

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER
14th February 2021

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PARISH STAFF

Fr. Kevin Fallon P.P	66 26298
Fr. Joe Fitzgerald C.C.	087 2903310
Fr. Douglas Zaggi C.C	66 26189
Fr. Séan Beirne C.C (<i>Kilteevan</i>)	66 26374

Email: Parish Office: - roscommonparish3@gmail.com

Website: www.sacredheartroscommon.com

Church Radio: = 105.9 fm

Facebook Page :<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

LIVING WITH AND WITHOUT OTHERS

This Sunday February 14th, the church celebrates the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time but in line with tradition, it is also St. Valentine's Day, when people show their affection for another person by sending cards, flowers or chocolates with messages of love.

While on this day, as we celebrate the special love so many couples have for each another, it's important to recognise that even in the most love filled marriages and relationships an important feature is the ability for both parties to yes, have time for intimacy and togetherness but also allow each other space for detachment and separation. Possessiveness has no place in any healthy relationship.

Interestingly this important balance applies to all of our lives and is echoed in today's scripture and indeed during this pandemic. The lepers in our first reading are urged to live apart and we, in the interests of public health also, must currently live outside many people's camps.

However, the clarion call will some day, please God, be to mix, mingle and physically touch the lives of others and who knows that call may come to us at times when we may actually prefer solitude and separation.

We gain inspiration though today from Jesus in our Gospel who also had to struggle with the balance between involvement with others, through his ministry, and time to be alone and at prayer.

So this St. Valentine's weekend we give thanks to God for the special love between so many people and we also pray that everyone of us will strive on the one hand to connect with others but also see the value of detachment in these very different and difficult times.

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Julia, Joe & Teresa Hoare Deceased of the Honohan family
TUESDAY	11 am	Mary Kilduff
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Mena & Ernie Feely
SATURDAY	11 am	Martin, Delia & Martin (Jnr) Kelly Tommie Joe Carr
	7 pm	Sean McNeill (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass



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

Benny McDermott, Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon Town.

Michael (Mickey) Dowd, Moneylea, Ballinagare, Roscommon father of Jackie Hickey, Ard Aoibhinn, Roscommon Town.

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

UPDATE

Masses will be broadcast on 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) 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



Wednesday next the 17th February is the beginning of Lent. It is a day of Fast & Abstinence. There will be a virtual blessing of Ashes during the online 11 am Mass.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign

Trócaire's Lenten campaign for 2021 tells the stories of two families in South Sudan whose lives have been impacted by conflict. Awut and Ajak are shining examples of resilience, friendship and solidarity. This Lent we hear not only about the enormous challenges they have faced, but also about how they support each other through these challenges. Please support the work of Trócaire this Lent by picking up a Trócaire box or donating online at www.trocaire.org

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.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,090.00

Thank You