

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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*Second Sunday of Lent*



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## THE MOUNTAIN OF PRAYER

In the present restrictions, unless we live within 5km of a mountain, it is difficult for any of us to go hill climbing. On a fine day nothing beats the beauty of the landscape as viewed from a mountain top. A beauty we are oblivious to confined to a more localised spot on ground level. Mountain tops give us perspective on nature and, metaphorically, give us perspective on life.

A good yardstick to the extent of our problems is sometimes to look at things from a distance, from above as it were. One suggestion, for example, is to ask ourselves: Will this struggle be an issue for me in a years' time?

For the followers of Jesus in the Gospel they couldn't think that far ahead. They were struggling with the present and of Jesus' most recent prediction that he was to be rejected and put to death. They desperately needed perspective, which prompted Jesus to lead them up a high mountain for His Transfiguration. He wanted to give them a glimpse of the final piece of the jigsaw after the agony of the cross- His glory and resurrection.

During this Lock-down- Lent we all perhaps need perspective to keep us going through the next few weeks or beyond. The invitation to us is to climb the mountain of prayer each day in nature, at home or in church. By doing this, and to use the words of An Taoiseach Michéal Martin on Tuesday, we may realise in both our cross-filled faith lives and, in this pandemic, 'the end is truly in sight'.

*Fr. Kevin*

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

MONDAY	11 am	Evelyn McManus
TUESDAY	11 am	Bernard & Annie Coyle
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Special Intention
SATURDAY	11 am	M J & Mary Agnes Farrell Michael & Myles Jameson
	7 pm	Gerry Mahon (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Josephine McCrossan (Month's Mind)



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

**Johannes Hendrikus Scheepers,** Galway Road, Roscommon Town.

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



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

#### **Springtime: A Prayer Guide for the Season of Lent**

The restrictions in place because of Covid-19 mean that as a Christian Community we cannot gather for our usual religious services. This situation challenges us to find new ways of reflecting on our faith and praying in our homes as the "Domestic Church". It is hoped that this guide, prepared by the Diocese of Clonfert and the Diocese of Elphin, will assist you in doing just that. When we gather again in Church, let us not forget to enrich our spiritual lives by continuing to pray at home. Download the Lenten Prayer Guide at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

#### **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](http://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:** €1,602.00

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