

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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TAKING THE LONG TERM VIEW

When a new person is appointed to a position of leadership or responsibility it often carries with it great excitement but also expectation. We anticipate that he or she will not only make good changes but also turn things around very quickly.

In a pre-match press conference earlier this week, Republic of Ireland Manager Stephen Kenny in the wake of a few poor results, reminded the Irish public that their expectations of him as their newest manager were somehow ambitious and that those seeking 'tangible' results straight away would obviously be disappointed. He signalled rather that he has a longer term view of things and that his objective in reality was never to qualify for The World Cup in Qatar in 2022 but to reach the European Championships in Germany in 2024.

It certainly seems this honest admission won over many Irish hearts and the 1-1 draw with Serbia on Tuesday night was an overdue morale booster for many Irish fans.

Jesus in our gospel this Sunday is a new prophet on the scene, a situation which carries with it its own excitement amongst His disciples, including Peter. He firmly proclaims Jesus as 'The Christ'.

However, his preconceived notion of what the Messiah would do for people were ambitious and strictly in terms of political and material reform.

This notion was shattered when Jesus made it clear that He was to be defeated by the religious and political powers of the time and be crucified. Jesus was inviting his followers to see His mission with a long term view that surpasses material and earthly success.

We ourselves are invited too to look beyond the short term crosses we face on our earthly journeys and see that following Christ is a costly project that doesn't always produce 'tangible' results at first but in due time does bear fruit.

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 13th September

MONDAY	11 am	Kathleen Beston Joan Comiskey
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Frank & Dolly Lynch
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Josephine & Michael Costello
SATURDAY	11 am	James & Gladys Hoare Gussie Diffley
	7 pm	Rita Walsh (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Victims of suicide, those suffering from depression & mental illness
	11:30 am	Sr. Celia Harrington (Month's Mind)



We also remember James Igoe whose anniversary occurs around this time.

The Faith Café for Grandparents

The Faith Café is an initiative of the Catholic Grandparents' Association which was introduced during the Covid-19 pandemic as a social and spiritual space for Grandparents to meet online once a month to chat, to offer prayers and intentions and to just be together in the spirit of faith. It has been a lifeline for so many people during this time of pandemic and has connected Grandparents across the world from Ireland to the USA, from the UK to Australia. The next Faith Café will be on **Tuesday 14th September** from 7.30pm to 8.30pm and the speaker is Fr Richard Gibbons PP and Rector of Knock Shrine. Register for the Faith Café by email to info@catholicgrandparentsassociation.com Once you register for the Faith Café, you will receive the details of how to connect in for the gathering on Zoom. We look forward to welcoming you to the Faith Café

INCREASED CHURCH CAPACITY

As you may be aware, the most recent government announcement permits churches to have 50% capacity for religious services.

This is indeed very welcome for Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon.

We would like to thank sincerely the very many people in our parish, who over the past 18 months have made such huge sacrifices to allow us to celebrate Mass in a safe manner, by attending weekend Masses for their station area every few weeks or by participating in church services online from their homes.

Access will no longer be by station/parish area but will be open to the entire parish. However, we continue to urge parishioners to follow the direction of the stewards and adhere to the public health guidance in relation to face coverings, physical distancing between households and hand sanitisation.

Please be aware that in the event of a surge in numbers attending church, access will be given on a first come/first served basis.

Looking forward to seeing you over the coming weeks and months.

Thanks again.

Fr Kevin and the Priests of the Parish.

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## BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL- REOPENING

We are pleased to announce that the Blessed Sacrament Chapel has reopened.

It will be open everyday 8.00am- 8pm (except Wednesday 8.00am- 6pm) with a maximum capacity of 6 people at any one time.

Adorers for certain hours are urgently required. Please contact Tom Beirne at 086 3861954 or Mae McBrien at 086 8622354.

Sincere thanks to our coordinators for their hard work in preparing for our long awaited reopening and to all parishioners for their patience and understanding since the chapel closed on March 10<sup>th</sup> 2020.

## **Accord – Relationship Counselling**

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 087-6765425 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 13th September- Group 3

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

As the 11.30am Mass today Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September is a First Communion Mass, it will be private to First Holy Communicants and their limited family groups.

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

*Vanessa Wang*



**Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path** will be offered on *Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** For further information email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) or telephone 0(0353) 71 9861518. [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) *Lough Derg Pilgrim Path, Pettigo, Co Donegal. F94 N289*

**Roscommon Leader:** Exciting new foundations course for young adults (18-25) starting in Roscommon Town this September. Learn to drive and get money towards lessons, learn to cook, health and fitness classes with many more modules to learn from. If interested please contact Conor on 0861 702912 / [conorhiggins@ridc.ie](mailto:conorhiggins@ridc.ie)

**Textile Upcycling Training:** *Learn Textile Upcycling sewing skills this Autumn with Roscommon Women's Network. Courses run for 8 weeks from 14th September in Roscommon Town and 16th September in Monksland. Contact Martina at [mhourigan@rwn.ie](mailto:mhourigan@rwn.ie) or call 094 962 1690 for further information.*

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**HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER**

*When faith stumbles, we find our reason at the table, where He gave us new life.  
When hope wavers, we find our anchor at the table, where He is always present.  
When love fails, we find our communion at the table, where He is the Bread of Life.*

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**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €2,575.00

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