

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.**

**GREETING**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**And with your spirit.**

**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.....

**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**

Almighty ever-living God, constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us, that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism may, under your protective care, bear much fruit and come to the joys of life eternal. Through our Lord....

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**FIRST READING Acts 9:26-31**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**  
When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took

him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps. 21:26-28. 30-32**

**R. You, Lord, are my praise in the great assembly. or Alleluia!**

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.  
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.  
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.  
May their hearts live for ever and ever! **(R)**
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,  
all families of the nations worship before him.  
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;  
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. **(R)**
3. And my soul shall live for him,  
my children serve him.  
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,  
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:  
'These things the Lord has done.' **(R)**

**SECOND READING 1 John 3:18-24**

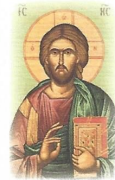
**A reading from the first letter of St. John**  
My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Make your home in me, as I make mine in you, says the Lord.**  
**Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty. Alleluia!**



**GOSPEL John 15: 1-8**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

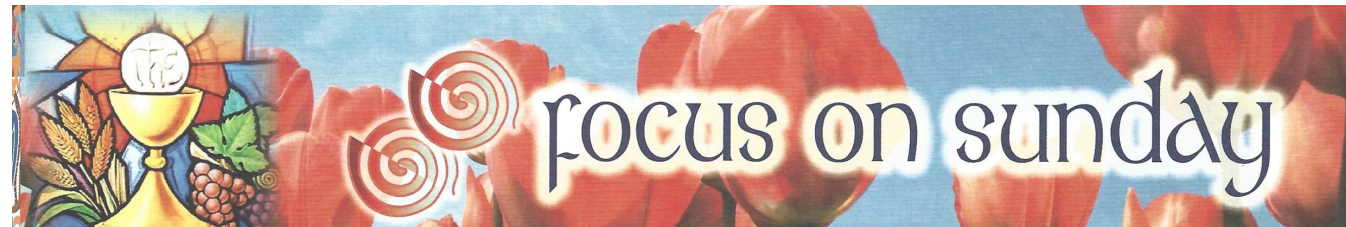
Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; - these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**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**

Jesus describes his relation to us like the closeness of a branch to a tree. We are brought to life in him, grow in him as people who can love each other, and become in him a people of eternal hope.



*I am the true vine...*

**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**

O God, who by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead, grant, we pray, that, as we have come to know your truth, we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.  
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.*  
When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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**

**I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.**  
**Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life.  
Through Christ our Lord.

**CONCLUDING RITE**

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.  
Go in peace. Thanks be to God.



Sometimes we have a good conversation; after it, and during it, we feel uplifted, alive, sometimes we have a good laugh, or a good cry. Different groups we meet with can give us this lift of the spirit. Jesus today in the gospel speaks about branches that do not remain part of the vine. They wither and they are thrown away. He is referring to himself and our relationship with him. Our relationship with Jesus can bring us to life because he is that sort of person. He appeals to the best in us and the real Jesus brings out the best in us.

When we come into relationship with Jesus, we are coming into new life. If the Jesus we experience is one who disapproves of us, keeps us down in ourselves, contributes to poor self-esteem, then this is not the real Jesus.

If we want to grow into good relationship with him, we notice how we feel with him and share that with him. Also, our relationship with him should reach out to others. 'Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty'. Someone once asked, how do I know I am praying right? The answer is not to get new methods of prayer, though these can help, but ask; what is your life like? Are you growing in compassion, justice, faith, good humour, and all the things that go to make up holiness?

The invitation today is to stay close to Jesus, as branches are close to the vine. We can do this by living the words of the Prophet: act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God. This is the following of Jesus.

*Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger*

**Jesu's Story** *Fr. Liam Hickey*

Jesus liked flowers, mountains, beautiful clouds and silvery water. Today Jesus is looking at the vine and its branches. The seed goes into dark, cold earth and it will be fed with sunshine and water. Jesus sees us like seeds of God. God Our Father gives us breath and life, and helps us to grow beautifully, like leaves on a tree. Every leaf is different. We learn to use our hands everyday. We hug, play games, do kind actions, help at home. We join our hands to say thanks to God.

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# ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

## PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd MAY 2021

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### ANNIVERSARY MASSES 3rd - 9th MAY 2021

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

Tom Connell, Redford

Madge & John Neary & decd. Knox St.

Mai & Mike Cummins & decd. of the Cummins & Crennigan families, Clooncan

James Patrick, John & Peggy Cruise, Knockback, & decd. of the Cruise & Dyer families

Tony & Joan Flynn, Abbeyquarter

Paddy Mangan, Kilsough, Scardaune

Anne Burke, Mayfield, Claremorris

Thomas Godfrey, Tullaghaune & decd. of the Godfrey & Cruise families, Logboy

Rosana Costa, Brazil

John, Maureen & Bob Ryan, Derrylahan

Patrick & Teresa Flanagan, Brenamore, Loughglynn

Brian & Mary Hunt, Derrynacong, & decd. of the Hunt & Kenny families

Delia, Thomas & Bill Walsh, Drimaderra, & decd. of the Walsh & Cunnane families

Ann & Patrick Keane, Knox St.

James, Delia & decd. of the Ruane family, Curries & Swinford, & decd. of the Murray family

Ann O'Beirne, Collooney, Co. Sligo

Patrick & Josephine Lyons, Brackloon Nth., Anne & Eamonn O'Reilly, Dublin, & decd. of the Lyons & O'Gorman families

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**Sunday 10.00am. First Anniversary:** Fr. J.J. Cribbin, Milltown & Ballyhaunis



### 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.



IF YOU ABIDE IN ME YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT

### Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers

John Cleary, Johnstown

Rosana Costa, Brazil, sister of Irene Nunes, Knox St.

Tom Moran, New York & formerly Hazelhill

### Offertory Collection

25th April 2021 €900

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

"It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: [info@vocations.ie](mailto:info@vocations.ie)

### 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

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 is being broadcast on Mid West Radio every Wednesday morning.

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

3rd - 9th MAY	READERS
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice
Tuesday	Tommy Caulfield
Wednesday	Mary Donnelly
Friday	Christina Concannon
Saturday 7.30pm.	Pat Curley
Sunday 10.00am.	Orla Phillips

### RE-OPENING OF OUR CHURCH FOR MASSES:

The government has announced the gradual reopening of our churches for Mass with in-person congregations. From Monday, May 10th up to fifty people are permitted in our church for Masses. This is great news and with God's help it will be the beginning of the further lifting of restrictions over the summer months as more and more people receive the Covid 19 vaccine. The reason it worked so smoothly the last time was because of the number of people who answered the call to volunteer as ushers, sanitisers and cleaners. We are very grateful and heartened that most of these volunteers are willing to resume duty. However, understandably, some are unable to volunteer this time round. We are issuing a fresh appeal for volunteers to help with ushering, cleaning and sanitising. It generally means helping out before, during and after Masses and funerals. If you are in a position to volunteer can you contact Fr Stephen or the parish office and we will include you in the roster of duty.

### CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (Primary)

St Angela's College, Sligo is inviting applications for the above part-time course beginning Autumn 2021 with online delivery. The course is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams and parish catechists who have a specific interest in the area of primary religious education may also apply.

Closing date for applications is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021. This date may be extended. For further information and application forms contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator, School of Education, St. Angela's College, Lough Gill, Sligo.

E. mkearns@stangelas.nuigalway.ie or visit [www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie](http://www.stangelas.nuigalway.ie)

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT (DIL) 2021** is a virtual event taking place on the morning of Saturday 8th May. There is still time to register on [www.darknessintolight.ie](http://www.darknessintolight.ie) Can we make Ballyhaunis Sunshine Yellow next weekend? Can you leave a light on in your window on the night 7th May showing people suffering with depression that there is light & they are not alone? The Message of Hope banner is now in Supervalu and please feel free to leave a message to remember a loved one no longer with us. The memory box will be beside the Tree of Hope from the 7th May if anyone walking would like to leave a note in it. Remember to be safe while doing your walk and make yourself very visible with hi-viz clothing and torches.

**LIVING WELL** is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. Next programmes commence on Tuesday 18th May & Wednesday 26th May. **You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants.** Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Liam Gildea on 087 349 0393 or by email at [liam.gildea@mayocil.ie](mailto:liam.gildea@mayocil.ie)

**BALLYHAUNIS LGFA** are delighted to return to play underage teams from April 26th. This year Ballyhaunis Ladies Gaelic Football are having an under 10s team. For information on training times and registration contact [ballyhaunis.mayo@lgfa.ie](mailto:ballyhaunis.mayo@lgfa.ie)

*The following is the final part of the letter sent by the Holy Father to participants in the Spring 2021 Meeting of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund, held online from 5 to 11 April 2021 (contd.)*



Central to a just and integrated development is a profound appreciation of the essential objective and end of all economic life, namely the universal common good. It follows that public money may never be disjoined from the public good, and financial markets should be underpinned by laws and regulations aimed at ensuring that they truly work for the common good. A commitment to economic, financial and social solidarity thus entails much more than engaging in sporadic acts of generosity. "It means thinking and acting in terms of community. It means that the lives of all are prior to the appropriation of goods by a few. It also means combatting the structural causes of poverty, inequality, the lack of work, land and housing, the denial of social and labour rights... Solidarity, understood in its most profound meaning, is a way of making history" (Fratelli Tutti, 116).

It is time to acknowledge that markets - particularly the financial ones - do not govern themselves. Markets need to be underpinned by laws and regulations that ensure they work for the common good, guaranteeing that finance - rather than being merely speculative or financing itself - works for the societal goals so much needed in the context of the present global healthcare emergency. In this regard, we especially need a justly financed vaccine solidarity, for we cannot allow the law of the marketplace to take precedence over the law of love and the health of all. Here, I reiterate my call to government leaders, businesses and international organizations to work together in providing vaccines for all, especially for the most vulnerable and needy (cf. Urbi et Orbi Message, Christmas Day 2020). It is my hope that in these days your formal deliberations and your personal encounters will bear much fruit for the discernment of wise solutions for a more inclusive and sustainable future. A future where finance is at the service of the common good, where the vulnerable and the marginalized are placed at the centre, and where the earth, our common home, is well cared for. In offering my prayerful best wishes for the fruitfulness of the meetings, I invoke upon all taking part God's blessings of wisdom and understanding, good counsel, strength and peace.

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**ARMCHAIR AZURE TOURS:** A series of free visual arts tours will take place at 11.00am. on the following dates: May 04th and 17th | June 07th hosted by Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues. Tours are one-hour long and are guided by a trained dementia inclusive facilitator who will guide participants through a selection of visual artworks while actively encouraging conversation and responses to each work. People are welcome to share the tour with a family member, a friend or a carer. Contact Kattriona Gillespie, Mayo County Council Arts Service at [mayoarts@mayococo.ie](mailto:mayoarts@mayococo.ie) or phone 094 9064666 for details.

**COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE ALONE** manages a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8.00am. - 8.00pm. by calling 0818 222 024.