

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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Thirteenth Sunday



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PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS

The story of the woman with haemorrhage is an example of a curative text, her body is a testimonial of healing, a narrative that has served as a therapeutic faith modal-ity in the lives of Christian believers. There are 3 things I want us to consider about the woman: Her Misery, her faith, and her confession.

- HER MISERY:** Her misery was multifaceted: she suffered from bleeding for 12 unabated years. Physically, it was a debilitating sickness. Spiritually, it rendered her ritually unclean according to Jewish law (Lev. 15:25-27) which prohibited her from going to the temple. Financially bankrupt. And psychologically disorientated. Some of us can see ourselves in this woman. You may have been carrying a disease for several years. Done everything possible for a cure but to no avail. Your resources all gone and even the health insurance would not cover the expenses. You may be carrying a morphine pump just to lessen your pains. And perhaps hopeless because of your situation. Like her, we are like bruised reeds.
- HER FAITH:** It is often said your health is your wealth, but I add your faith is your strength. Her faith came from her endurance of pain, social and religious exclusion, and the failure of doctors to cure her. A combination of all these negatives became steppingstones for her leap of faith. Like the song by Henry Francis Lyte goes "when other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, o abide with me." She would have been depressed and hopeless, but she held on a little longer. She may have only heard of Jesus but believe he was her last resort. No one should be driven to Jesus by the force of circumstances, and yet many come that way, and, even if it is thus we come, Jesus will never send us away empty. Whatever our present circumstances may be let us act like the woman in the gospel and come to him in faith. May he say to you also "Your faith has cured you".
- HER CONFESSION:** A woman with haemorrhage had no business in the crowd, by touching Jesus, she rendered him ritually unclean. Jesus did not scold her for her 'reprehensible' conduct. He rather commended her faith. When did Jesus ask who touched me? She began to tremble. But when she identified herself to Jesus, her fear and trembling were gone, and a wave of relief flooded her heart. It is never hard to confess to One who understands like Jesus. A friend to the sick and sinners. He is my friend, your friend, and our friend. His touch heals the body, his words heal the spirit, and his love heals the heart. Jesus with the crowd sought a personal encounter with her. We should seek it too. It is available to us in many ways but especially in the Eucharist. Faith comes to fulfilment only in a personal encounter with Jesus. Be not ashamed of what you are going through for Jesus understands.

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Fr. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week starting 28th June:



MONDAY	11 am	Austin Healy (Snr)
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Gary Lindwurm
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Kathleen Folliard & deceased family Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Kate Menton Frances & Patrick Smyth & deceased family
FRIDAY	11 am	Eileen Haughey <i>(Birthday Remembrance)</i>
SATURDAY	11 am	William Conroy Kathleen Banahan <i>(7th Anniversary)</i>
	7 pm	Myra Lindsay (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Mary Ward (Month's Mind)
	11:30 am	Winnie Mongan (Month's Mind)

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

Johnny Mannion, Ballybride, Roscommon.

Violet Keohane, Essex, England sister of Jean Morris, Sleaveen.

Betty Culleton (née Corcoran), Cluain Fraoigh, Roscommon Town.

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

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday 11:00 am

Tuesday - Thursday 8:00 am & 11:00 am

Friday - Saturday 11:00 am

Saturday 7:00 pm (Vigil Mass)

Sunday 9:00 am & 11:30 am.

RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Christian family:*

*Holly Elizabeth & Anna Kate Kelly
Cora—Faye Mulligan*



CONFESSIONS - will be available on Saturdays 10:30 am - 11:00 am at our new confessional area by St. Josephs altar rails.

PLEASE NOTE: Weekend Masses for the 3rd/4th July arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

7 pm (Vigil Mass) Lus Leanna, Lanesboro Street, Lough Road, Quarry View & Quarry Springs.

9 am Hyde Court, Lisadurn, Turville, Stonepark North & Wilson Close.

11.30 am Rathbrennan, St. Coman's Park & St. Coman's Place.

The Rossie Scavenger Hunt - is taking place this Sunday 27th of June from 12pm Starting at Hannons Hotel. Arrive on the day or for tickets and more information search Rossie Scavenger Hunt on Facebook or Eventbrite.com. Are you up for the challenge?

Lough Derg 2021

Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three Day Pilgrimage or even for the autumn programme of Day Retreats. Lough Derg will again offer the opportunity to "Do Lough Derg from wherever you are" on 3rd - 5th July. The outdoor Pilgrimage on the Lough Shore Pilgrim Path will also be available as the summer goes on. Further information from Lough Derg office 071-9861518 or www.loughderg.org

Mary's Meals

www.presentformyteacher.com is where parents and guardians can buy an online gift for their children's teachers in exchange for a donation towards the work of Mary's Meals. Every donation will help to support their mission to provide nutritious daily meals to some of the world's poorest children in their place of education. Donations of **any** amount are gratefully accepted and for just €18.30, a child can receive daily meals while they learn for an entire school year. It is really two gifts in one: your children can safely send a beautiful e-card via email to recognise and thank their teacher, while simultaneously giving a gift of hope to hungry children across the globe.

County Roscommon Disability Support Group are looking for a PA (to a person with a disability) in the Brideswell Area on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for a female client for personal care and assistance to get out of bed.

To apply email recruitment@rsq.ie with the subject "Brideswell PA". For more information call 090 66 25852 Ext. 1

Altar society - Week starting Monday 28th June - Group 2.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,037.00

Thank You