

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

EASTER SUNDAY

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THE RESURRECTION: A SIGN OF HOPE AND POWER

The resurrection is the foundation of our faith as Christians. St. Paul says, “if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our faith is in vain” (1 Cor. 15:14). The resurrection is a sign of hope and power even in weakness.

Resurrection And Hope: Nothing could be further from the victorious and positive nature of our Easter hope. This year, Easter falls at the very heart of spring which is a season that is full of hopefulness, longer evenings, Spring flowers, birdsong, and the trees budding. There is the promise of hope and bursting with new life. And the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead brings that hope to a new level of reality. Far from the resurrection being simply a metaphor that religious people use for natural renewal, as some believe, it is the yearly renewal of the Earth in Spring which is an anticipation of the resurrection; a sign pointing to something greater than itself.

The Resurrection Power: The resurrection is power for us with several lessons. Good and evil, despair and hope, joy and suffering always exist side by side in this world. Jesus didn’t avoid pain and suffering. Hence, Easter and Good Friday were intimately bound. No Easter without good Friday, success without effort, better lives for ourselves without having to die to our old lives. Living successfully is to accept the ups and downs of life as having equal validity and purpose. Having this balance, we are significantly less immobilized by hardships or demoralized by reversals of fortunes. This is the power of effective living. However, ultimately, good is more powerful than evil and life is stronger than death. Easter does not discount Good Friday but certainly outshines it, proving that there is no affliction, no setback, no misfortune, no sickness we face that cannot serve as a stepping-stone for something greater and more wonderful. We need not languish in despair for what we endure. The resurrection of Jesus encourages us to look for the oasis in the desert, the silver lining in the cloud. No matter what hardship you face you will prevail. Refuse to be dominated by any negative and defeatist thinking. Remember the song by Bill Gaither, “Because He lives, I can face tomorrow . . . my life is worth a living just because he lives”. Therefore, rise from the dead of despair, disappointments, and sadness because our saviour lives.

Our Lord has risen! He is risen indeed! **Happy Easter.**

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Sr. Rose Thérèse Corcoran Fionán Raftery
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Tom & Bridie Hannigan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat Patterson & his parents Kathleen & Owen Patterson
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	John & Margaret Malynn Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Patrick & Margaret Graham & deceased family Nonie Waldron & deceased of the Moore & Waldron families Nancy Treacy
SATURDAY	11 am	Tom Judge Margaret & James Conway James Raftery
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Marie Feeley (Month's Mind) Phil Connaughton (1st Anniversary) & her husband John

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday:** 1pm - 2pm. **Thursday:** 11am - 12noon, 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.

TRÓCAIRE ENVELOPES / BOXES SHOULD BE RETURNED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.

Mass Intentions for the week starting 25th April.

MONDAY	11 am	Anne, Olive & Billy Haugh
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Mary Smyth
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	James Hughes & deceased family
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Henry, Maisie & Joe McDermott
FRIDAY	11 am	Eamon Keane & deceased of the Keane & Healy families
SATURDAY	11 am	Joe & Rosaleen Harte & deceased family Gerry Casey & deceased family Bernie Harte
	7 pm	Mary & Larry Connor Vita Whelehan (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Morning Mass

THANK YOU to all for their support and participation in the Easter Ceremonies in the Parish over the past few days. This is our first Easter since 2019 without Covid restrictions and we give thanks for the all progress we have made. May the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus bring peace to our lives both now and in the future.

Happy Easter to all!

RTE MASS- ROSCOMMON YOUTH

Representatives of the youth of our Parish will lead us with Fr. Kevin in celebrating next Sunday's televised Mass (24th April) on RTE1.

The live broadcast begins at 11.00am

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: You are invited to come along and pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy in the presence of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3 pm in this church on Sunday 24th April 2022. For further information please phone Deacon Wando on 087 260 0338.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 18 April - Group 4.
Week starting Monday 25 April - Group 5.

PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME:

There will be no 8 am Mass for the next two weeks. 8 am Mass will resume on Tuesday 3rd May.

PLEASE NOTE : NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON SUNDAY 1st MAY.

LOUGH DERG 2022 PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS 1st MAY

One Day Retreats in May, August & September. Three Day Pilgrimages in June, July & August. Contact 071 9861518 / info@loughderg.org / www.loughderg.org . See poster in the Church porch.

Roscommon Active Retirement Association - invite you to join them on a 4 nights/5 day trip to the Talbot Hotel, Wexford town, Monday 9th - Friday, 13th May. Price €380 pps . Half board, 3 daily excursions, coach from Roscommon town. To book - 086 1925 411

Roscommon Town Darkness into Light 2022

Roscommon's Town Darkness into Light Committee are delighted to announce Darkness into Light 2022 will take place in person on the morning of Saturday May 7th @ 4.15 from the Roscommon Convent of Mercy Gym, Roscommon Town. This year's registration options are:

Register online via the following link: <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/>

There will be two community registration days held in Roscommon town. The first is on - Easter Saturday April 16th from 3PM-6PM in The Square (during the Easter Saturday Concerts). The second community registration day is on Saturday April 23rd from 10AM-2PM at Dunnes Stores, Roscommon Town.

Ticket Prices: Adult €26, Child (6-17 yrs) €5, Family (2 Adults & 5 children) €62, Concession (jobseekers/student/seniors €21, Baby/Toddler (0-5 yrs) Free.

Affordable Live-in Homecare provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is www.alhomecare.ie

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,070.50

Thank You

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