

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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A BALANCED FAITH

We may not admit to it, but we all care to some degree on how other people see us. As a person, a christian and as a priest there are two self descriptions I would dislike: One is ‘ He has no religion’ and the other is ‘ He is very religious’

We can utter these sentences though about so many people we meet on the road of life, but perhaps the best compliment any of us could get is that we have a balanced spirituality- Enough of religion but not too much.

Our Scripture this Sunday re-echoes this when Moses urges the Israelites when it comes to the commandments of God, to not take away anything from them but not add anything either. Jesus also criticises those who are caught up in lip service and scrupulous observance of regulations and traditions. Religion is certainly a good thing but can also be a very dangerous thing. It carries great potential for human growth but any warped version of it is guaranteed to stunt human development.

The message in Jesus’ day holds true for our own time: No religion is no worse than extreme religion. So we must ask ourselves: How balanced are we in our faith? On the one hand do we sometimes forget about God in our lives whilst on the other do we realise God is not interested in lip service and strict adherence to rules but rather in a faith that comes from a sincere and loving heart..

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Healy & King families
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Anna Killian (Recently Deceased)
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Patrick & Margaret Sherlock, & Pat Sherlock
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Margaret Timon Mary & Dan Fullard & their daughter Margaret Concar
FRIDAY	11 am	Carmel & Billy Molloy & deceased family Elizabeth Mellett
SATURDAY	11 am	Oliver & Bernadette Farrell Gerry, Karla, Patrick & Josephine Murphy
	7 pm	Mai Hally (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Morning Mass

RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -

Sr. Cecilia Harrington, Garden House Apartments, Abbey Street.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends.

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

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 6th September:

MONDAY	11 am	Frank & Johanna McManus
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Austin Healy (Jnr)
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	John Joe, Mary & Kathleen Ward Niall McDermott & Vincent McDermott
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat & Mary McLoughlin
FRIDAY	11 am	Roseanna O' Brien
SATURDAY	11 am	Ray Whelehan Paddy & Susanna Mulhern
	7 pm	Edward (Ned) Duignan (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Marie Killeen (Month's Mind)
	11:30 am	Mass for First Holy Communicants

WEEKEND MASS ARRANGEMENTS

As and from this weekend 28th/29th August, on a trial basis, the current arrangement of Masses by station/ parish areas will be discontinued.

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 participating in church services from their homes.

Access under our new arrangement will be given on a first come/ first served basis and we urge parishioners to continue to follow the direction of the stewards and adhere to the public health guidance in relation to face coverings, physical distancing and hand sanitisation.

Looking forward to seeing you over the coming weeks and months

Fr Kevin and the Priests of the Parish.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 30th August - Group 1
Week starting Monday 6th September - Group 2.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop Kevin has been in contact with parishes proposing that we proceed with the celebration of First Holy Communion as previously scheduled.

The scheduled dates for this parish are as follows:

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



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.

N.B. As the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 12th September is a First Communion Mass, it will be private to First Holy Communicants and their limited family groups.

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

*Ryan Martin Hannon, Aidan Peter Hannon, Cillian Naughton,
Robyn Marie Flanagan, Evie Fianna Corcoran-Grove &
Rian Finn Corcoran– Grove.*



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 0861702912 / 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 or call 094 962 1690 for further information.*

**PLEASE NOTE : NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON
SUNDAY 12th September.**

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €1,805.00

Thank You