

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Rejoicing over each others gifts

Amid all the conversations about Covid over the last two years, it seems there is another virus out there, and equally as transmissible and dangerous, namely the spiritual virus of jealousy.

We often notice that if a project works out very well for us, we get a promotion at work or display a lot of commitment to a good cause, we inevitably face adverse reactions from certain individuals or groups. As it happens, this resistance often comes from those closest to us.

However, the good thing to realise is that when we face such opposition, we are in the good company of Jesus. In this Sunday's gospel, he testifies that prophets usually don't receive a good reception from their neighbours. As He stood in the synagogue to announce that he was the Anointed One to bring the good news to the poor and liberty to captives, the locals became enraged.

We gain encouragement too from Jeremiah in our First Reading, who assures us we won't be knocked over by such jealousy or cynicism and that while others may fight against us, we will not be overcome. The Lord is our strength as we do the good work of the Lord in our families, places of work, and in the community.

Let us also be under no illusion that this epidemic can't infect us ourselves. Without realising it, we can be begrudging towards others when we see them getting on well and don't rejoice over their talents. It seems we need to remind ourselves that our happiness is in no way dependent on the misery or misfortune of those around us and that there is room for all of us in this world.

So let us ensure that the experience of Nazareth, the hometown of Jesus, in this Sunday's scripture is not repeated in our own homes, families, and towns; instead, we rejoice in each other's God given gifts and achievements as we journey through life together.

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

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| MONDAY | 11 am | Joseph Moran |
| TUESDAY (St. Bridget's Day) | 8 am 11 am | Morning Mass Lawrence & Mary Bridget, Pat & Agnes Hevican & deceased family |
| WEDNESDAY (Candlemas Day) | 8 am 11 am | Morning Mass Morning Mass |
| THURSDAY (St. Blaise) | 8 am 11 am | Margaret & Frank Fallon & deceased family members Rose Noone |
| FRIDAY | 11 am | Ann Costello |
| SATURDAY | 11 am | Brendan & Alice Merriman Monika Hoare & Kathleen Hoare |
| | 7 pm | Gabriel Finn (Month's Mind) |
| SUNDAY | 9 am 11:30 am | Marcella Clyne (Month's Mind) Benny McDermott (1st Anniversary) |



We also remember deceased Mercy Sisters who ministered in Roscommon and whose anniversaries occur around this time.

FEASTDAYS: Tuesday next 1st February is the Feast Day of **St. Brigid**. Usual Mass times 8 am & 11 am.

Wednesday 2nd February: Feast of the Presentation of the Lord & Candlemas Day.

Candles will be blessed before the 8 am and 11 am Masses on Wednesday.

Feast of St. Blaise: Thursday 3rd February: Blessing of throats at 8 am & 11 am Masses on Thursday.

Communion Calls

Fr. Kevin's calls will take place on Thursday 3rd February at the usual times.

Gaelscoil de hÍde - Enrolment

Gaelscoil de hÍde, Roscomáin is now accepting enrolments for September 2022. If you wish to enrol your child for the 2022/2023 school year please contact the school secretary at 0906628860 / eolasgaelscoilhide@gmail.com for an enrolment form. Please return all completed enrolment forms to the schools on or before February 23rd.

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:

Monday: 2pm - 3pm. **Tuesday:** 1pm - 2pm. **Wednesday:** 1pm - 2pm. **Thursday:** 4pm - 5pm, 5pm - 6pm.

Friday: 1pm - 2pm. **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 31st January - Group 3.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,120.00

Thank You