

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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THE RIGHTEOUS ANGER OF JESUS

“Anybody can become angry – that is easy, but to be angry with the right person and to the right degree and at the right time and for the right purpose, and in the right way – that is not within everybody’s power and is not easy.” – **Aristotle**

Jesus in the gospel displayed the emotion of anger at the right time and for the right purpose. However, to many does not fit well with the image of meek and smiling Jesus because we may have been taught that all anger is sinful. That is not always the case. There are times we ought to be angry and at such moment. For example, an unjust situation should make us angry. Jesus did not get angry on his own accord it was because of his love of God and neighbour. This incident tells us certain things about Jesus and us.

1. His anger was directed on those who had desecrated the house of God by their activities. Today the reverence we used to give to the house of God has greatly vitiated to such a degree that churches are vandalized, tabernacles broken into and consecrated Host poured on the ground, the noise pollution is such that other people cannot pray etc.
2. It shows us one of the fiercest manifestations of his anger was directed against those who exploited their fellow humans and especially those who did so in the name of religion. People were exploited for profit. The church must speak to protect those who in a highly competitive economic situation cannot protect themselves. It will be antithetical if the church today would in any way be part of the exploitative structures of the society.
3. Jesus’ anger was directed at those who made worship impossible for the ordinary people. It can happen today That the spirit of bitterness, a spirit of argument, a spirit of strife can get into the church which will make worship impossible. Even ministers of God can be more concerned with imposing their ways of doings things than with preaching the gospel.

Finally, the thrust of the passage moves from a classical understanding of the temple as a dwelling place of God to God dwelling in the body of Jesus. Hence, scripture tells us “our bodies are the temple of the holy spirit” (1Cor. 6:19). Jesus alludes to this fact when he says, “Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it” (he was talking of his body). Seen from the backdrop of the current sexual revolutions that is exploitative of the weak and vulnerable of the society, Jesus would demand a radical cleansing as well.

REV. FR. Douglas Zaggi

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Bridgetta Menton
TUESDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	11 am	Rita Walsh
FRIDAY	11 am	Deceased of the Cope & Gillen families
SATURDAY	11am	Colm & May Delaney
	7 pm	Nora Devaney (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Benny McDermott (Month's Mind)



We also remember Mary, Peter & Katie McDermott, James Murphy & Ann Bernadette Rattigan (1st Anniversary) whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

George Leonard, The Walk, Roscommon Town.

Robbie McDonagh, Parkview, Lisnamult, Roscommon Town.

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

Acies 2021

The organisers of the Acies 2021 ceremony wish to announce that - "An Acies ceremony will be broadcast via webcam in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon Town, date and time will be announced shortly. Adequate notification will be published before the date of the ceremony so all those wishing to access the broadcast can keep that time free to participate."

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

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

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €1,570.00

Thank You