

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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## THE LORD IS NEAR

Trying to keep our minds balanced is one of the greatest challenges we all face. For example, those of us who at some stage have been told of a relatively serious disease, would often at the initial diagnosis find our minds racing to the conclusion ‘ I’m going to die and die fairly soon’. On the other hand those, who are also fortunate enough, after medical intervention, to have been given an ‘ all clear’ can, in the midst joy and relief, almost believe they’re going to live on this earth for ever.

The Lord perhaps invites to locate ourselves somewhere in between these two opposite poles of thinking. Not to get overly distressed by a setback in our health but also not to live in denial of the fact our earthly lives one day will come to an end.

During this month of November as we pray for our dead we also can perhaps think of our own death. It can be sobering on visiting the grave of a loved one these days to see a blank space on the headstone knowing our name will be going on that space.

As Christians it’s deemed important to remind ourselves everyday that one day we will in fact die, though the day or the hour are uncertain. However, we are invited to confront death not just as a negative thing or as a time of distress but, to use the words of this Sunday’s Gospel to see it as a time when the ‘Lord is near’. It was interesting on the recent documentary on the late journalist Keeling Shanley, how her husband described the experience of his wife’s death as a time of great peace for him and not the ‘horror story’ that the initial diagnosis foretold.

So this November let us think of our loved ones who have died but also not to be afraid to think of our own death. Also let us be patient with ourselves as we try to both come to terms with the loss of people close to us as well as our own mortality.

*Fr. Kevin*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Special Intention Tom & Eileen Gorman
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Deceased Nurses P.J. Flynn
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Elizabeth Gillooly Jack Leavy Mary & Brendan Kelly
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
SATURDAY	11 am	Sonny & Lilly O' Keeffe, Christy Lunt & Vera Fahey Tommy Owens Simon McGuinness
	7 pm	Mary Beirne (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Leo Hunt ( 1st Anniversary)



We also remember Nora & William Siggins, Michael McNiff and Paul Johnson whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

**Tom Costello**, The Spinney & formerly Abbey St, Roscommon.

**Frank Flanagan**, Limerick & Westport brother of Peter Flanagan, Ballinagard Road, Roscommon.

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



## **Please note there will be no 8 am Mass next week**

**ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES** Should be returned as soon as possible. Box located inside altar rails for this purpose. All names of deceased will be placed in front of the Altar and remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

## **CAPACITY LIMIT FOR SACRED HEART CHURCH**

*Whilst the most recent government announcement mentions the removal of capacity limits on religious services, the continued requirement for physical distancing means Sacred Heart Church will continue to operate on the current 50% attendance capacity.*

*It is also required that the protective measures of face coverings and hand sanitisation be continued for the foreseeable future.*

## **Cemetery Sunday Derrane Nov 14th at 3pm.**

## **ANNUAL MASS IN MEMORY OF DECEASED COLLEAGUES IN ESB LANESBOROUGH**

Each year, in November, we hold a Mass in memory of our deceased colleagues in ESB, Lanesborough. This annual event is an important part of the ESB Lanesborough calendar and is always very well supported. It is usually followed by refreshments afterwards. This year, because of the continued Covid-19 Pandemic, we have had to make some changes to how we organise the 2021 event. This year's arrangement are as follows:

- The Mass will be held in Ballyleague Church. You can attend in person or join online.
- The address for the Mass, is: [www.churchservices.tv/ballyleague](http://www.churchservices.tv/ballyleague)
- The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 17th November at 8 pm.
- There will be no refreshments afterwards.

For those who intend to attend the Mass in person please wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser provided.

## **National Memorial Mass - Knock**

To pastorally support everyone who has suffered during the pandemic, and in the context of November being the traditional time when we remember our dead, on **Sunday 14 November at 3.00pm**, the Bishops of Ireland will undertake a pilgrimage to Knock Shrine to concelebrate Mass for all those who have died on the island, and for their families, during the pandemic. During the Mass bishops will offer prayers of thanksgiving for all those who so selflessly sacrificed so much during the pandemic. The Diocese of Elphin will be represented by a family from our diocese who are grieving the loss of a loved one who died earlier this year. **This Mass will be live-streamed on [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie) and broadcast on the RTÉ News digital television channel and online.**

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 15th November - Group 2.

**WESTERN ALZHEIMERS**

Western Alzheimers is currently recruiting for part-time Day Care Assistants for their daycentre at Fourmilehouse, Co. Roscommon. Duties include caring for people with Alzheimers disease/dementia, assisting with personal care, serving meals, social engagement, therapeutic activities etc. Full details from Western Alzheimers, Goff Street, Roscommon town, Tel. (090) 66 27816

**ROSCOMMON GIRL GUIDES**

*Girl Guides are back. Ladybirds, Brownies and Senior Branch are returning - Ladybirds on Mondays, Brownie Guides and Senior Branch on Wednesdays. All meet in the Girl Guide Cottage , Mote Park. New members welcome. For further information contact Mary 087 2854769 or email rosmotegirlguides@gmail.com. New leaders and helpers also welcome.*



To ensure the safety of all our Volunteers, the **Roscommon Stroke Support Group** have decided not to hold a Church Gate Collection this year. We invite you to scan this QR Code and make a donation instead.



The money raised will help us fund our many services in the Irish Heart Foundation. For more information please contact Anne 086 8520199

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**A NOVEMBER PRAYER:**

As we journey through the days of November, we pray and we remember all those who have died and those who are grieving the death of someone close and dear to them. Let us ask God for the grace to treasure and cherish the gift of life and love that blesses us every day. We pray for all our loved ones, knowing that they are not absent from our lives, but forever present to us in a newer and closer bond. *(Please call their names as part of this prayer...)* We pray for those who died and did not have a last word, a final hug and a loving embrace with us. We believe that we will meet again in the plan of God, who has a kind purpose for each one of us. For those who are on a journey of grief: May they know the comforting and healing presence of the Lord, who drew close to Martha and Mary in their tears, sadness and loss. For all who are lonely and for those afraid of the future: May we be aware, that all of us, living and dead are now in God's presence - who shares with us a lavish love that is full of promise and peace.

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**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €2,405.00

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