

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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Palm Sunday



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STRENGTHENED BY THE CROSSES OF THE PAST.

Those who have had the experience of moving to a new house, job or even country would know how painful and difficult such a transition can be. What doesn't help is that our mind can play tricks convincing us that the place we are leaving behind is almost perfect and hence the situation ahead is nothing but a massive challenge.

Please God we will someday exit this Covid 19 pandemic, but we are warned that the post Covid world will not be the same as the world we left behind 12 months ago. Whilst this can make us sad, if we realise that we could be looking at pre Covid times through rose tinted glasses, we can begin to look to the future with greater hope. Also, whilst very few of us want to die, what can be unhelpful as we encounter this final transition is again our misconception that our earthly lives have been one huge bed of roses.

This is all very evident in our Palm Sunday liturgy this weekend. We witness the celebratory scenes as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a donkey but also his suffering, torment and betrayal as he is led to his crucifixion. Yet another reminder that while our lives thankfully include many moments of joy and happiness, the cross is a constant companion to us on our journey through life.

So, as we enter this Holy Week, we pray that we can see the transitions and crosses of our lives through the eyes of Christ, confident that he is with us in the present and future, as has already been in our past, and that we live in the hope of that eternal glory, where there will be no more suffering when we make that final transition from this life to the next.

Fr. Kevin

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.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Bridie Kelly
TUESDAY	11 am	Josphine & Padraig Monahan
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
HOLY THURSDAY	7 pm	Solemn Mass of the Last Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	3 pm	Solemn Ceremony of the Passion
HOLY SATURDAY	7 pm	Easter Vigil
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass



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

Thaosagh McDermott, Ballygalda, Roscommon.

Annie O' Hara, London sister of Margaret Hoare, Henry St and Seamus Comiskey, Lisnamult.

Molly Scally, Greenfield Road, Lisnamult, Roscommon

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 - Wednesday 11.00am,

Holy Thursday - 7.00pm Solemn Mass of the Last Supper

Good Friday - 3.00pm Solemn Ceremony of the Passion

Saturday - 7.00pm (Easter 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 Wednesday: 8.30am - 10.30am and 12pm -5pm, Thursday: 8.30am - 6.30pm, Friday: 8.30 am - 2.30 pm & 4pm - 7pm, Saturday: 8.30am - 5pm and Sunday: 1pm- 5pm.

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Confessions will be available over the next couple of weeks. Due to Covid restrictions it will be done by appointment only. If you want to book a slot, please phone the Parish office on 090 6626298.

N.B. In the interests of privacy for penitents, it is only necessary to give a phone no when making a booking.

TRÓ CAIRE ENVELOPES / BOXES SHOULD BE RETURNED BY GOOD FRIDAY. THANK YOU.

GOOD FRIDAY: Friday next 2nd April is a Day of Fast & Abstinence.

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