

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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CHRIST THE KING

Johnny Endow in his book *The Seven Mountain Prophecy* describes seven culture-shaping areas of influence over each society—media, government, education, economy, family, religion, and celebration (arts and entertainment). These are the keys to taking a nation for the kingdom of God.

Correspondingly, these are the very areas through which dominion is either positively or negatively exerted. All readings today speak of dominion. John's gospel specifically speaks of the kingship of Christ in a sense of spiritual and moral dominion.

Indeed, what dominates our hearts determines the kind of persons we are and, therefore, needs to be thought of as more important than what we do. Very often we look more to our actions rather than our basic attitudes for the evaluation of our personal morality.

The feast of Christ the king not only venerates Jesus as Lord of creation but as our Lord. It proposes that we evaluate what has dominion over our lives. We can be governed by goodwill for everyone, by openness to the truth, trust, kindness, compassion, and love. Conversely, we can be governed by hatred, greed, unforgiveness, fear, guilt, unresolved anger, envy, slot, etc. Likewise, there are things we consider having a higher value than God and morality. We make idols of such things. For instance, money, possessions, pleasure, success, fame, power, etc. these things are good in themselves. But when we ascribe to them *supreme value* they turn into 'gods'. This leads to a superficial life and causes people to forget the true God.

It is either that Christ rules our lives, or we are despotically ruled by a vain and arrogant ego, or a secularist group mentality. There is no gainsaying that, who or what, has dominion over us determines our personal morality and faith experiences. Therefore, your allegiance is to who, Christ the king or 'other-worldly' idols?

May Christ the King rule over us always.

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	8 am	Hoy Souls
	11 am	James Flanagan Vincent Kyne
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	John Joe & Annie T Hagan Joe Gallagher
THURSDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Daniel McCrossan Sharon Scanlon
FRIDAY	11 am	Fr. Sean Creaton Paddy & Molly Walsh & deceased family
SATURDAY	11 am	Lena, James, Helen, James (Jnr), Michéal & Michael John Igoe & all deceased family Raphael Molloy
	7 pm	Annette Tully (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Evelyn Squires (Month's Mind) Kathleen Lanigan (Month's Mind) & Noel Lanigan



We also remember Teresa & Thomas Murray, Patrick (Paddy) Kelly & Martin Kelly whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

Catherine Dwyer (née Hannon), Goff Street, Roscommon.

Marie Hannon (née Kennedy), Ballygar and formerly St. Ciaran's Park, Roscommon.

Brendan Beattie, St. Coman's Park and formerly Lanesboro Street, Roscommon.

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

ADVENT WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

In order to facilitate as many parishioners as possible to attend weekend Masses safely during the Season of Advent, an additional Sunday Mass has been arranged for 10.00 am beginning next Sunday November 28th (First Sunday of Advent) and ending on Sunday December 19th (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

The weekend Mass schedule for Advent will therefore be as follows Saturday: 7pm (Vigil), Sunday 9 am, 10.00 am and 11.30 am.

Arrangements for Christmas Masses will be announced at a later date.

Thank you for your support and every blessing as we shortly begin this sacred season.

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.

ELPHIN DIOCESE APOSTOLIC WORK - has received a request from Fr. Douglas for Mass Kits for 8 Seminarians who will, please God be ordained priests soon. Mass Kits contain everything a priest needs to celebrate Holy Mass, and cost €200 each. A suitable inscription can be added. If you can help please contact any member of Apostolic Work you know or Mary at 087 135 3780 / Margaret 087 207 2400.

Future of the Catholic Church in Ireland

Talk by Sunday Times columnist and Iona Institute founder David Quinn and Senator Rónán Mullen in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.30 p.m. "Ireland and the Church: Where we've come from, Where we're going" is organised by the Iona Institute. All are welcome. Admission free. Public health guidelines apply. To book your place, email info@ionainstitute.ie or phone 01 6619204.

Short Advent Reflections - by Fr. Niall Ahern available to podcast and to listen @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections offer a gentle way of entering the forthcoming Advent season.

All welcome to use.

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 22nd November - Group 3.

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

Dates: 1st – 10th 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 or contact: Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo, Tel: 087 9880690 Email: 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

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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: €3635.00

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