

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### ***JESUS OUR IMPERISHABLE FOOD THAT SATISFIES OUR HUNGER***

In life, we hunger for varied things. The first reading exposes the revolt of the people of Israel against God because of physical hunger and were ready to swap freedom for the fleshpots of Egypt. Physical hunger can only be satisfied by physical food. There is also spiritual hunger which can only be satisfied spiritually. In the gospel the people allowed their physical hunger to overshadow their spiritual hunger; "truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves..." We hunger for a lot of things:

1. We Hunger for recognition, without which we feel low-esteemed
2. We hunger for relationships, without which we are like a lone tree on a hilltop
3. We hunger for hope, without which we become beasts of prey
4. We hunger for love, without which we become like unfulfilled robots
5. We hunger for riches to meet our needs and wants and sometimes we complicate things by making our luxuries into necessities.

Above all these, deep down there is a hunger and thirst in all of us that only Jesus can fill. This is the greatest hunger that underlines all other hunger. He himself says, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." (John 6:35). In life, we may have everything in life that is important - a family, a good job or business, perfect health, the latest car or state-of-the-art yacht, a fantastic mansion, etc, and yet still feel something is missing. For example, Tom Philips in Massachusetts at the age of 40 had everything money could buy. But Tom was not happy. Rather he was tormented by the moral flabbiness born of exclusive worship of the bitch-goddess-success. Something was missing. Much later he discovered the missing link, and he wrote: "I saw what was missing in my life. It was Jesus Christ."

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*FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Anne Sharkey
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	James Quinn & deceased family members. Kathleen, Frank & Paddy Donnelly
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Mel Greene & Mark Kelly & deceased of the Greene family
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Maureen Mulryan
FRIDAY	11 am	Noel & Dolores Maloney
SATURDAY	11 am	Thomas O' Donnchadha Tommy Nevin
	7 pm	Madie (Mary) Hannon (1st Anniversary) & Stephen Hannon, & Wyn McCarthy
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



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

**Edward (Ned) Duignan**, Abbeytown, Roscommom.

**Marie Killeen**, Creevy, Roscommom.

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

**Weekend Masses for the 7th/8th August arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:**

7 pm: (Vigil Mass) Church Street, Convent Road, Convent Court, Lough Road, Quarry View & Quarry Springs.

9 am: Main Street / The Square, Athlone Rd / Goff St, Henry Street / Circular Rd.

11.30 am: Sleaven (incls Golf Links Rd, Woodberry Court), Crofton Court & Fairways.

## **Mass Intentions for the week commencing 9th August:**

MONDAY	11 am	Jim & Kathleen Byrne & deceased family
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat & Margaret Burke (Goff Street)
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Matthew & Bridget Quirke & their son Paddy.
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Tom Kilduff
FRIDAY	11 am	Michael & Annie Banks
SATURDAY	11 am	Frances & Sean Burke Mary Leyden
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Morning Mass

### **Weekend Masses for the 14th August /15th August arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:**

- 7 pm: (Vigil Mass) Cluain Ard, Lisadurn / Turville, Hyde Court & Old Wood.  
9 am: Stonepark North, Wilson Close, The Spinney & Riverside Ave.  
11.30 am: Hawthorn Drive & Rathbrennan.

### **CONFIRMATION**

Bishop Kevin has been in contact with parishes proposing that we proceed with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation as previously scheduled.

The scheduled dates for this parish are as follows:

- 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 & Kiltveevan

The restrictions on numbers per family group as previously communicated to parents will still apply.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

We ask the Lord's blessing on our young people as they prepare for this important milestone on their faith journey.

**Altar society** - Week starting Monday 2nd August - Group 2  
Week starting Monday 9th August - Group 3.

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



*Darren Gerard Lennon, José Lucas Rasteiro De Oliveira,  
Rose Joanne Campbell, Tristan & Fiadh Carty,  
& Isabelle Bernadette Sarah Dufficy.*

**Roscommon leader** is offering a free Foundations course for young adults aged between 18-24 yrs old. On this course you can get your provisional drivers licence and receive qualifications and experience to help you get work or back to education. For more information contact Conor @ 0861702912 or conorhiggins@ridc.ie. Course dates September to December 2021.

**Ark of Divine Mercy, Athlone - Pilgrimage to Medjugorje** with Fr Pius Faruna as Spiritual director. Full Religious Program. Departing from Dublin Airport Wednesday 29th of September 2021 . Returning from Dubrovnik Airport on Wednesday October 6th . Cost from €550 . (Tickets, Accommodation, Breakfast, evening Meals and access to Tea /Coffee all day plus Airport Transfers). Further Details from Paul Woods on 0877828283

**PLEASE NOTE : NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON  
SUNDAY 15th AUGUST.**



**LOVING OURSELVES AND OTHERS**

Father,  
enable us to see and love  
ourselves and others  
as you see and love us,  
and so may we grow in the image and likeness  
of Jesus your Son and our Brother. Amen

*by Brother Nicholas Hutchinson FSC*

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €1,425.00

