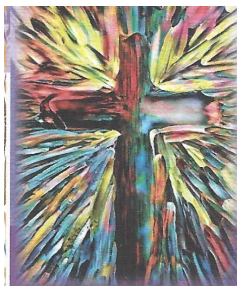
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

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.



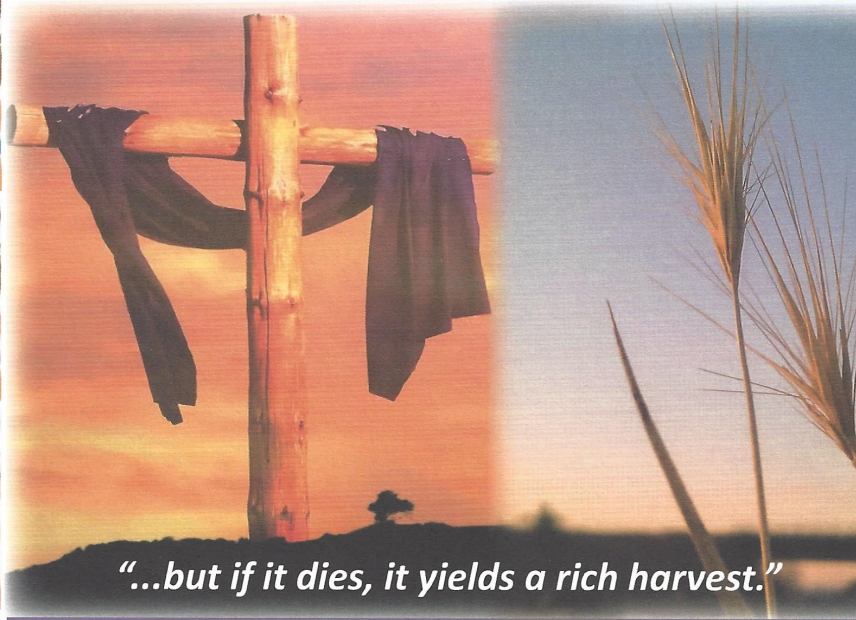
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

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.



focus on sunday

Jesus was destined to die so that we would have life. We must die to sin, die to our selfish ways, if we are to be alive to Christ and alive for his kingdom.



PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. 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....

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

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. 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.



A few dozen times today she was asked "can we see the baby?". Of course, with pride she showed the baby to all the relatives and friends who wanted to see. When a child paints a picture, we ask to see it not to hear about it. We wish to experience it first-hand.

In today's gospel, they say to Phillip 'we want to see Jesus'. not just hear about him or read about him, but see him. They want to know what he looks like, when he is talking, when he is praying, they want to experience him first-hand to know him better. What does this seeing Jesus mean? He gives a clue himself when he says immediately "a grain of wheat falls in the ground and dies". He is saying that if we want to see him, we will see him eventually on the cross. We don't just hear about love on the cross, we see it. He said very little on Calvary, but we see him in the suffering he put up with at human hands because of God's love for us.

If we see Jesus, we will see his servants, we will see all his people. That means you and me, and also most particularly we will see the poor. We will see, if we want to, many who are crucified with him. Unfortunately, he is not crucified alone. *Lord by your cross and resurrection you have set us free you are the savior of the world.*

Donal Neary SJ Editor Sacred Heart Messenger.

Jesus' Story

Fr. Liam Hickey



Jesus talks about little seeds in the dark earth. The little seeds will be lonely and feel cold but the sunshine will come and warm them. They will grow into sheaves of golden corn and bring food and joy to the world. Jesus said 'that He too would be lonely and in the dark and that God Our Father would be with Him and raise Him up to a wonderful new life. Sometimes, we are in the dark and lonely too. Jesus promises that His Spirit will always be with us.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm.

Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

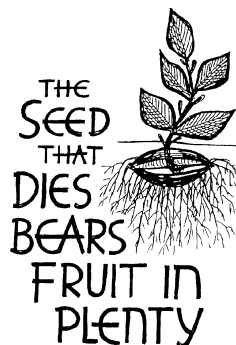
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



ANNIVERSARY MASSES 22nd - 28th MARCH 2021

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

- Carmel, Katie & Thomas Johnston, Knox St.
- Michael & Delia Regan, Lecarrow, Mary & John Keegan, Lecarrow
- Patrick "John" Danagher, Broxbourne, Hertfordshire
- Michael & Margaret Boyle, Clagnagh
- Robert Hunt, Cloonfad
- Toby Waldron, Knockroe
- Sonny & Teresa Reilly & decd. of the Reilly & Sweeney Families, Carton North, Tooreen
- Dominick Reilly, Carton North, Tooreen
- John Mullen, Tavanaghmore, & decd. of the Mullen & Grealley Families
- Stephen & Mary Griffin, Tavanaghmore, & decd. of the Griffin & Casserley Families
- Sean & Maureen Cleary, Clare St., Teresa & Helena Griffin
- John & Rita Creighton, Barnahesker, Aghamore
- Seamus Cribbin, Drimbane
- Teresa Finn, Carrowkeel, & decd. of the Finn & Shaughnessy Families
- Seamus Clarke, Devlis
- Joe, Bridie & Pat Byrne & decd. Johnstown & USA
- Patrick, Ellen & Bridie Finnegan, Derrintogher
- Jim & Eileen Finnegan, Knockroe, Castlereagh
- Freddie O'Brien, Upper Main St.
- Nora & Edward Mulkeen, Tom & Julia Gibbons, Mary Griffith & Nancy Heneghan
- Mary & Jim Plunkett, Forthill & Michael Grogan, Falleighter
- Martin & Catherine Devane, Kilvine, & Cathy Mitchell, USA
- Owen & Mary Walsh & decd. Tallaghan, Doohoma
- Brian & Mary Hunt, Derrynacong, & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny Families
- William & Bridget Curran, Doctor's Road

Sunday 10.00am Month's Mind

Seamus Cribbin, Drimbane

Doris Kedian, Moneymore

First Anniversary

John Clarke, Hazelhill

22nd - 28th MARCH	READERS
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly
Friday	Christina Concannon
Saturday 7.30pm.	Alex Eaton
Sunday 10.00am.	Julia Grabiasz

Recently Deceased
 We remember in our prayers
 Jarlath Connell, Gurraune
 Martin Mulkeen, Leeds & formerly
 Kildarra, Tulrahan, brother, of Vona
 Walshe, Johnstown
 Peggy Daly, St. Gerald's Crescent

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>
 The 10 o'clock Mass on Wednesday mornings is being broadcast on Mid West Radio.

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. Envelopes 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

CHY3 TAX CERTIFICATES: Thanks to all who have returned their CHY3 certificates to date. If you received a certificate and have not yet completed and returned it, we would ask you, please, to do so using the enclosed stamped self-addressed envelope or drop it in the letterbox of the Parochial House at your earliest convenience.

SCOIL ÍOSA - Enrolment of new pupils for the 2021-2022 school year in Scoil Íosa has now commenced. Enrolment forms may be collected from the school by appointment, can be emailed directly to applicants on request or alternatively can be downloaded from our website under the enrolment tab. The closing date for applications is April 30th 2021. Please contact either: kdennedy@iosaballyhaunis.com iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com or ccassidy@iosaballyhaunis.com

FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS Online www.knockshrine.ie/ 'Living Christian Faith' - Lenten Conversations

Thursday 25th March: 'Studying Christian Faith'

Dr Máire Campbell is assistant principal of a primary school in North Dublin, Judith King is an internationally recognised psychotherapist and Margaret Naughton is a busy hospital chaplain. Yet they have all found time to fulfil their passion of doing a PhD in theological studies. They share with us how their theological studies enriches their faith and their work.

Join Fr. Eamonn Conway and guests online at 8.30pm. To watch, simply log on to www.knockshrine.ie/watch-live Full programme details are available at www.knockshrine.ie/news

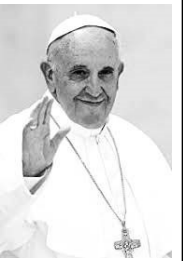
PAROCHIAL HALL RENOVATION PROJECT: Sincere thanks to all who have donated to the fundraising drive for the renovation of the Parochial Hall. Your ongoing support is very welcome and much appreciated. Unfortunately commencement of work is again stalled due to the extended Covid-19 restrictions on construction projects into April. For further information please contact 087-9777899 or 087-6982473.

Email: ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page: Ballyhaunis Community Council

BALLYHAUNIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL AGM will be held on Monday 29th March at 8.00pm. via Zoom. For further details please contact 087-9777899 or 087-6982473. Email: ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com Visit our website www.ballyhauniscc.ie or Facebook page: Ballyhaunis Community Council

MAYO STROKE SUPPORT GROUP, in association with Croí, the heart & stroke charity, will hold its next meeting virtually on Thursday, March 25th from 11.30am – 1:00pm via Zoom. The topic will be 'Engagement in Life after Stroke: Challenges and Strategies.' This free meeting is for stroke survivors and their partners, family members or carers. For further information and to receive the Zoom link and technical support, please contact Croí on 091-544310.

Extract from Pope Francis' address at an interreligious meeting, delivered March 6, 2021, in the Plain of Ur, Iraq (contd.)



Dark clouds of terrorism, war and violence have gathered over this country. All its ethnic and religious communities have suffered. In particular, I would like to mention the Yazidi community, which has mourned the deaths of many men and witnessed thousands of women, girls and children kidnapped, sold as slaves, subjected to physical violence and forced conversions. Today, let us pray for those who have endured these sufferings, for those who are still dispersed and abducted, that they may soon return home. And let us pray that freedom of conscience and freedom of religion will everywhere be recognised and respected; these are fundamental rights, because they make us free to contemplate the heaven for which we were created. When terrorism invaded the north of this beloved country, it wantonly destroyed part of its magnificent religious heritage, including the churches, monasteries and places of worship of various communities. Yet, even at that dark time, some stars kept shining. I think of the young Muslim volunteers of Mosul, who helped to repair churches and monasteries, building fraternal friendships on the rubble of hatred, and those Christians and Muslims who today are restoring mosques and churches together.

Professor Ali Thajeel spoke too of the return of pilgrims to this city. It is important to make pilgrimages to holy places, for it is the most beautiful sign on earth of our yearning for heaven. To love and protect holy places, therefore, is an existential necessity, in memory of our father Abraham, who in various places raised to heaven altars of the Lord. May the great Patriarch help us to make our respective sacred places oases of peace and encounter for all! By his fidelity to God, Abraham became a blessing for all peoples; may our presence here today, in his footsteps, be a sign of blessing and hope for Iraq, for the Middle East and for the whole world. Heaven has not grown weary of the earth: God loves every people, every one of his daughters and sons! Let us never tire of *looking up to heaven*, of looking up to those same stars that, in his day, our father Abraham contemplated. *We journey on earth*. For Abraham, looking up to heaven, rather than being a distraction, was an incentive to journey on earth, to set out on a path that, through his descendants, would lead to every time and place. It all started from here, with the Lord who brought him forth from Ur. His was a *journey outward*, one that involved sacrifices. Abraham had to leave his land, home and family. Yet by giving up his own family, he became the father of a family of peoples. Something similar also happens to us: on our own journey, we are called to leave behind those ties and attachments that, by keeping us enclosed in our own groups, prevent us from welcoming God's boundless love and from seeing others as our brothers and sisters. We need to move beyond ourselves, because *we need one another*. The pandemic has made us realise that "no one is saved alone". Still, the temptation to withdraw from others is never-ending, yet at the same time we know that "the notion of 'every man for himself' will rapidly degenerate into a free-for-all that would prove worse than any pandemic". Amid the tempests we are currently experiencing, such isolation will not save us. Nor will an arms race or the erection of walls that will only make us all the more distant and aggressive. Nor the idolatry of money, for it closes us in on ourselves and creates chasms of inequality that engulf humanity. Nor can we be saved by consumerism, which numbs the mind and deadens the heart. The way that heaven points out for our journey is another: *the way of peace*. It demands, especially amid the tempest, that we row together on the same side. It is shameful that, while all of us have suffered from the crisis of the pandemic, especially here, where conflicts have caused so much suffering, anyone should be concerned simply for his own affairs. There will be no peace without sharing and acceptance, without a justice that ensures equity and advancement for all, beginning with those most vulnerable. There will be no peace unless peoples extend a hand to other peoples. There will be no peace as long as we see others as *them* and not *us*. There will be no peace as long as our alliances are against others, for alliances of some against others only increase divisions. Peace does not demand winners or losers, but rather brothers and sisters who, for all the misunderstandings and hurts of the past, are journeying from conflict to unity.