

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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**Fifth Sunday**



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## **ABIDING IN GOD**

Of the many pictures of the relationship between God and His people, the **vine** and **branch** picture emphasizes complete dependence and the need for constant connection. The branch depends on the vine even more than the sheep depends on the shepherd or the child depends on the father or mother.

True Christians find by experience, that any interruption in the exercise of their faith, causes holy affections to decline, their corruptions to revive, and their comforts to fade. Those who abide not in Christ, though they may flourish for a while in outward profession yet come to nothing. The fire is the fittest place for withered branches; they are good for nothing else.

Simple productivity does not usually create deep abiding and intimate relationships. It creates transactions. Jesus is not talking about or demanding simple productivity. He wants and offers connectivity, relationship, and intimacy.

What fruit am I producing?" "How much?" "Is it an acceptable quality?" Those are good questions if we understand and ask them diagnostically, as questions not about the quantity of our lives but the quality of our lives as Christians. Jesus is after the quality of lives not the quantity.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5 Amid all the unknowns of today's unprecedented chaos, there is one thing we are surely learning—how interconnected we all are. This is such a contrast to the modern worldview of stringent individualism that we inherited from the Enlightenment era. It seems that we are not quite so autonomous as we imagined. And that is a good thing. The demand for autonomy has bred an epidemic of loneliness, despair, and alienation. But we were not created to be self-sufficient. We were created to live connected to God and to each other. Let us seek to live more simply connected to Christ, and to grow more fruitful in every good word and work with one another, so may our joy in Him and in his salvation be full.

FR. DOUGLAS JOHN ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 3rd May:			Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 10 May:
MONDAY	11 am	Mary & Joseph McNamara & deceased family	Elizabeth Mellet
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass	Morning Mass
	11 am	Ellen Beirne	Tommie Harlow & deceased of the Lee & Harlow families
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass	Morning Mass
	11 am	Alice Forde & her sons John, Michael & James Forde	Michael McPhilips Kay Gately
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass	Morning Mass
	11 am	Jim Ryan	Mary, Hubert & Kathleen Quigley
FRIDAY	11 am	Special Intention	Bridgie Neilan Mary & Peter Comiskey James Granahan
SATURDAY	11 am	John Wynn & Sr. Raphael Wynn Paddy Kearney Bernie Hoare	Gerry Lunt & deceased members of the Lunt & Feeney families Josephine & Thomas Connor Paddy, Harry, Tom & Martha Connor
	7 pm	Vigil Mass	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	No Morning Mass	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Morning Mass	Mary Kehoe (Month's Mind)

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Weekend Masses for the 15th / 16th May arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

7 pm (Vigil Mass) Stonepark North / Wilson Close / Lisadurn / Turville

9 am Henry Street / Circular Road / Riverside Avenue

11.30 am Hawthorn Drive



**BAPTISMS**

Bookings for baptisms have resumed, please ring the parish office on 090 6626298 for more information.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** - (Subject to change following government guidance)

Confirmation

Saturday 21st August @ 1.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S

Saturday 21st August @ 3.30pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S

Sunday 22nd August @ 2.00pm - Gaelscoil de hÍde & Kiltewan

First Holy Communion

Saturday 11th September @ 1.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S

Saturday 11th September @ 3.30pm - ST. Coman's Wood N.S

Sunday 12th September @ 11.30 am - Gaelscoil de hÍde

Sunday 12th September @ 2.00pm - St. Coman's Wood N.S

**NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON SUNDAY 16th MAY.**

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €1,175.00

Thank You