

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

A. In today's gospel, Jesus puts before us the conditions of discipleship via a startling statement: "If anyone comes to me without hating father, mother, ...". Jesus is not calling his followers to hate their families in terms of emotional response; instead, he calls for undivided loyalty to himself above family loyalties. In Matthew 10:37 he explains his meaning: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me". It is a matter of priorities.

B. To follow him may require two things:

- Reordering our value systems. Perhaps, before we encounter Jesus, we would have thought first of ourselves and achieved every possible success with no consideration for any other person. But once we become disciples, our value system changes. Gale Sayers in his autobiography *I AM THIRD* explains, "The Lord is first, my friends are second, and I am third". Yes, indeed to any serious disciple of Christ, the Lord should always be first before every other possession, even before his loved ones.

- Reordering of our human relationships. Onesimus in the second reading was initially a slave of Philemon. Meeting Paul, he was baptized and sent Onesimus back St. Paul wrote, "I am sending him back to you forever not as a slave anymore but something better than a slave, a dear brother (Philemon 1:16). Whilst the gospel has the power to break all social barriers, we must make a conscious effort to enhance this power in our allegiances through the gift of wisdom as exhorted in the first reading.

A. Discipleship is about carrying our cross. Jesus did not promise us a cross-free journey of life, but he did promise that the arrival will be worthwhile. The cross reminds us of Good Friday. For most of us, the cross is not inflicted from within; the infirmities of the mind and body, the addictions, temptations, etc. For others, the cross is inflicted from without, an abusive husband or wife, a son or daughter struggling with addiction, an imprisoned son or daughter, an absconded father or mother, a disobedient child, an authoritative boss at work, etc. Carrying my cross means not so much solving these problems, as learning to live with some of them.

Overall, we are reminded and challenged by the importance of loyalty and allegiance to Jesus over all other competing loyalties, including family, self-interest, personal ambition, and possessions.

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Padraic, Michael John & Liz McGowan
TUESDAY	8 am	Austin Healy (Jnr)
	11 am	John & Mary Kate Leydon
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Browne family
	11 am	Paddy & Susanna Mulhern
THURSDAY	8 am	Jim & Kathleen Byrne & deceased family
	11 am	Margaret Timon
FRIDAY	11 am	Leo & Kay Finnermore, Niall McDermott
SATURDAY	11 am	Pater, Daisy & Hugh Sreenan Noreen Delaney (Formerly Goff St & New York)
	7 pm	Paddy Walsh (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



We also remember Luke Loftus whose anniversary occurs at this time.



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

Mary Kelly, KIELTY'S, Roxoboro Rd, Roscommon Town.

Brian Mongan, Lisnamult, Roscommon Town.

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday:** 3pm - 4pm. **Thursday:** 11am - 12noon, 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 086 862 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 month of September and October.

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.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Fr. Kevin will attend to his Communion calls on next **Friday 9th September** at the usual times.

THE ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY for Legion of Mary members will take place in the Sacred Heart Church on Sunday 11th September at 4pm. All are welcome to attend.

RECENT BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Christian family:-



*Ella McDermott, Jake Treacy, Benjamin Jezuit, Róisín Scanlon,
Patrick Comiskey, Ciana Parker, Ross Horan, Evie Moran, Fiadh
Moran, Carly O' Rourke, Rian Kiernan, Josue Rasteiro De Oliveira,
Rryan Souza Brito, Francis McDonagh, Ellie Fitzpatrick &
Rapheal Betiku.*

INVITE TO JOIN THE LEGION OF MARY

New members are welcome to join our legion meeting's 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.

One Day Retreats at Lough Derg: One Day Retreats have resumed on Lough Derg, and continue on selected dates in September: **September 3, 7, 10, 13, 17, 18, 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 9861518 online: www.loughderg.org or email: info@loughderg.org

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 5th September - Group IV.

ACCOUNTS 2021.

The Income & Expenditure summary that shows the revenues and expenses of the Parishes of the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon & St. Joseph's Church, Kiltveean combined for the year ended 31/12/2021 is available to view in the Church porch. Sincere thanks again to parishioners for their support and generosity during the Covid restrictions.

It's Cardiac Rehab' – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery – log onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

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.

PILATES: *New 4 week pilates term starting Wednesday 7th in Quad Roscommon @9:30am, suitable for all ages & abilities. Inquiries , call/text Bonnie 0872238237*

A new Gambling Therapy and Support Service is available in the Roscommon area. It offers free and confidential advice, community education, support and counselling available to those experiencing a problem with gambling or their loved ones. Please contact 086-0597441 or Gamblingsupport@boylefric.ie

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,196.00

Thank You

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