

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Tuning in to the Lord's signal

When we think of prayer, what comes to mind generally is of us talking to God: morning and evening prayer, the rosary, words during Mass or our own personal prayer of petition or thanks. There is no doubt that these activities characterise prayer to a very large extent.

However, we must also remember that prayer includes not just speaking words to the Lord, but also trying to listen to what He has to say to us. This is important as we interpret the message of this Sunday's Scripture as we begin the season of Advent. We are urged to 'Stay awake and pray at all times'. In our prayer, we are invited to be receptive to God's voice at this moment of time in our lives.

This is asked of us when at present we are bombarded with all kinds of voices and messages, all clamouring and competing for our attention. Black Friday commercials scream at us to buy this particular item so all our 'prayers' will be answered. Media reports of Covid surge, lock-down threats and other prophets of doom suggest we're definitely bunched for a Merry Christmas and worse again for a Happy 2022.

It's good therefore this Advent that we attune the receivers of our hearts to the signal contained in the Good News of Luke's gospel, which begins today and will form most of our Sunday New Testament for the next 12 months.

This Gospel doesn't ignore the truth that there are challenges ahead but with a spirit of optimism assures us that with God on our side, we have the confidence to face anything: Any setback, any tragedy and indeed any pandemic.

'Stand erect! hold your heads high! for your liberation is near at hand!'

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	8 am	Hoy Souls
	11 am	Paddy & Tess Hughes Michael Gordon & deceased family
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Kathleen & Paddy Shaughnessy Elizabeth & Patrick Costello & deceased family
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Frank Lannon Robert & Kathleen Derby
FRIDAY	11 am	Brian Neilan
SATURDAY	11 am	Michael J Padden Nicholas Smyth Frank & Mary Lynch Kathleen Durkin Delia & Leo Dolan
	7 pm	Kathleen Finan (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



We also remember Oliver & Enda Gannon, Cyril & Margaret Hession whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

John Neilan, Abbey Street, Roscommon

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

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.

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 this 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.

Remembrance Mass:

A mass for deceased Roscommon County Council staff & members has been arranged for Friday 3rd December 2021 at 7.00 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. All welcome. Mass will also be streamed live on www.churchtv.ie/roscommontown Please note that all current Covid regulations will be adhered to.

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



*Ali Gзнe O' Rzilly, Jack James Allzn, Cara Rita Hazel Kileling,
Cadhla Rose Dillon-Hoult & Jack Dzan Connolly*

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.

ADVENT WREATH: The Advent Wreath is made from evergreen leaves that are woven around a circle of wire. A purple ribbon is then wound around the leaves. Three purple candles and one pink candle are placed on the Wreath. The circle of evergreen leaves represents God who is without beginning or end. The purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent and a purple candle is lit.



Altar Society - Week starting Monday 29th November - Group 4.

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.

Kilteevan Community Development Christmas Market in Kilteevan community centre Sunday, 12th December 3-6pm. Join us for a wide variety of homemade crafts, gifts, decorations and tasty treats. Christmas lights turning on at 5:30pm by local celebrity family. Choir singing. Masks compulsory.

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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Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,060.00

Thank You