

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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## DIVINE GLORY VS HUMAN GLORY

“The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding, go out to meet it.” (Thucydides)

The Jews always looked forward to the messianic age, the golden age, when life would be sweet, and they would master the world. So, when Jesus in the gospel said, “The time has come for the Son Man to be glorified”, they thought in terms of temporal conquest but by *glorified* he meant *crucified*; the conquest of the cross. This vision was clear for Jesus and with braveness went out for it.

What we have placed before us is Human glory versus Divine Glory:

1. Human glory is inundated by a person’s finest hour; the moment we graduated from college, the day we got married or ordained priests, the day your wife told you she was pregnant, the hour you were told of a successful interview, the day the doctor informed you of being cancer free e.t.c.
2. Conversely, Jesus’ finest hour was the hour of pain, hour of ridicule, hour of isolation and rejection, hour of human brutality. The culmination of these hours is the glory of the resurrection.

The pastoral implication here is that our lowest moments can be turning points in our lives. According to Max Lucado “God will use whatever he wants to display his glory. Heavens and stars. History and nations. People and problems.” This is what he did in the life of Jesus.

Moments of worldly success have always faded, and people have been left empty. Surprisingly, moments of darkness, pain and failure can prove to be moments of change and growth. Gary Zukav captures this well when he wrote: “The winter solstice has always been special to me as a barren darkness that gives birth to a verdant future beyond imagination, a time of pain and withdrawal that produces something joyfully inconceivable, like a monarch butterfly masterfully extracting itself from the confines of its cocoon, bursting forth into unexpected glory.” May the Lord help us to see the glory that lies behind every turbulent moment of our lives. Like the butterfly that must struggle out of its cocoon, so shall we burst into unexpected glory.

**PEACE UPON YOU.**

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

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

MONDAY	11 am	Michael Ward & deceased family
TUESDAY	11 am	Billy & Anna Neilan
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Michael & Linda Jameson & deceased of the Jameson family
THURSDAY	11 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	11 am	Winifred Mannion, Christina & Michael John Mannion
SATURDAY	11 am	Michael Mulry Bridget, Jimmy & Larry Kerrigan & deceased family Eileen & Seamus Duke
	7 pm	Billy Connaughton (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Colette Walsh (1st Anniversary)



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

**Gerard Reddington**, Longford, brother of Sr. Maura, Crubhill and Rita Roughneen, Golf Links Road. 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

**LENTEN TRÓCAIRE ENVELOPES:** For use during Lent are available in the Porch of the Church. Please take one and use it as a family during Lent. More info, see [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org)



**EASTER ENVELOPES** - are now ready for distribution and are available, they will be placed in the Church near the Altar rails this Sunday 14th March. Please collect if at all possible by Friday 26th March at the latest. Many thanks to all who help in the distribution of envelopes.

### **DIGITAL LIBRARY**

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### **Age Action Ireland**

Now more than ever it is important to have internet skills and to keep in touch with family and friends so Age Action is offering 5 hours of free remote tutoring by phone / video call to help older people use their smartphone, computer, tablet or iPad. The programme called **Getting Started KIT** takes place in your own home at a time that suits you and includes a free guide. For further information call 01 4756989 or e-mail [gettingstarted@ageaction.ie](mailto:gettingstarted@ageaction.ie)

### **THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to all who continue to drop their parish weekly envelopes into the parish office letter box and our special box in the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €2,875.00

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