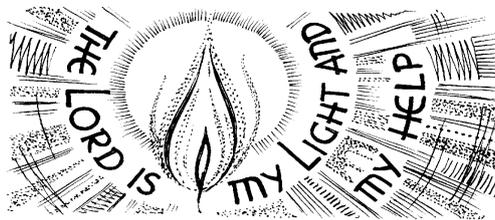


# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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## FROM SETBACK TO SPRINGBOARD

The country singer/ songwriter Garth Brooks released a song in 1990 entitled 'One of God's greatest gifts is unanswered prayers. To be convinced of this is easier said than done these present days, as after unceasing prayers for the end of the coronavirus over the past 10 months, we are still left with this nasty third wave.

Yet we all we know of good outcomes for many people in life after a preceding disappointment or set back. How many are happy in a job, house, or marriage only after a previous failed job interview, house bid or relationship. Whilst many people indeed have very heavy crosses to bear, when things sometimes don't work out for us as we'd like them to, somehow another door often opens for us to even greater things.

As we begin this church year we start reading and listening to the Gospel or Good News of St. Mark each Sunday. However, I often think the greatest preachers of the Gospel (Good News) are not necessarily priests, deacons or religious sisters but rather those in our communities who have had huge setbacks and tragedies in life but without denying their loss, are able to be positive, hopeful and faith filled in the middle of it all. In addition to this, some of these people in turn through the working through of their own experience, often offer hope, encouragement and good news to others.

It's interesting that our gospel this Sunday starts with an account of a huge setback: The arrest of John the Baptist. Yet it was this event that proved to be the springboard for Jesus as he began his ministry with great momentum as he calls the first disciples from their fishing boats.

The challenge for us is to see God at work in our lives in the most unlikely places and events and often in our crosses.

So, in these days of hardship as we still grapple with the cross of pandemic, and perhaps other crosses too, let us surprisingly believe this also a time of gift. We pray in the words of St. Paul that the 'Lord may enlighten the eyes of our mind so we can see what hope his call holds for us.' (*Ephesians 1: 17-18*). Amen.

*Fr. Kevin*

### **Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Gerald Hoare Denis Doran & deceased family
TUESDAY	11 am	John Gillooly Kathleen Feely
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Mary (Ciss) Mulryan
THURSDAY	11 am	Michael O' Connor
FRIDAY	11 am	Tom Corcoran (1st Anniversary)
SATURDAY	11am	Tom & Pauline Mullen Special Intention
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass



We also remember John Chechet Zaggi (1st Anniversary), Helen O' Sullivan, Ellen, Michael & Tom Mongan & deceased family, & Sr. Nora Fitzmaurice whose anniversaries occur around this time.



**RECENT DEATH:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -

**Andrew Hanley**, Hawthorn Drive, Roscommon Town.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to his bereaved family and friends.

**UPDATE**

Masses will be broadcast on [www.churchtv.ie/roscommon](http://www.churchtv.ie/roscommon) and parish radio 105.9FM during this level 5 of restrictions at the following times:

Monday- Friday 11.00am,

Saturday- 11.00am and 7.00pm (Vigil),

Sunday -11.30am.

The Parish Office is open for telephone calls (090-6626298), text (087 7903324) and emails ([roscommonparish3@gmail.com](mailto:roscommonparish3@gmail.com)) from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Sacred Heart Church remains open for private prayer: Monday to Saturday 8.30am- 10.30am and 12pm -5pm and Sunday: 1pm- 5pm.

Likewise, Kiltewan Church will be open every day from 10.30am to 7.30pm for private prayer

Happy New Year, stay safe and every health and blessing for 2021!

### **COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage 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, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**.

### **Catholic Schools Week 2021**

Catholic Schools Week 2021 will be celebrated from 24 - 31 January. The theme this year is 'Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith and Resilience'. As we live through an unprecedented time of challenge and uncertainty, our faith and our resilience can be tested. We can ask questions like 'Will things ever be the same again?', 'When can we get back to normality?', 'Where is God in all of this?' In response to this, we reflect upon how Catholic schools are communities of faith and resilience. In Catholic schools, we are called to support each other and to have faith in the promise of the Good News. [www.catholicschools.ie](http://www.catholicschools.ie)