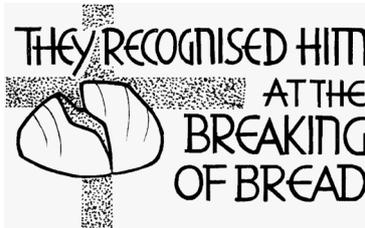


# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Third Sunday of Easter



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## THE REALITY OF THE RESURRECTION

We are again presented with the scene of the disciples gathered in the upper room and Jesus appearing in their midst. This gospel periscope highlights some truths of our Christian faith.

1. It stresses the reality and validity of the resurrection. The risen lord was not phantom or hallucination. Whilst some would try to discredit the resurrection by arguing Jesus didn't die but fainted and when placed in the garden, the coldness of the garden resuscitated him, or that his disciples stole his body as the soldiers were paid to propagate. But the sudden appearances and disappearances of Jesus explicate that he is risen and not in his physical human body. Therefore, Christianity is not founded on the dreams of people's disordered minds or the visions of their fevered eyes, but on one who in actual historical fact faced death and conquered it by rising.
2. It accentuates the necessity of the cross. Jesus considered his death on the cross not as a tragic misfortune, but rather, a great necessity. It was not an emergency measure when all else had failed and when the scheme of things had gone wrong. It was the very plan of God for our salvation. He could not have taken an easier way if he was to deal with the cruel realities of evil which distort our humanity and which we have seen so recently in the tortured and twisted victims of wars and dictatorships all over the world.
3. It underscores the urgency of the task. Out to all people had to go the call to repentance and the offer of forgiveness. Peter in the first reading today stresses this fact. The church was not to live forever in the upper room, the days of sorrow were over, and the good tidings of joy must be taken near and far. There is a grave need for true witnessing of the resurrected Christ today even when worship is made difficult because of the pandemic. Our homes have become like the upper room and Jesus comes to us as we listen his message via the webcam or radio. Your homes have become sacred spaces for the Lord. So let us open our hearts to him with all the frightens, upsets, and discourages us. He is a present help in time of need (Psalm 46:1).

PAX VOBIS (PEACE BE WITH YOU)

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**



MONDAY	11 am	Fionán Raftery
TUESDAY	11 am	James & Margaret (Peggy) Conway
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Mary Smyth
THURSDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Nolan family
FRIDAY	11 am	John & Margaret Malynn James Hughes & deceased family
SATURDAY	11 am	Joe & Rosaleen Harte & deceased family Bernie Harte Gerry Casey & deceased family
	7 pm	Molly Scally (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass

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

**Vincent Kelly**, Ballybride, Roscommon.

**Frances Penny**, Celtic Ave, Roscommon.

**Annie Moriarty (nee Golden)**, sister of Agnes McKeogh, Cloonsellan, Roscommon

**Peter Hopkins**, England brother of Michael Hopkins, Quarry Springs & uncle of John McNamara, Boyle Road.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

We also remember Tara Noone, Tess & Michael McGarry, Maud & Gerry McGarry whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**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

**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 number when making a booking.

**Irish Hospice Bereavement Support Line**

Many people have experienced the death of someone they love during the COVID-19 pandemic. It may have been a COVID-related death or a death from other causes. In the face of such loss, our Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line, in partnership with the HSE, is there to provide connection, comfort and support for anyone grieving in these exceptional times. It is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77, available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday.

**LOCAL LIBRARY SERVICES ON THE INTERNET:**

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**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €3,270.00

**Thank You**