

**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....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Ezekiel 37: 12 -14**

**A reading from the prophet Ezekiel**  
The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps. 129**

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R)
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R)
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.  
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R)
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R)

**SECOND READING Romans 8: 8 - 11**  
**A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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



**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Glory and praise to you, O Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, who ever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!**

**GOSPEL John 11:3-7.17.20-27.33-45 (Shorter Form Only)**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.**  
The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already.

When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.'

Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.'

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you

are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart,

'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me. But I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

**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.

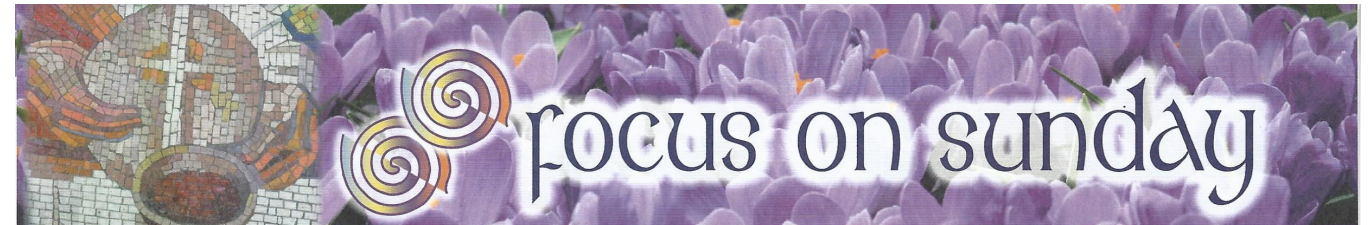
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

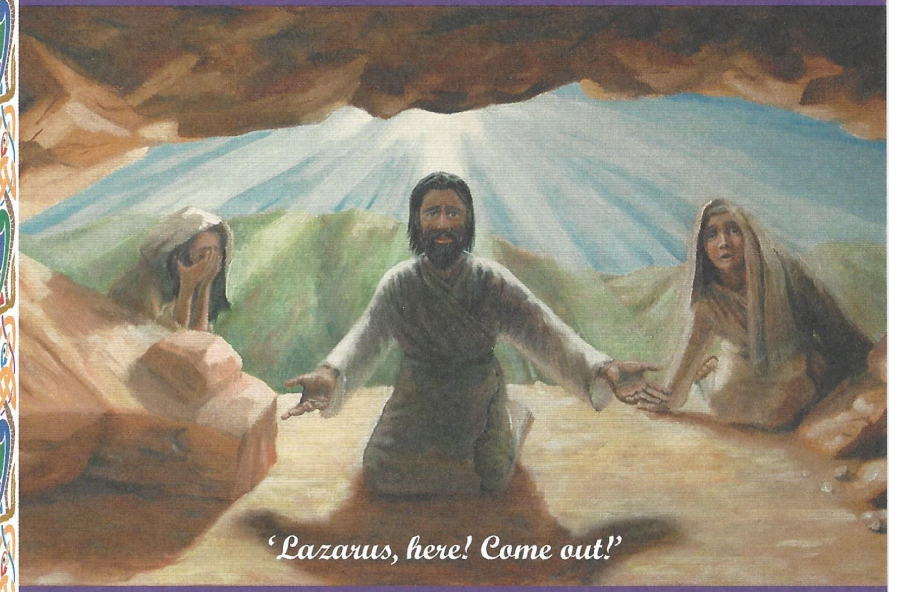
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

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.



The gospel of Jesus is one of hope. In raising someone from death he promises companionship, hope and eternal presence to all his people. This is the message of Christian hope.



**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**

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.

**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.  
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

**Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says the Lord.**

**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. Thanks be to God.



The raising of Lazarus is a strange story – it is not about the afterlife but about coming back to the present life and living it fully. The writers knew Jesus as the God of the living. We also get to see Jesus, as a man, grieving for his friend and as the Son of God raising him from the dead.

I think of Lazarus coming back with new light in his eyes. Had he seen a bit of what is to come? Jesus comes to bring life and to the full.

We kill ourselves on the inside often. Grief can overcome us; we can live with anger for years. We need the shared love that comes from being heard, being listened to; and we need the faith that comes from our love of God, often the love of faith. Pope Francis lists three elements of Prayer – Faith, Perseverance and Courage.

The call from Jesus is to live to the full; with love and prayer; and to us to unbind each other from what cripples our spirits. We live life to the full in our care for those in need: the freedom of the migrant arriving here to a world which will not torture them and will give them their dignity; of the young person scared of exams and unemployment and wondering will they ever find real love; for all of us when fear and worry and anxiety gets us down.

In the time of bereavement Martha shared her grief with Jesus. Death will always call on our faith, as it did for the friends of Jesus. We can do that in what keeps us down in life. She looked to him and prayed to him for hope and new life. Prayer like that is also the door to a freer life.

Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)

**Jesus' Story**

Fr. Liam Hickey



Lazarus died and Jesus gives him new breath again, to remind us that God Our Father promises new life and joy to all people who pass through death. Life passes, but is not ended. So we ask our dear departed family and friends to pray for us.

# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th MARCH 2023

Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Farragher, 094-9630006 / 087-9210305

Email: ballyhaunisparish@gmail.com Parish Office: 094-9630006

PARISH WEBSITE: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie>

PARISH RADIO: 105.2FM Newsletter on line: Parish website & [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

Web-cam: <http://www.ballyhaunisparish.ie> or [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv)

Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

### Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937

### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 27th March– 1st April 2023

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

\*\*\*\*\*

Helen, Thomas & Bridget Meehan & decd. Curries &

Dolores King, Ballaghadereen

John Darcy & decd. Brackloon East & Mulranny

Eddie, Noreen, Ted & Mary Webb, Main St.

Kieran Webb, Tooraree & Brickens

Teresa Finn, Carrowkeel & decd. of the Finn & Shaughnessy families

Austin Grogan, Doctor's Road

Nora & Edward Mulkeen, Claremorris

Corporal Patrick Gallagher, Derrintogher

Margaret & John Walsh, USA

Mary & Martin McHale, Scrigg

James & Mary Plunkett, Forthill

Madge & Michael Fahey, Main St.

Doris & Eddie Duddy & decd. Manchester

Kate, John, JJ & Patrick Goulding, Ballinlough & Anne Joyce, Birmingham

Ellie & Tom Donnelly, Andy Killeen & Brian Hassall, Manchester

Sr. Philomena Jordan, Raith & Manchester

### SUNDAY 2nd APRIL— MONTH'S MIND

Fiona Rabbitte, Tuam & formerly of Derby, UK & Larganboy

27 Mar– 2nd April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Helen Freeley
Tuesday	Willie Broderick	Frances Mulhern, Breege Halpin
Wednesday	Paula Donnellan	Marie Brennan, Mary Freeley
Friday	Christina Concannon	Kay Curley, Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm	John Doyle	Lorraine Waldron, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Joan Flanagan	Margaret Tarpey, Miriam Judge, Aileen Burke, Geraldine Murphy

### COLLECTORS FOR APRIL

Saturday 7.30pm	Pat Devine, Ann Curley, John Jordan, Gideone Alves da Silva
Sunday 10am	Martin Finan, Mike Griffin, Gabriel Smith, Anthony Plunkett

### MASS SERVERS FOR APRIL

Saturday 7.30pm	Team C— Anna & Sonny Kelly, Estela Balbino, Kleber Lucas
Sunday 10am	Team D—Cian & Hazel Murphy, Henzio Neves, Abigail Dixon

### Recently Deceased—We remember in our prayers

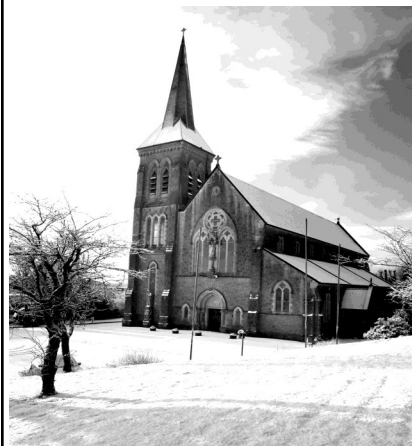
John Healy, Holywell & Western Care

Louise O'Callaghan, Cork—niece of John Fitzmaurice, Lisbane

Ann Connaughton, formerly of Granlahan & Carna, mother-in-law

of Paul Jordan, Johnstown

Enda Gallagher, Crossmolina— father of Cheree Mulrennan, Bracklaghboy



### MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,

Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil:

7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am.

### CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

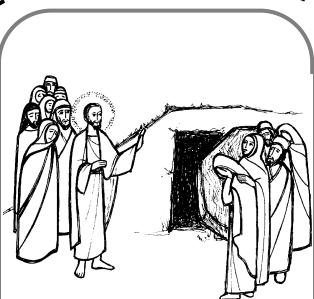
Each day on selected hours between 9am & 7pm

### BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday

of the month at 11.00am.

Minimum of four weeks' notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.



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).

**HOLY WATER:** Anyone who has Easter Holy Water bottles from last year is asked to return them to the Church porch, so we can re-use the bottles this Easter.

**PPC MEETING:** A meeting of the outgoing Parish Pastoral Council will take place in the Community Hall this Monday night 27th March at 8pm to plan for the Easter ceremonies.

**CHURCH CAR PARK:** As roadworks are continuing on Main Street, parishioners are advised that the Church car park will be open for 10am Mass each morning. **However, there will be no access to /from the car park from 11am onwards next Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.** People who usually park their cars outside the Church throughout the day are advised to make other arrangements next week

**POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2023** takes place in Knock Shrine this Tuesday 28th March. This special Pilgrimage for Peace is open to young people aged 16 to 18, not only JP2 Award participants past & present, but also friends and classmates. Starts at 11am and concludes after 2.30pm Mass. For more details call 0044 2871264087.

**MARIE'S MEMORY:** Family members & friends of the late Marie Pollard (Fr. Stephen's sister) will take part in the Aer Aran Islands Half Marathon on Inis Mór from 21st-23rd April, to raise funds for the Mater Foundation. They will take part in the event in Marie's memory, and to raise funds for the Mater Hospital where Marie was taken care of, following her tragic accident last November. To make an online donation, visit [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-pollard23](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarah-pollard23)

**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.

**CONNAUGHT PIONEERS** are having an afternoon of prayer in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Knock this Sunday 26th March from 3pm to 6pm. All welcome.

**FREE PARENTING COURSE:** Knock Counselling Centre will host a free programme for parents of adolescents, who are often described as challenging, impulsive or hard to reach. The programme will be facilitated by Gina Dermody and will take place over four 2-hour evening workshops, starting at 6.30pm next Wednesday 29th March. To register, call 094 9375032.

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT:** Plans are being finalised for the Ballyhaunis Darkness into Light walk on Saturday 6th May to raise funds for Pieta.

**AGM:** The annual general meeting of the Retired Civil & Public Servants Association (Mayo branch) will take place in the Ellison Hotel, Castlebar on Thursday 30th March at 11am.

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

### Offertory Collection

17th March 2023  
€1,275

19th March 2023  
€1,855

**BEREAVEMENT COURSE:** A four-week course entitled "Understanding Grief— A Journey Towards Healing" will be held in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on April 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th at 8pm, presented by Monica Morley. Admission is free but booking is essential by calling 094 9375320.

**THREE TENORS CONCERT:** The popular Three Tenors will be performing live at the Friary Church, Ballyhaunis on Saturday 29th April at 8pm. Enjoy a great night of entertainment, with popular songs for everyone—from the Dubliners to Andrea Bocelli. Tickets now on sale at McHugh's Café, Main St, The Gem Costcutters, Bridge St and online at EventBrite.ie - the proceeds will go to the Friary Preservation Fund. Special guests on the night include the Scoil Íosa NS Choir and Knock NS Choir. Volunteers are needed to help out with the concert, and a meeting to form an Organising Meitheal will take place in the Friary House next Tuesday 28th March at 8pm. Enquiries to 087 2996228.

**ENABLE IRELAND— VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:** Enable Ireland is currently recruiting volunteers to work with children with a disability throughout Co Mayo—if you have some free time and might like to assist. Volunteers usually work one-to-one with a child within their home, but also within their community or at the centre in Castlebar. No previous experience necessary, and training is provided. For more details, contact Fiona at 087 6808350 or email [fscully@enableireland.ie](mailto:fscully@enableireland.ie)

**ACCORD WEBINAR:** A webinar designed to address the current challenges facing host families and those supporting Ukrainian refugees will be held next Tuesday evening 28th March at 7.30pm. More information on [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie)

**GAMBLING SUPPORT:** The Gambling Therapy and Support Service offers free and confidential support, counselling and advice to those with a gambling problem, or their loved ones. Located in Boyle Family Resource Centre. For details, call 086 0597441 or email [gamblingsupport@boylefrfc.ie](mailto:gamblingsupport@boylefrfc.ie)

**PASSION PLAY AT BALLINTUBBER ABBEY:** This is the 33rd anniversary of the Passion Play, involving the people of Ballintubber. Taking place on 3rd, 4th & 5th April at 9pm each evening. Bring suitable clothes, as the dramatisation takes place outdoors.

**GOOD FRIDAY CLEAN-UP** will take place in Ballyhaunis on Friday 7th April, in conjunction with National Spring Clean 2023. Bags, gloves & pickers will be available from 9.30am that morning at the Community Hall, and facilities will be provided to dispose of all the litter collected. Ballyhaunis Tidy Towns invites local clubs, organisations, residents' associations and neighbourhood groups to come together and carry out a litter pick in their own local area. Your support is appreciated.

**CHY3 CERTIFICATES:** For those who received a CHY3 form in the post in January, it's important that any outstanding certificates be returned **as soon as possible** to the Parish Office, as a return is being prepared for Revenue. This tax rebate scheme is of considerable benefit to the parish. Once completed the CHY3 forms are valid for 5 years.

**EASTER PARADE:** The Ballyhaunis Festival & Events Committee is inviting businesses, clubs, organisations and schools to enter a float or marching band in the Easter Parade, which takes place on Easter Monday 10th April, with prizes for the best floats. Call 094 96 30311.