

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

GREETING

In the name of the Father Amen.
The Lord be with you. *And with your spirit.*

PENITENTIAL ACT

Have mercy on us, O Lord.
For we have sinned against you.
Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ,

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING *Joshua 5: 9-12*

A reading from the book of Joshua
The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'
The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Ps 33: 2-7*

R. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. [R]
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. [R]
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. [R]

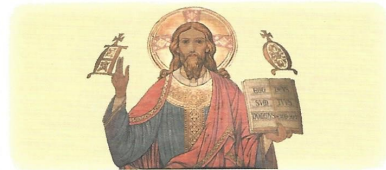
SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21
A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone,

and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The word of the Lord.
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.' Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus!

GOSPEL *Luke 15:1-3. 11-32*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the Father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer

deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

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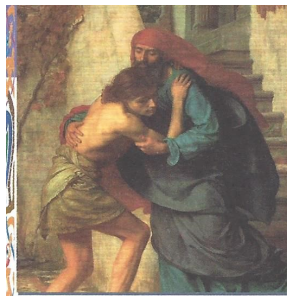
I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
All bow for following two lines:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. 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

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world.
Through Christ our Lord.



focus on sunday

Today's gospel has been called "the best short story in the world's literature." Allow the story of the prodigal son draw you into God's loving forgiveness.



"...he was lost and is found."

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.
Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE SIGN OF PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And with your spirit.

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

You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendour of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity.
Through Christ our Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

Look upon those who call to you, O Lord, and sustain the weak; give life by your unfailing light to those who walk in the shadow of death, and bring those rescued by your mercy from every evil to reach the highest good.
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.



This is one of the best known stories of the bible or indeed of literature. We wonder who it is really about.

Is it about the son who went away, repented and came back, just to be home, ready to eat humble pie and he got the fatted calf?

The father, who welcomed him after he had spent all the family money and greeted him with bear hugs on his return? The elder son who had enough sense to get upset at the return of the brother but not enough love to join in the homecoming? The mother who is not mentioned but is there, probably in tears that the youngster is back safe? There were onlookers who probably thought he would get his comeuppance and were amazed but delighted at the forgiveness. Or the onlookers who said, 'sure he'll be off soon again, he was never any good'?

This was the sort of story Jesus loved. He probably had people in mind whom he knew as he told the story. Like the people who watch local plays, the hearers could have known who he was talking about!

We know who he is talking about! He's talking about you and me. Who do you or I identify with in the story? No matter which it is, - the father of welcome, the son who strayed and came back, the elder full of resentment, the mother of joy, the onlooker who rejoiced or the cynical one who could not believe the celebrations. No matter which, the eye of Jesus will look on each of us with love, companionship and forgiveness.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those, or try to forgive those, or pray for those who sin against us.

Donal Neary SJ, (editor Sacred Heart Messenger)

Jesus' Story

Liam Hickey

God's Love Story today was painted by a great artist. The artist shows a young boy, who ran away from home with his father's money, and he lived a wild life in the city. Now the boy is dressed in rags and says to himself ...I'll go back home, maybe my father will accept me. The Father has two big arms waiting to welcome his son home. The Father doesn't notice his rags or tattered shoes, He says "let's have a Party. God is that Father."

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th MARCH 2022

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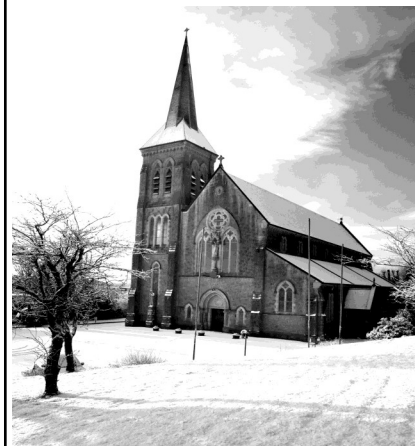
Local Safeguarding Representative (LSR) Jacinta Flynn, (contact the parish office)

Emergency numbers:

Knock: 094-9388100

Fr. Feeney, Ballinlough: 094-9640155

Fr. McGuinness, Bekan: 094-9313937



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm

Sunday: 10.00am. 12.00 noon

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 28th MARCH - 3rd APRIL 2022

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

Kieran Webb, Tooraree & Brickens

Austin Grogan, Doctor's Road

Bill & Rosaleen Eagney, Clare St.

Patricia Muldoon (née Biesty), Aughnacloy, & decd. of the Biesty & Muldoon families

John Darcy & decd. Brackloon East & Mulranny

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

Helen, Thomas & Bridget Meehan & decd. Curries, & Dolores King, Ballagherreen

Sunday 3rd April 10.00 Month's Mind: Sean Greally, Birmingham

(also remembering his parents Luke & May and his brother Gerry)

28 Mar - 3 April	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Mary Freeley
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Joe Byrne, Lorraine Waldron
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Mary Sykes, Eileen Lynch
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Alex Eaton	Tim Byrne, Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan
Sunday 10.00am.	Maura Murphy	Mary Murphy, Willie Broderick, Margie Gallagher
Sunday 12.00	Brendan Donnellan	Anne Carney, Helene McCafferty, Gilmar Neves

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community
Michaela Rose Connors, 28 Aisling Drive
Patrick James Daly, 29 Cherryfield

Offertory Collection

20th March 2022
€1,455

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contributions either by envelope or by direct debit. Envelopes can be returned at any of the daily Masses or 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

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>

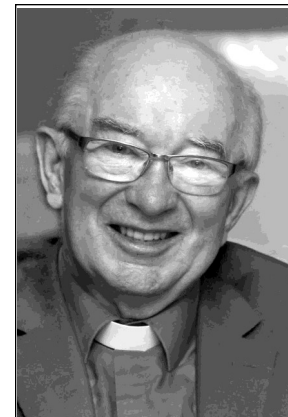
Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

Copies of the Irish Catholic newspaper are available at the back of the church. Cost €2.50, please place money in the nearby candelabra.

ACCORD is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie. Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September.

This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need www.accord.ie

MOTHER'S DAY: We wish all the Mothers in our parish
a very happy Mother's Day!



FR. JOE COONEY MEMORIAL

MASS: At the 12 o'clock Mass today, Sunday 27th March, we honour the memory of Fr. Joe and celebrate his contribution to the parish during his years among us.

ADORATION CHAPEL: The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is now open for Adoration, and the Adoration Committee would welcome adorers to commit to an hour or a length of time of their choice on Fridays from 10.30am. - 7.00pm.

The committee will set up a rota for adorers shortly. Adorers who pop in in their own time are asked to please open the flaps to expose the Blessed Sacrament if they so wish, and to close them on leaving if nobody else is present. Please also sanitise your seating and kneeling area when leaving.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE: The Irish Bishops have asked for a Special Collection to be taken up at Masses this weekend, 26/27 March, to support humanitarian efforts in Ukraine and especially the families and children who have had to flee their homeland in advance of the Russian invasion.

The proceeds of this Special Collection will be directed to Caritas Internationalis, which is the helping hand of the Church on the ground in the Ukraine and the surrounding region. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you.

GUIDANCE ON WEARING FACE COVERINGS:

The following is the text of a letter received from Archbishop Francis Duffy

Dear Father,

You will, like me, have been startled by the sudden multiplication of Covid-19 infections in recent days. Among those who have been infected, and therefore required to self-isolate, are a number of our priests. I pray that they will recover fully and speedily. In the meantime, I thank those priests who stepped in at short notice to provide cover for our sick colleagues.

While the public health restrictions have been relaxed, I feel it would be prudent for those gathering in our churches to be advised to continue to wear face coverings for the time being. Public health personnel and experts on infectious diseases have explained that since the coronavirus is airborne, the wearing of face coverings is helpful in reducing the risk of spreading the infection to others.

As we have seen in the past, parishioners appreciate clear guidance, and they have demonstrated their willingness to cooperate with sanitising and face covering protocols throughout the pandemic. I feel this guidance will receive a similar welcome and cooperation.

With every good wish and blessing,

Francis Duffy, Archbishop of Tuam

COFFEE/TEA MORNING in aid of Hurling For Hope will be hosted by Mary & Jimmy Walsh, Knockbrack, on Saturday 2nd April, 10.00am. - 4.00pm.

SCOIL ÍOSA: Enrolment of new pupils for the 2022/2023 year is now open. Enrolment forms are available at the school or by emailing: iosaballyhaunis@gmail.com

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

An information leaflet has been issued by the Archdiocese of Tuam and is available in the church porch.



The Synodal Pathway
of the Catholic Church in Ireland

ABBEY PARTNERSHIP: Would you like to give a little back to your community? The Abbey Partnership is looking for people with IT and/or graphic design/marketing skills to help design some flyers and a website, to share awareness of the history and the facilities - community garden, playground, meeting rooms, etc. of the Friary with the wider community. They would be delighted to work with people based locally and /or people from the area who may be working further afield. Please send a message if you can help or email: ballyhaunisabbey@gmail.com

NATIONAL TREE WEEK: The Abbey Partnership, which manages the Friary and grounds for the community, will plant two birch trees and some white thorns on Wednesday 30th March at 12.30pm to mark Irish Tree Council National Tree Week. We welcome anyone who'd like to join to find us at the Community Garden (behind Friary House) at 12.30pm on Wednesday. Spread the word!

ST. PATRICK'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY presents Ken Ludwig's hilarious play 'Lend me a Tenor' in Tooreen Hall on Saturday, Sunday & Monday, 26th, 27th & 28th March at 8.30pm SHARP. Doors open at 8.00pm.

MAYO CANCER SUPPORT is seeking participants for the West of Ireland Women's Mini Marathon, taking place on 1st May, to help raise vital funds for local cancer support services. For more information please contact 094 9038407.

WEST BE WELL is an online mental health resource for Galway, Mayo and Roscommon. West Be Well is happy to share news, events, and resources of relevance on its website and social media channels. It promotes timely, safe, evidence-based mental health messages and local and national mental health supports and services by the HSE or other state-funded services as well as mental health and suicide prevention education and training programmes and events across a multi-channel digital platform. The West Be Well website is a key feature of this platform, and contains a wealth of general wellness-related information pertaining to topical issues like health and wellbeing, anxiety, and grief. It also includes a dedicated section about young people and mental health issues. For more information contact comms@westbewell.ie

CENSUS 2022: The Census will take place on Sunday 3rd April 2022. The census results are widely used across all sectors of society. They provide vital information to help plan for services such as health, education, transport, childcare, and care of the elderly in our communities now and into the future.

If you or someone you know needs help filling out their census form the offices of MSLTB, Further Education Centre, Enterprise Centre, Ballyhaunis, are making their offices/staff available to assist people on Tuesday 29th March, 2.00 - 4.00pm.

CROÍ, THE HEART & STROKE CHARITY: Join Croí and leading experts for a public webinar, Living Well with Cardiovascular Disease: Women's Heart Health and Menopause. The free webinar takes place online using Zoom on Thursday, March 31st, 7.00 - 8.00pm. Register at www.croi.ie/webinar, or call 091-544310.