

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days.**

**PENITENTIAL ACT**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
 Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**  
 You bring light to those in darkness:  
 Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**  
 May almighty God have mercy on us.  
**Amen.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

Grant, almighty God, through the yearly observances of holy Lent, that we may grow in understanding of the riches hidden in Christ and by worthy conduct pursue their effects.  
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7**

**A reading from the book of Genesis**  
 The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 50: 3-6, 12-14, 17**

**R. Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
 for we have sinned.**

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]**

- My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. **[R]**
- 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]**
- Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. **[R]**

**SECOND READING Romans 5:12-19**

**(or \*5:12,17-19 Shorter Form) A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**  
*\*Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned.\* Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.*

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. *\*If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.\**

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Praise to you, O Christ,  
 king of eternal glory!  
 Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
 Praise to you, O Christ,  
 king of eternal glory!**



**GOSPEL Matthew 4:1 - 11**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.**  
 Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the

wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after 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.

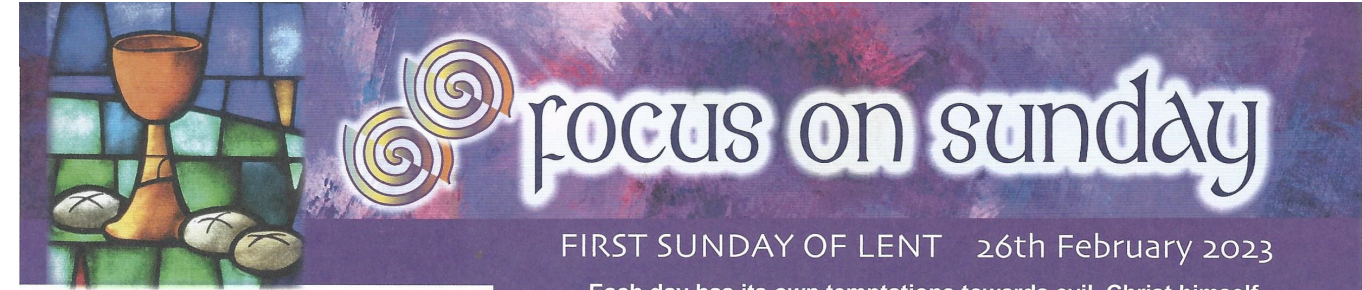
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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.



**focus on sunday**

Each day has its own temptations towards evil. Christ himself was tempted away from good and from what he knew was best in life. As the angels looked after him in his temptation, so he and his saints look after us in ours.



**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**

Give us the right dispositions, O Lord, we pray, to make these offerings, for with them we celebrate the beginning of this venerable and sacred time. 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.**

**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**

**One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Renewed now with heavenly bread, by which faith is nourished, hope increased, and charity strengthened, we pray, O Lord, that we may learn to hunger for Christ, the true and living Bread, which proceeds from your mouth. Through Christ our Lord.

**PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

May bountiful blessing, O Lord, we pray, come down upon your people, that hope may grow in tribulation, virtue be strengthened in temptation, and eternal redemption be assured. 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.**



I was driving and pulled up at the traffic lights. I shared the space with a few other cyclists. A car was pulling across the road and was let into the space by a kindly motorist. When he pulled into the queue of traffic his bumper was ever so slightly in the cycling lane. Not a problem; no one wanted his tail end sticking out on on-coming traffic on the other side of the road. There was a courteous facilitation of his plight.

A cyclist appeared out of nowhere. He stopped and uttered some very colourful expletives to the motorist. Other cyclists, looked at one another, wondering what his problem was and then watched with amazement at what happened next. Having finished his tirade he belted off, breaking two red lights within a hundred yards of each other. The reflection is not about the merits of cycling nor is it the foundation of one of the many discussions that are had on the airwaves between motorists and cyclists.

This reflection is more about anger. There is a lot of it about. You don't have to be long on the road whether you are on a bike, in a car, or some other vehicle to spot anger, even to feel it. I suppose people get angry because they feel someone is in their way or they do something that the person who gets angry considers to be foolish. Maybe we do get in others' way or maybe we do foolish things, but an angry response normally helps no one. As a matter of fact, anger begets anger and even provokes more of it so it doesn't go away, and it can leave us feeling sorry for ourselves or even a feeling a little self-righteous – I'm right and the whole world is wrong.

Traditionally in Lent we've given up things or we've done other things to help us on our spiritual journey -this Lent why not watch the anger levels, remembering of course that not all anger is unjustified, and in the face of wrongdoing righteous anger can have a place but it can't last for ever..

*Donal Neary SJ (Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger)*

**Jesus' Story**

*Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus was tempted to be selfish, and make food for himself, to do magic and be noticed, and have a lot of money. I bring Love, Jesus said, because God is Love. Only love makes us really happy. With love there is always giving with our hearts to help others. Everyday we can help at home, at work, and travelling on the road. Lord, You accepted temptation to bless us.

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 27th Feb.—5th March 2023

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

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John, Mary, Paraic & Siobhán Cleary, Johnstown

Frank Connolly, Devlis

Flan Moroney, Abbeyquarter

Antanas Kucinkas, The Maples

Breege Moran, Devlis

Patrick Freeley & decd. of the Freeley family, Gurteen

Eugene & Mary Carney & decd. Holywell

John Joe Philbin & decd. of the Philbin family

Margaret & Mick O'Connell, Upper Main St.

Mary & Stephen Griffin & John Mullen, Tavnaghmore

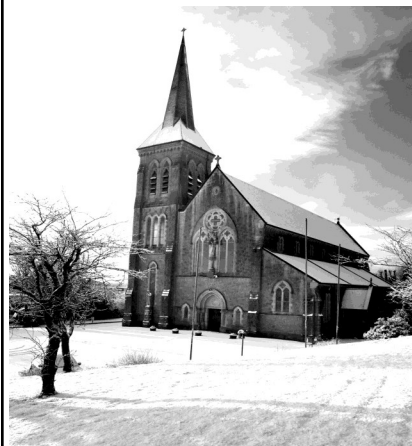
Michael, Catherine & Bertie Curley, Clare St.

Michael & Mary Webb & decd. Main St.

Pat O'Brien & decd, Knox St.

Michael Murray & decd. Doctors' Road

Anthony Coyne & decd. Leenane



### 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

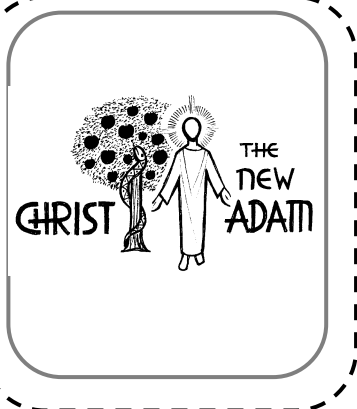
### BAPTISMS

First Saturday & third Sunday

of the month at 11.00am.

Minimum of four weeks'

notice required. Contact the parish office, 094-9630006.



27 Feb—5th Mar.	READERS	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice	Marion Regan, Irene Healy
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield	Margaret Tarpey, Helen Freeley
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly	Marie Brennan, Mary Sykes
Friday	Willie Broderick	Kay Curley, Eileen Jordan
Saturday 7.30pm	Marie Jordan	Frances Mulhern, Seamus Mulrennan, Justina Lyons, Paul Sykes
Sunday 10am	Ann Durkan	Mary Murphy, Mary Freeley, Breege Halpin, Aileen Burke
<b>COLLECTORS FOR MARCH</b>		
Sat. 7.30pm	Hugh Rudden, Pdraic Regan, Kieran Connolly, Seamus Coffey	
Sun. 10am	Bernie Quinn, Mike Griffin, Tom Finn, Richard Waldron	
<b>MASS SERVERS FOR MARCH</b>		
Sat. 7.30pm	Team A: Cathal, Katie & Niamh Conlon, Cara Walsh	
Sunday 10am	Team B: Evan & Olivia Feeney, Tomas Picarra, Darren Nkongho, Auguste Armonaviciute	

**Recently Deceased**—We remember in our prayers  
Patrick Flannery, St. Gerard's Crescent;  
Ann Dillon (née Smith), Claremorris—wife of Paddy Dillon  
formerly of The Square

**Offertory Collection**  
19th February 2023  
€2,215

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).

### Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Faith Community  
Seamie Kenny Waldron,  
Bracklaghboy

**LENT:** As this is the first Sunday in Lent, parishioners are reminded that packs containing a Trócaire box and information on this year's Lenten campaign are available in the Church porch - please take one home and make a contribution to help those suffering hunger and injustice in many parts of the world. This year's Trócaire box features the Mahat family who were forced to flee their home in Somalia due to a fourth consecutive year of drought which has ravaged the country. This is one of 16 countries around the world where Trócaire - which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year - has long-term programmes

### FAITH RENEWAL EVENTS AT KNOCK SHRINE:

**Lenten Reflections:** Weekly short talks will take place on Tuesday evenings at St John's Welcome Centre from 8 to 9pm.

March 7th: Kieran Cronin: "Laudato Si: St Francis and Prayer for Ecological Conversion."

March 14th: Jane Mellett: "Almsgiving: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor through Care for Creation".

March 21st: John Connell: "Living More Simply in a Complex World". More details available on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**EARTHQUAKE APPEAL:** Sincere thanks for your generosity following the devastating earthquakes in Turkey & Syria. The parish has forwarded your donations to the Jesuit Refugee Service and to members of the Syrian community in Ballyhaunis who have family members in the stricken area of Syria, and are ensuring that aid is being provided to those most in need.

**CONFIRMATION:** Children who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May are reminded that the third session of the preparation programme "You Shall Be My Witness..." is on Tuesday evening next 28th February at 8pm, with the final session on 14th March.

**GROW IN LOVE:** The preparation programme for children who will celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion continues at 7.30pm Mass **next Saturday evening 4th March**. Our focus this month is on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which all members of our parish family are invited to celebrate, particularly during Lent. Pope Francis urges us to "Be courageous and go to confession". He tells us, "Jesus [will be] there, and ...he will receive you with so much love!". First Confessions will take place here on Tues. 7th March at 7pm.

**CHY3 CERTIFICATES:** For those who received a CHY3 form (green-coloured) in the post last month, 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 forms are valid for a further 5 years. If you received a form and are **not** eligible for tax, please let us know.

**PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:** The Tuam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock, led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, will take place on Sunday 7th May. Ceremonies will commence at 2.30pm with Anointing of the Sick.

**NEW PPC:** Completed nomination forms for the new Parish Pastoral Council should be dropped into the box in the Church porch or the parish office this weekend. Nominees will be contacted in the coming week, and invited to an information meeting on 13th March where they can learn about what's involved in being a PPC member. Training will be provided.

**BEREAVEMENT COURSE:** A four-week course on "Understanding Grief - A Journey Towards Healing" will be held in St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine on Wednesday nights March 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th at 8pm. The course will be given by Monica Morley, and over the four evenings topics covered will include: how to best understand grief, managing difficult thoughts & feelings, where to find good support, and how to reach peace again. For more information or to book a place, call 094 93 75320.

**MARIAN MOVEMENT:** The monthly Cenacle of Prayer under the aegis of the Marian Movement of Priests will be held in St. Joseph's Church, Aghamore next Thursday 2nd March, commencing with Rosary at 6.15. Mass will be celebrated at 7pm. All welcome

**BALLYHAUNIS GAA** will hold a workshop entitled "The Effects of Substance Abuse on Sporting Performance" on Friday 3rd March in Scoil Íosa from 7pm to 9pm. The seminar is aimed at adolescents aged 16 & over as well as parents, coaches and the wider community. All welcome. For more information, email [healthofficerballyhaunis@gmail.com](mailto:healthofficerballyhaunis@gmail.com)

### LIVING WITH A LONG-TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

Living Well is a group programme delivered free of charge over six workshops (2.5 hours x 6). The programme is aimed at helping people manage their long-term health conditions (such as COPD, cancer, asthma, diabetes, stroke, heart conditions, MS, arthritis, Crohn's disease, chronic pain & depression) and improve their well-being. It's delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. The next online programme starts on 27th Feb, from 10.30am to 1pm on Mondays. Places are limited and must be booked in advance. Ring Liam on 086 0142675 or email [lgildea@southmayo.com](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**MAYO CANCER SUPPORT** would like to thank all who supported the recent Church Gate Collection in Ballyhaunis which raised €560, and thanks to the volunteers who assisted.

**FREE ELECTRICAL RECYCLING EVENT** hosted by WEEE Ireland and Mayo County Council will take place in Knox St. Car Park on Saturday 4th March from 10am to 4pm. Any household electrical items operated by a plug or battery that are at the end of their useful life can be accepted for recycling free of charge.

**GRETB DUNMORE:** To celebrate ETB Day, an open morning will take place at GRETB Dunmore next Wed. 1st March. Whether you're looking to return to work, update your CV or prepare for job interviews, come along between 10am & 12 noon for career guidance, confidence building or an informal chat.

**BIKE MAINTENANCE WORKSHOPS:** The first in a series of free monthly workshops on basic bicycle maintenance will take place in the Community Hall next Sat. 4th March from 10am to 1.45 pm. Organised by Ballyhaunis Community Council and funded by the Family Resource Centre, the classes aim to encourage more people to ride bicycles as a more sustainable and healthy form of transport and recreation. Places can be reserved by emailing [ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:ballyhauniscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)