

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## Easter Sunday



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### CHRIST IS RISEN

The Australian missionary Graham Staines and his two sons Philip and Timothy were burnt to death in India by members of a Hindu fundamentalist group on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 1999. Gladys his wife and daughter Esther expressed their faith in the new life in this song in a memorial celebration:

“Because he lives, I can face tomorrow, because he lives, all fear is gone. Because I know he holds the future and life is worth a living, just because he lives.”

Mrs. Staines could sing this song because she believed in the power of the resurrection.

There are two contrasting moments in the life of the disciples: the effects of the crucifixion which brought fear, hopelessness, and disappointment to them and conversely, the effects of the resurrection brought back hope. Jesus' resurrection has power to take away our fears and hopelessness. Because in our lives there are experiences that can cause fear and we feel trapped in the tomb, feeling depressed, struggling with one form of addiction or the other, living with bitterness and guilt, facing serious health challenges etc. Like Mrs. Staines we can face anything today because Jesus lives. Prequel to his death, Jesus would always spoke about the passion alongside the resurrection: “they will kill me but in 3 days I shall rise.”

Today, as we celebrate the risen Lord, we must as Christians live with the hope that ignores the “Good Friday” of Pain, despair, isolation and rejection, and look forward to the Sunday morning of the resurrection when Hope overcomes despair, acceptance overcomes rejection, serenity overcomes confusion, joy overcomes sadness, good overcomes evil and light overcomes darkness. This is well captured by Michelangelo in 1564 in the following remarks to his fellow painters: “Why do you keep filling gallery after gallery with endless pictures of the one ever-reiterated them of Christ in weakness, of Christ on the cross, Christ dying, Christ hanging dead? Why do you stop there as if the curtain closed upon that horror? Keep the curtain open, and with the cross in the foreground, let us see beyond it to the Easter dawn with its beams streaming upon the risen Christ, Christ alive, Christ ruling, Christ triumphant.” And in the words of St. Clement of Alexandria; “Christ has turned all our sunsets into dawns.”

We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

FR. DOUGLAS JOHN ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 5th April:			Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 12th April:
MONDAY	11 am	Patricia McCrann (2nd Anniversary)	Mary Ann Coyle
TUESDAY	11 am	Philomena Shannon	Helen Harrington
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Thomas & Ellen Curley	Philomena (Nonie) Waldron & deceased of Waldron & Moore families
THURSDAY	11 am	Pat & Nonie Scanlon John & Catherine Carr	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Margaret & Patrick Graham	Seamus Kiernan
SATURDAY	11 am	John Kilmartin Josephine & Thomas Connor Paddy, Harry, Tom & Martha Connor Sean Cooney	Sr. Rose Therese Corcoran Tom & Bridie Hannigan Mick Hoare
	7 pm	Vigil Mass	Tom Judge (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	George Leonard (Month's Mind)	Morning Mass



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

#### **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.

**TRÓCAIRE ENVELOPES / BOXES SHOULD BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**



***FR. KEVIN , THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH AND THE PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE WISH TO THANK ALL OUR DISTRIBUTORS WHO DISTRIBUTED THE EASTER ENVELOPES IN THE STATION AREAS AND TO ALL WHO CONTINUE TO DROP THEIR WEEKLY ENVELOPES INTO THE PARISH OFFICE LETTER BOX AND OUR SPECIAL BOX IN THE CHURCH. YOUR HELP AND SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.  
HAPPY EASTER TO ALL.***

**NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON SUNDAY 18th APRIL**

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €2,582.00

Thank You