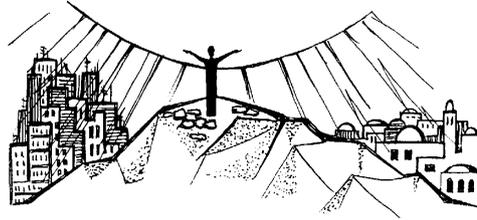


SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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First Sunday of Lent



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THE GOOD NEWS OF LENT

Today marks the first Sunday of lent. LENT comes from the "Old English lencten springtime, spring" and "from West Germanic langitinaz long-days or lengthening of the day." Popularly regarded as a period of fasting, prayer and almsgiving. In our gospel today, No sooner was the glory of the hour of the baptism over than there came the battle of temptations. Russell Moore once wrote: "temptation starts with the question of identity, moves to a confusion of the desires, and ultimately heads to the contest of futures." During these 40 days, returning to the basics, we make fresh start to breathe new life into our Christian identity. While our desires make us drift away from God sometimes this season affords us to order our desires through self- discipline. On self-discipline. Fulton sheen says: "self-discipline never means giving up anything, for giving up is a loss. Our Lord did not ask us to give up the things of the earth but to exchange them for better things. " So this is the time for divine exchange.

Jesus in our gospel proclaims a message with 3 dominant words:

1.GOOD NEWS: He proclaims the good news of truth(Gal.2:5), the good news of hope (Col. 1:23), the good news of peace (Eph. 6:15) and of salvation (Eph. 1:13).

2.REPENT: It means a change of mind (metanoia). We sometimes confuse two things-sorrow for the consequences of sin and sorrow for sin. Some are sorry because of the mess sin has caused them and not for the sin itself. For were the consequences of the sin are not there they would most probably commit the sin umpteenth times. But real repentance consists in hating both the sin and its consequences.

3. BELIEVE: Jesus said believe in the gospel. It means to take Jesus at his word: that God so loved us that he sent Jesus to die for us, to believe that what sounds too good to be true is really true that you are loved regardless of where you are and who you are at the moment.

MAY WE ALL HAVE A GRACE-FILLED LENTEN SEASON.

Fr. Douglas

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Mary Walsh
TUESDAY	11 am	Charlie O' Hara, Kitty & James Keher, & Seamus Keher
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	11 am	Audrey O' Higgins
SATURDAY	11 am	Des Johnston
	7 pm	Sr. Maria Margaret Haughey (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass



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

Nora Devaney, Convent Court, Roscommon.

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



We also remember P.J & Ann Oates (20th & 24th Anniversary),
Ellie, Michael & Tom Mongan & deceased family members
whose anniversaries occur around this time.

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

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

Roscommon Christmas Lights Committee - would like to thank all who helped to make the 2020 Christmas lights such a success in these unprecedented times. The committee would like to thank the following; volunteers & organisers who used their skills & experience to erect the lights, the businesses which contributed teleporters free of charge, Roscommon Co Co, The Dept of Community & Rural affairs, the businesses who contributed & to the people of Roscommon who contributed so generously through the I Donate fundraiser. We say thank you very much.

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: €2,635.00

Thank You