

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE

Our readings today speak about marriage as a God-given sacred institution. Because of the centrality of this sacrament, the way scripture is organized highlights this point:

- a. In the first book of the bible Gen. 1:2-27 we are told God created man and woman And in verse 28 are said “be fruitful and multiple”. Here we see the physical dimension of the union between a man and a woman.
- b. In the last book of the bible Revelation 19:7-9 we are told of the wedding feast of the lamb. Here we say the spiritual dimension of marriage when we are all united with the lord.
- c. In John 2: 1-12 we are told of Jesus’s first miracle was at a wedding in Cana.

Marriage today is not faring well for many. This can be seen through the number of broken homes. We need to be careful not to demonize those who are divorced. For many divorced people had little or no choice in their divorce. Some people marry the wrong person (philanderer, abuser, addict, etc.), and it is all downhill from there. We must be careful not to treat the consequences of their initial poor choice as an unforgivable sin. Be it as it may, we also must be ready to uphold the sanctity of marriage.

An intact marriage proves neither that the marriage partners are sinless nor that they are less sinful than a couple that has divorced. Is an intact but abusive marriage any less sinful than a broken marriage? “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Our only hope, single, married, or divorced, is the grace of God.

Therefore, let us be encouraged to be committed to our marriages, by being faithful, using the simple first-person plural pronoun “our kids”, “our plans”, “our money” etc and jettison the first-person singular pronoun “my kids” “my plans”, “my money” etc, be ready to apologize to one another when we err, and be ready to forgive, and finally be prayerful.

May the grace of God help to sustain our marriages in these difficult times and may He bring healing to those wounded by divorce.

PAX VOBIS

Fr. Douglas Zaggi

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	May & Johnny Forde
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Frank Lavelle (Recently Deceased)
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	11 am	Tom Folliard & deceased family
SATURDAY	11 am	Bernie & Mary Burke Pauline Cleary Joan Kenny Paddy Mannion Tom Morris
		Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Joe Treacy (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Michael & James Igoe whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -
Bert Fallon, Athleague father of Noel Fallon, Hawthorn Drive.

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

MASS SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Monday: 11.00am

Tuesday: 8.00am & 11.00am

Wednesday: 8.00am and 11.00am

Thursday: 8.00am and 11.00am

Friday: 11.00am

Saturday: 11.00am and 7pm (Vigil)

Sunday : 9.00am and 11.30am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday: 10.30am - 11.00 am & 6.30 pm - 7.00 pm.

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**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** - is 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.

**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.

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

**MASS BOOKINGS:**

*We will start taking Mass bookings for 2022 in **November**. Bookings can only be made by phone 090 6626298 or email: [roscommonparish3@gmail.com](mailto:roscommonparish3@gmail.com) . Please note all 11 am Masses next year will be shared intention Masses if the need is required.*

*Funeral Masses will also still be celebrated at the 11 am Masses should they occur with any booked intentions prayed for at that Mass. A private Mass will then be celebrated for the given intention at a later time.*

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 4th October - Group 1

**Camino de Santiago pilgrimage for young adults (18 - 30) June 2022**

Dates: 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022, Age Group: 18 – 30, Cost €700 pps. Package includes flights, 9 nights' B&B, 20kg Check-in luggage plus hand luggage, transfers and insurance, pilgrim pack and t-shirt. Walking Details: A minimum of 100km walk is required to obtain the "Compostela", the official accreditation of the pilgrimage of St. James. We will walk the *Camino Frances* with our starting point at *Sarria*, finishing in *Santiago de Compostela*. This distance is 120km in total and we will walk it over 7 days, approximately 16 – 20 km per day. For more Information and registration details please see [www.elphindiocese.ie/camino2022](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/camino2022) or contact: Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo, Tel: 087 9880690 Email: [frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie](mailto:frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie)

**EmployAbility Service Roscommon**

The EmployAbility Service is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability or health issue to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market.

Are you currently aged over 18 years?

Do you have a disability or health issue?

Would you consider working part-time? If so, why not let Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area.

This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Employment Affairs and Social Protection.

Are you managing a mental health issue?

We offer an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service which is funded by HSE and offers a range of tailored personalised supports to people using mental health services who wish to work.

For further information Call 090 6628608 or Call/Text 087 3745307 or email [info@rosemp.ie](mailto:info@rosemp.ie)

**PILATES ARE BACK**

New 5-week Pilates term starting Wednesday 6th October in Quad C entre

Roscommon @9:30am. Suitable for all ages and abilities, ladies & gents. Please bring your own mat! More info call/text Bonnie 087 2238237

**GRETB**

Upstyling/Wash/Blowdry Hairdressing course starting in Roscommon Town on 08/10, 8 week course X 4 hours per day. Get ready for that special occasion and learn some useful tricks on how to "dress" up your hair. Free to qualifying participants. Contact Stephanie for more information: [091-874585/stephanie.oconnorshaw@greth.ie](tel:091-874585)."

**Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,120.00**

**Thank You**