

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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AUTHENTIC GIVING

Widows are mentioned in both the first and gospel readings. They represent the poorest and most vulnerable people in society. What is common to these widows is their selfless generosity which can be considered reckless. There are two sides to their generosity, namely their generosity in themselves and the denunciation of the scribes who took advantage of the widows and the vulnerable.

WIDOWS' GENEROSITY: An Irish proverb says, "When the hand ceases to scatter the mouth ceases to praise". We say in these two women, their readiness to give or "scatter" even their last. There are those who give little of the much they have, and they give for recognition. And there are those who have little and give it all. These are those despite poverty and oppression, place their trust in God. All giving is good just as money is good. But like money, some giving is copper, some is silver, and some is pure gold. True giving must be sacrificial. The amount of the gift never matters so much as its cost to the giver. This is the kind of giving that the gift is desperately needed by both the giver and the receiver. Such were the gifts of this women. The other giving is when the giver gives what he/she can live without. This doesn't hurt.

ADVANTAGE OF THE WIDOWS AND THE VULNERABLE: Widowhood in our western world may not be as damning as Jesus' times but we have situations whereby others take advantage of vulnerable people: Business executives are tempted to treat customers and employees as cogs in the moneymaking machine. Government officials are tempted to sell policy and privilege for campaign contributions or personal favours. Military leaders are tempted to put personal promotions above the welfare of subordinates. Teachers are tempted to put salaries and work conditions above students. Mechanics are tempted to recommend unneeded repairs. May we understand that we give little when we give our possessions. It is when we give ourselves that we truly give.

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	John Reginald Harvey
TUESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Lelia & P.J Fallon
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Clare Doyle
THURSDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Billy & Anna Neilan Tom Lynch & Deirdre Lynch
FRIDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
SATURDAY	11 am	Mickcie Farrell & Moira Farrell Mai, Jim & Seamus Connolly, & Marie McGuinness Peter & Mary Comiskey
	7 pm	Paul Woods (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Annual Remembrance Mass



We also remember Enda Kelly, John Kelly whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

Evelyn Squires, Gallowstown, Roscommon.

Kathleen Finan, Celtic Avenue, Roscommon.

Kathleen Lanigan, Convent Road, Roscommon.

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

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.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS

On **Sunday 14th November @ 11: 30 am**, there will be a Mass for all deceased Parishioners whose funeral Mass took place in the Sacred Heart Church from November 2020 to the end of October 2021. Due to social distancing measures still in place attendance **will be restricted to the families of the deceased.** Thank you for your corporation.

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.

Church Calendar, 2022: *Is being prepared for next year. If there are any voluntary Groups or Organisations who would like to be included or change their existing contact details, please phone Parish Office as soon as possible. Tel: 090 66 26298.*

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
- 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.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 8th November - Group 1.

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.

Medjugorje – Youth & Young Adult Pilgrimage - August 2022 led by Bishop Kevin Doran. Dates: 10th – 17th August 2022, Youth (15 – 17 age group must be accompanied by parent/guardian) & Young Adults (18 – 30 age group), Cost €650 pps. For more Information and registration details please see www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje2022/ or contact: Frank McGuinness, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministry, St. Mary's, Temple Street, Sligo, Tel: 087 9880690 Email: frank.mcguinness@elphindiocese.ie

SAFE PATIENT MOVING & HANDLING

Are you taking care of a loved one with limited mobility or perhaps you work in the Healthcare Sector, if so the following course would be useful to you - Safe Patient Moving & Handling. This course will give you the know how to protect yourself and also the person you care for. Saturday November 13th, RSG in Derrane. Course is free. Contact Stephanie in GRETB for information, 091-874585.

ROSCOMMON GAELS BINGO.

Bingo is back indoors at the Hyde Centre each Sunday @ 8 pm. Book & Jackpot €10. Roscommon Gaels look forward to welcoming you all back to The Hyde.

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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: €3,075.00

Thank You