

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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DIVINE CALL AND HUMAN AGENCY

In the call of the prophet Isaiah and the call of Peter, James, and John, we are reminded of a salient truth about vocation: God does not call the qualified, but rather qualifies those he calls. All he needs are disciples with a listening ear, an attentive disposition, and a willing heart. We are all called to collaborate with God in bringing people to friendship with God especially in these times when most people have turned away from him.

I feel drawn to the enthusiasm of the people pressing on Jesus to hear God's message. We see less of that today. The boat used is Simon's who feels disheartened after fishing all night in favourable conditions yet with no catch. Notice here that Jesus first nourished the people with the word before the miraculous catch. Hence, we are nourished by the word of God at every mass before the Eucharist is given to us.

There can be times in our lives when we feel like failures or want to give up. We probably have done everything required for a positive end but to no avail. Can I trust in Jesus and let go of what blocks me from deepening my relationship with him? I reflect on where I am putting my energy and whether it leads to peace and balance or not. Picture Simon: he has left his boat after his night's work; he's tidying up and putting his nets to rights; he does what Jesus asks and then listens to his teaching. Whatever he hears makes him ready to say, "At your word" or "If you say so." There may be times when not getting the results I would like leaves me despondent. What might I learn from Simon as I notice how God uses his readiness? Only God can make the impossible possible, the imperceptible perceptible.

Our struggles in life devoid of Jesus are fruitless. But once Jesus comes into the scene everything changes for our good. However, our readiness to take the leap of faith with Jesus is vital. Are we ready like Peter to say "if you say so"?

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Thomas & Anna Bent
TUESDAY	8 am 11 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am 11 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am 11 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Eileen Haughey
SATURDAY	11 am	Padraic Dunne Michael & Nan Kelly Noel & Kathleen McCrann
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Anna McCarthy (Month's Mind) Monsignor Charles Travers (Month's Mind)



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

Eilish Talbot, Lanesboro Street. **Michael Connolly**, England brother of Maura Dervin, Crubyhill. **Seamus O' Hanrahan**, Roxboro, brother-in-law of Tom Mannion, Stonepark. **Ian McDonnell**, Dublin formerly of Elphin & Galway Road, Roscommon Town. **Padraig Fitzgerald**, Ahascragh, Galway brother of Fr. Joe Fitzgerald. **Teresa Dunne**, Kilbeggan, sister of Pat Burke, Court Ave and Sr. Pauline Burke, Crubyhill, Roscommon.

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

CONFESSIONS - available on : Saturdays **10:30 am - 11:00 am**, and **6.30pm - 7.00pm** at our new confessional areas by St. Joseph's and Our Lady's altar rails.

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 / eolasgaelscoildehide@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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required:

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.

Spleodar Club Ros Comáin

Secondary school students- ar mhaith leat dul ar chúrsa Gaeltachta? Are you thinking of going to the Gaeltacht? Bain triail as! Try it out! Spleodar Club takes place every Friday from 7-9p.m in Gaelscoil de hÍde F42TD83. Cluichí, canadh, spraoi, damhsa trí Ghaeilge. Games, songs, fun and dance through Irish. Fully supervised and Garda vetted Irish speakers. €3 per club. Eolas/Info spleodarroscomain@gmail.com nó spleodar.com
Fáilte roimh chách.

Adult Art Classes in Acrylics beginning Tuesday 15th February at 7:00pm – 8.30pm in Taughmaconnell Hall, Taughmaconnell, Ballinasloe, Co. Roscommon. All welcome. Contact Fiona Moore at 086 1600431 for information on materials required.
www.fionamooreart.net

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 7th February - Group 4.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,341.70

Thank You