

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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SECOND SUNDAY



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THE SMALL MIRACLES

News emerged during the week of a pub in Co. Donegal imposing a fine of €2 on any customer who mentions the word 'Covid'. Whilst this venture can be seen as a bit of fun, there is perhaps a more serious side to the introduction of such a measure.

Firstly, money raised is being directed to a local hospice charity. Secondly, one could guess that any use of the word 'Covid' is done in the context of a person complaining about the state of affairs in their lives as a result of the pandemic. Diverting the conversation in another direction is a way perhaps of showing gratitude for the small things in life despite the present challenges in the world: E.g. Having a roof over one's head, food on the table, general good health and of course, there is the small miracle of vaccination we're fortunate enough to have access to in this part of the globe.

In this Sunday's gospel, we witness Jesus performing his first miracle. It happens in the most ordinary of circumstances in a very unlikely setting. He facilitates the provision of more wine at a wedding reception that He and His mother were attending. We would have expected perhaps that Jesus would address a more worthy or spectacular cause like curing the sick or feeding the hungry, which indeed He is involved in later in His public ministry. No, it seems Jesus works in the small things and wants us to savour the small miracles He performs for us every single day.

We shouldn't underestimate either the miracles we can perform for others in the simple gestures of a word, text, card, phone call or indeed the donation a vaccine to other countries. Being a christian means following Christ who served others, so we in turn can all become miracle workers in our own right, in this place and time.

FR. KEVIN

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	11 am	Maud Johnston
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Andrew Hanley (1st Anniversary)
THURSDAY	11 am	Annie Hoare Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Elizabeth & Francis Robinson
SATURDAY	11 am	John Gillooly Frank Kelly Nicholas & Kathleen Quirke Anne Fitzgerald
	7 pm	Marcella Clyne (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



We also remember Mary, Katie & Peter McDermott
whose anniversaries occur around this time.



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

David Gillooly, Roscommon Town.

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 until Tuesday 1st February 2022.

St. Coman's Wood Primary School, Roscommon - New entrants for September 2022.

An initial application form available on-line at www.comanswoodprimary.ie must be completed on or before Friday 11th February, 2022. The form is also available for collection from the office located on the Junior Site, Convent Rd or can be posted on request.

Email: info@comanswoodprimary.ie / 090 6626872.

Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion – Online Preparation for Parents

The aim of these online programmes is to explore the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion with parents and guardians of candidates who will be receiving the Sacraments in 2022. Hosted by the Partners in the Gospel – volunteer catechists in the Diocese of Elphin – these sessions take place over three evenings for one hour. See www.elphindiocese.ie for details of when these will take place for your parish.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are

urgently required: **Sunday:** 2pm - 3pm, 4pm - 5pm. **Monday:** 2pm - 3pm. **Tuesday:** 1pm - 2pm, 4pm - 5pm.

Wednesday: 1pm - 2pm, 2pm - 5pm. **Thursday:** 4pm - 5pm, 5pm - 6pm. **Saturday:** 11am - 12noon, 2pm - 3pm.

Thank you for your support. If you can help out with any of the above hours, please contact Mae McBrien 086 8622354 or Tom Beirne 086 3861954.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 17th January - Group 1.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €1,785.00

Thank You