

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

### Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

**FOUND:** A sum of money was found in the vicinity of the Church last weekend. Please contact the parish office.

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Special Intention
TUESDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Burgoyne family
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Paddy Earley
FRIDAY	11 am	Eileen Haughey ( <i>3rd Anniversary</i> )
SATURDAY	11 am	Vincent & Peggy Fagan Padraic Dunne Michael & Nan Kelly Kathleen Kelly
	7 pm	Bernadette (Bernie) Harte (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Anne Wright (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Sr. Raphael Wynn whose anniversary occurs around this time.



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -

**Josephine (Josie) McCrossan (formerly Wright, née Hevican)**, Lus Leana, Roscommon Town and Birmingham, England.

**Mary Duane (née Penney)** New Cross, London, England and formerly of Henry Street, Roscommon Town sister of Brendan Penny, Jubilee Close.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

**JESUS AND SUFFERING**

The first reading presents us with the lamentation of Job. Prior to this lamentation Job was hit by a deluge of successive misfortunes culminating in the lost of his children and health. This experience begs the question he do good people suffer? We shall not attempt to give an answer here but rather contextualise Job's experience.

Job laments thus: "My pain is more than I can bear. I can't sleep at night. I shall not see happiness again."

Many of us have felt this way before when besieged by problems. Some of our hurts are physical, emotional and even spiritual.

1. Physical

- being plagued by a debilitating disease
- going through physical abuse
- struggling with family finances etc

2. Emotional

- betrayal by a loved one
- marital crisis
- a child rebellion
- lack of warmth and true affection from parent(s)
- Grief because of the loss of a loved one
- lost of a job

3. Spiritual

- doubting God's existence
- living in sin
- unforgiveness etc.

These are many other experiences have made some said like Job I shall never see happiness again".

The good news is Jesus comes into our sufferings and our desperate moments and lends a hand as he did to Peter's mother in law. He will lift you up by hand and you shall smile again.

Job's experience shattered him momentarily but he thought every door was closed. But as it is said "when God closes a door he opens a window. "

Truly, "many of the world's great have achieved their most heroic accomplishments in the face of 'closed doors'". For instance,

1. John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" and "Paradise Gain" after he was inflicted with total blindness.
2. Beethoven wrote some of his greatest music, including the famous Ninth Symphony, after he was completely deaf.

Job was himself later rewarded with wealth and children beyond compare (Cf. Job 42:10-16).

Therefore, as long as we have Jesus we shall rise from the ashes.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €1,375.00

Thank You