

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



You cannot be the slave both of God and of money

A CORRUPT MAN'S INVALUABLE EXAMPLE

1. This is a seemingly bizarre parable. It seems to unfold within the value system of "the children of this world". It is tailored and coloured by rascality in the characters; The servant who falsified entries of rent owed by tenants, The debtors who knew that what they owed was far less, yet flowed along without thinking of later consequences, and The master instead of being shocked at the proceeding he rather praises the astuteness of the servant.

2. In the gospels, whenever Jesus gives a parable as an example some are meant for us to imitate and learn while others are not to be imitated to learn from them. But in today's parable, we are not to imitate but learn. Let us see the lessons to be learned.

A. Within the very different value system of "the children of light", do we have the same level of shrewdness and astuteness (but exercised morally) as the manager in the parable? No. Thus, If only we can give as much time, attention, and precision to our spiritual lives as we give in order to achieve success in mundane tasks, our business, our educational careers, and other careers, even the thorough attention to our pets, etc we will be better Christians. Barclay affirms that "a man will expend twenty times the amount of time and money and effort on his pleasure, his hobby, his garden, his sport as he does on his church" (Barclay, 208). Indeed, our Christianity is flooded with apparent membership without much commitment.

B. The manager was praised for his foresight but not for his dishonesty. We often make plans for the future, holidays, the education of our children, Christmas celebrations, and good retirement packages, some even plan for their funerals without reference to where they would spend eternity. Thus, our foresightedness is short-sighted by our exclusion of God who is eternal. If our best and ultimate future lies in heaven, then we must be interested in our eternal future proactively. The future is purchased by the present in the way we treat people. Amos in the first reading looked at the future in the light of the present which was corrupted by greed and dishonesty, where the rich exploited the poor and justice was a far cry for the poor. He argued, that unless people took a stand against the prevailing false and destructive values there was no future security for them and posterity.

May God help us to be astute in seeking His kingdom and values not the values of the kingdom of the world.

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	James & Gladys Hoare Rita Walsh & deceased family Sr. Anna Duignan
TUESDAY	8 am	Thomas, Eileen, Martin & Pat O' Donnell
	11 am	Margaret Quinn
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Margaret Timon
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Mary Oates
FRIDAY	11 am	John Scally, his parents Tom & Annie Scally
SATURDAY	11 am 7 pm	Maidie Hannon & Stephen Hannon Youth Mass
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Mary Kelly (Month's Mind) Biddy Quinn (Month's Mind)



We also remember Ann Henry, Martin Finn late of Abbey Street & his parents Michael & Maureen Finn whose anniversaries occur at this time.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday:** 3pm - 4pm. **Thursday:** 11am - 12noon, 5pm - 6pm. **Friday:** 3pm—4pm & **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 086 862 2354 or Tom Beirne 086 386 1954.



Rosary will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto in Sacred Heart Church grounds on **each Wednesday at 7 pm** during the months of September and October.

INVITE TO JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

New members are welcome to join our legion meetings in St. Coman's Monday evening at 7 pm or Tuesday evening at 7 pm. All are welcome. For more information contact Noreen 090 6625209, Terese 090 6661188 or Grainne 087 6568259.

BEST WISHES FR. DOUGLAS- WELCOME FR. RAUL!

It is with huge regret that we learned recently of the upcoming departure of Fr. Douglas from the parish. We thank him for his kind ministry amongst us over the past 2 years and wish him every blessing as he takes up his new appointment as Parish Priest of Ballygar on September 30th .

We welcome Fr. Raul Cino who arrived last week to take up his appointment as curate here in Roscommon. Fr. Raul is a native of the Philippines and we wish him many happy years in our parish. Céad Míle Fáilte!

VOLUNTEERS

Pre Covid with the help of volunteers we were able to have a Sunday basket collection. We now wish to resume the Sunday basket collection in our church and are looking for volunteers to help out with this. If you think you can help, please contact the parish office on 090 6626298. Thank you.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE

Mayo Roscommon Hospice is appealing for hosts to host a coffee morning or evening on National Coffee Morning for Hospice on Thursday 22nd September or at any date or time that suits you. Coffee pack sponsored by Bewleys will be provided. Please email ionfo@hospice.ie or register online at www.hospice.ie Your support for local hospice services would be most appreciated.

MASS BOOKINGS:

We will start taking Mass bookings for 2023 in **OCTOBER**. Bookings can only be made by phone 090 6626298 or email: roscommonparish3@gmail.com . Please note all 11 am Masses next year will be shared intention Masses if the need is required. Funeral Masses will also still be celebrated at the 11 am Masses should they occur with any booked intentions prayed for at that Mass.

ROSCOMMON THEO TALKS: *First session to be held on Wednesday 19th October 7.30pm - 8.45pm in St. Coman's Wood NS, Conference Room Roscommon Town. Catholic Liturgy: What it means? Past, Present, Future, The Beauty, Dignity and Theological understanding of Liturgy. Very Rev. Michael Drumm PP, Rosses Point, moderated by Rev Dr. Vincent Twomey SVD. 7.15 pm : Tea/Coffee. All welcome. For further information contact Fr. Pravin Dhason 089 4523322 or email frpravin@yahoo.com .*

One Day Retreats at Lough Derg

The final One Day Retreats take place Lough Derg, on **September 24 & 25**. *Booking is essential*. The One Day Retreat on Sunday 25th September, will have the special focus of praying for an end to the conflict in Ukraine. Guest Speaker, refugee, Halyna Tesluk, Associate Professor of Old Testament at The Ukrainian Catholic University. Admission fee of €45pp includes all refreshments, lunch, return boat service, full retreat programme, free car & coach parking. Boats available from 9.15am on the day; retreat begins at 10.30am until 4.30pm. For booking and further information: by phone +353 (0)71 9861518online: www.loughderg.org or email: info@loughderg.org

BALLYMURRAY BRIDGE CLUB: An EGM of Ballymurray Bridge Club will take place on Monday 26th September @ 8pm in The Abbey Hotel. All members are requested to attend to discuss the resumption of play.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 19th September - Group I.

Free draw: Win a trip to Medjugorje with the Irish Centre. Win one week's all included package trip to Medjugorje for one person. This includes 7 nights B&B, return airport transfer and flight (up to €300 flight & luggage value). To be in with a chance to win go to our website www.med-irishcentre.com For more details tel. 00353 1443 4510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com

ROSCOMMON DRAMA GROUP AGM

Following a very successful resumption after Covid, both on and off stage, the Roscommon Drama Group will hold their AGM at Hannon's Hotel on Tuesday 27th September at 8.00pm. New members will be very welcome remembering that drama is not confined only to the actors on stage but a much larger "cast" in the backstage crew including construction of set, props, make-up etc. If you have any interest in the stage do come along and join us, you will receive a warm welcome.

Roscommon COPD Support Group is delighted to announce a new community-based exercise programme for people living with COPD. This exercise programme is free of charge. The classes will involve a range of exercises that improve aerobic capacity, strength and flexibility. This programme will be delivered once a week, commencing on **Thursday 6th October 2022 from 10am to 11am in the Education Room, Sacred Heart Hospital & Care Home, Golf Links Road, Roscommon.** Please contact Katie in COPD Support Ireland on 083 086 4118 or email support@copd.ie for more details and to book your place.

Roscommon Girl Guides will hold a registration evening on Wednesday evening the 21st September in the girl guide cottage mote park from 6.30 to 8pm for all units and adult volunteers. Ladybirds aged 5 to 7 years. Brownies aged 7 to 10 years. Girl Guides 10 to 14 years, Senior Branch 14 to 30 and adult volunteers aged 18 +. New members welcome. For further information you can contact Mary on 087 2854769.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €4,434.95

Thank You

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