

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
 You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia

GREETING

The Lord be with you. 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,
 forgive us our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

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

O God, who on this day, through your Only Begotten Son, have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity, grant, we pray, that we who keep the solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection may, through the renewal brought by your Spirit, rise up in the light of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34. 37-43.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
 Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people

but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses - we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead - and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps.117:1-2.16-17.22-23

**R. This day was made by the Lord;
 we rejoice and are glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' (R)
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. (R)
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R)

SECOND READING Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians
 Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended; combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign. Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose; I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know. Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our passover has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20: 1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said, 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

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

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

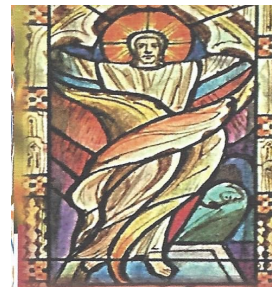
Dear brothers and sisters, through the Paschal Mystery we have been buried with Christ in Baptism, so that we may walk with him in newness of life. And so, now that our Lenten observance is concluded, let us renew the promises of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and his works and promised to serve God in the holy Catholic Church. And so I ask you:

- P. Do you renounce Satan? C. I do.
 P. And all his works? C. I do.
 P. And all his empty show? C. I do.
 P. Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth? C. I do.
 P. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? C. I do.
 P. Do you 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? C. I do.
 P. And may almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and bestowed on us forgiveness of our sins, keep us by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord, for eternal life. Amen.

The priest may sprinkle the people with the blessed water, while all sing:

Antiphon

I saw water flowing from the Temple, from its right-hand side, alleluia; and all to whom this water came were saved and shall say: Alleluia, alleluia.



focus on sunday

**A day of hope: of flowers and candles, new colour and new light.
 A day of smiles and of friendship, new joy and new companionship in Christ. A day of hope for those who suffer and who are sad.
 A day which promises the victory of God's love over sin and death.**

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

Exultant with paschal gladness, O Lord, we offer the sacrifice by which your Church is wondrously reborn and nourished. 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.
 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.
 Save us, Saviour of the world,
 for by your Cross and Resurrection
 you have set us free.

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

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Look upon your Church, O God, with unfailling love and favour, so that, renewed by the paschal mysteries, she may come to the glory of the resurrection. 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, alleluia, alleluia.
 Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.



They must have got quite a shock, Peter and John. What did they expect coming to the tomb? They had got news from Mary that it was empty. That was the first shock and then the second shock when they saw that the tomb was just empty - there were no signs of robbery or violence to explain the empty tomb.

Like the shock of losing a child in town, of losing money, of being let down by someone we trust. The shock for the apostles stopped them for a while; then, on looking at the empty tomb they remembered he said he would rise from the dead.


Let the resurrection shock us! The Jesus who was killed has been proved the Victor.

But it's ordinary. He said to them later he would just go ahead of them to Galilee. Back to normal but all would be different now. They would realize that the same Jesus who died will be with them forever. He will be with us forever in whatever crises or difficulties we face.

Mary said 'we don't know where they have put him'. But we know where they have put him - right into the middle of his people. Where we gather the risen Lord is with us - encouraging us, forgiving us, calling us into his loving service.

Lord Jesus risen from the dead, be our way our truth and our life.

Donal Neary SJ, Editor, Sacred Heart Messenger.



Jesus' Story Fr. Liam Hickey

Let us look at The Christ Candle. It is studded with nails, full of colours, with a lighted flame. It tells us that Jesus died and is alive again through His Spirit. He is full of light, with blessing for us, and all the world. When we light a candle, the Risen Spirit of Jesus is with us, helping us through all that happens, in our lives.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, BALLYHAUNIS

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ANNIVERSARY MASSES 5th - 11th APRIL 2021

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

Robert & Philomena Fox, Carrowreagh

Mary Teresa McHale, Ballinlough

Anne Hunt & decd. Lecarrow

Nicholas Commons & decd. Aghamore

Michael Morley & decd. Knox St. & Carrowreagh

John Neenan & decd. Coolnafarna

Peggy Henry, Upper Main St.

Mary Browne & decd. Coolnafarna

John & Mary Patterson & Michael Jarlath Patterson, Ballybane, Ballinlough

George & Lilian Delaney, Abbey St., & their sons Paddy & George, Bridge St. & Coolnaha

Denis & Ea Hannan, Bridge, St., their son Raymond & daughter Audrey Dignam

Msgr. Terence Nolan, Tooreen & San Antonio, Texas, Margaret & Mike Nolan, Tooreen

William & Mary Kelly & decd. Began

Tony & Nell Waldron & decd. Holywell

Sunday 10.00am. First Anniversary

Msgr. Terence Nolan, San Antonio, Texas & Tooreen

5th - 11th APRIL	READERS
Monday	Martin Fitzmaurice
Tuesday	Christina Concannon
Wednesday	Tommy Caulfield
Friday	Willie Broderick
Saturday 7.30pm.	John Doyle
Sunday 10.00am.	Willie Ryan

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 Sunday will be broadcast on Mid West Radio for the month of April. The 10 o'clock Mass is being broadcast on Mid West Radio every Wednesday morning.

Recently Deceased

We remember in our prayers
Sean Hyland, Knock, brother of
Maureen Durkin, Classaroe

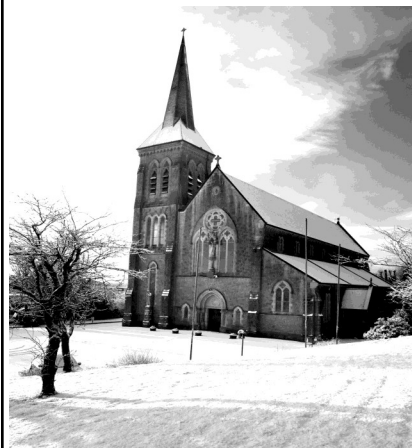
Please use the lighters for lighting candles as the hand sanitiser is highly flammable.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: Sincere thanks to all who are returning their weekly contribu-

tions 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

PRIESTS' EASTER COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all who have already returned their Easter Collection envelopes or paid by bank transfer. Envelopes can be dropped through the letterbox of the Parochial House at any time. If you wish to set up a direct debit the account details for the Easter Collection are: Ballyhaunis Parish Church, Priests Account. BIC: ULSB IE 2D. IBAN: IE59 ULSB 9852 7005 520 114.

The bank account details are printed on the back of the envelopes.



MASSES:

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday, Friday 10.00am.

Saturday Evening Vigil: 7.30pm.

Sunday: 10.00am.

CONFESSIONS:

Before Saturday Vigil Mass

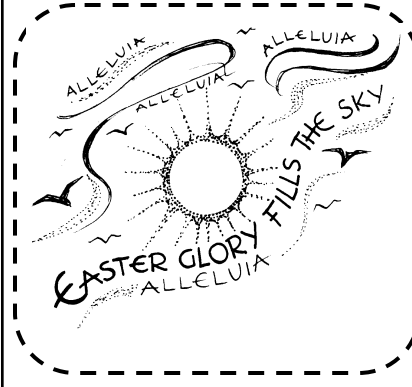
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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.



TRÓCAIRE: There has been a very generous response to the Trócaire collection during the past week - thank you for your generosity. Any outstanding contributions can be dropped in the letterbox of the Parochial House during the coming week.

33 DAY ACT OF CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH

continues along side the rosary at 9.00pm. each evening and will conclude on 1st May, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

This present year has been designated as a year dedicated to St Joseph by Pope Francis.

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

ARMCHAIR AZURE TOURS IN MAYO:

Mayo County Council Arts Service in partnership with local arts venues is delighted to announce Armchair Azure, a new series of free Dementia Inclusive Friendly virtual visual art tours. For those living with dementia, the virtual visual art tours are an accessible way of engaging with art online. 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.

Tours will take place at 11am on the following dates:

April 19th and 26th | May 04th and 17th | June 07th

Contact Katriona Gillespie, Mayo County Council Arts Service at mayoarts@mayococo.ie or phone 094 9064666 with any queries.

This KEEP WELL campaign is brought to you with thanks to Healthy Ireland - an initiative of the Government of Ireland with funding from the Healthy Ireland Fund and the Sláintecare fund delivered by Pobal.

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.

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 14th 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

The sick, the poor, those who are rejected from this world are the crucified of our time, Pope Francis said during the General Audience on Wednesday morning, 31 March, the eve of the Easter Triduum



In the darkness of Holy Saturday, joy and light will break through with the rites of the Easter Vigil and, in the late evening, the festive hymn of the Hallelujah. It will be the encounter in faith with the Risen Christ, and the joy of Easter will continue for all throughout the following 50 days, until the coming of the Holy Spirit. He who was crucified is risen! All questions and uncertainties, hesitations and fears are dispelled by this revelation. The Risen One gives us the certainty that good always triumphs over evil, that life always conquers death, and that it is not our end to descend lower and lower, from sorrow to sorrow, but rather to rise up high. The Risen One is the confirmation that Jesus is right in everything: in promising us life beyond death and forgiveness beyond sins.

The disciples doubted, they did not believe. The first to believe and to see was Mary Magdalene; she was the apostle of the resurrection who went to announce that she had seen Jesus, who had called her by name. And then, all the disciples saw him. But, I would like to linger on this point: the guards, the soldiers, who were at the sepulchre to prevent the disciples from coming and taking his body, saw him; they saw him alive and risen. His enemies saw him, and then they pretended not to have seen him. Why? Because they were paid. Here is the true mystery of what Jesus once said: "There are two masters in the world, two, no more: two. God and money. He who serves money is against God". And here it was money that changed reality. They had seen the wonder of the resurrection, but they were paid to keep quiet. Let us think of the many times that Christian men and women were paid not to acknowledge in practice the resurrection of Christ, and they did not do what Christ asked us to do, as Christians.

Dear brothers and sisters, this year too we will live the Easter celebrations in the context of the pandemic. In many situations of suffering, especially when they are borne by persons, families and peoples already tried by poverty, disasters or conflicts, Christ's Cross is like a beacon that indicates the port to ships that are still afloat on stormy seas. Christ's Cross is the sign of hope that does not disappoint; and it tells us that not even one tear, not one sigh is lost in God's plan of salvation. Let us ask the Lord to grant us the grace to serve him and acknowledge him, and to not allow ourselves to be paid to forget him.

CALLING IRISH CENTENARIANS! Are you or someone you know aged 100 years or older? Athlone Institute of Technology is currently researching the lives lived by Irish centenarians and is actively looking for participants. Contact Alison via email at a.fagan@research.ait.ie for more information on this project.

