

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*God will see justice done to his chosen who
cry to him.*

The Power of Persistent Prayer

How many times do we pray each day? Or how much time do we spend in prayer every day? And when we feel that seemingly God doesn't answer our prayer in the way that we want it to be, are we persistent enough in our supplications to the Lord?

The message of Jesus in our Gospel reading from Luke 18: 1-8 is very clear: "Pray always without becoming weary." Why? Because God answers every prayer in the way that is best for the one who asks for. He may say yes, no, or later. Yes because what you asked for is the best for you, no because it is not the best for you, or later because it is not yet the best time for it now.

In this Gospel story of the parable of the persistent widow, her request from the godless judge was to render to her a just decision against her adversary. She did not ask the judge for a biased decision, but a fair and just one for her case. For so long a time the judge was unwilling to listen to the pleading of the widow but because of her persistence, the judge finally delivered a just decision favourable for her.

Of course, God can never be compared to an earthly judge. But if this dishonest judge knows how to render a just decision in favour of the one who persistently pleading, then, God will surely listen to us his chosen ones, "who call out to him day and night".

The judge gave in to the request of the widow because he was annoyed by her persistence, but when we pray to the Heavenly Father, He will certainly answer our persistent prayer in the way that is best for us, because he loves us.

Fr Raul Cino

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Caslin Family Bridget Quigley & deceased of the Ward & Quigley Families
TUESDAY	8 am	Liam Feeley
	11 am	Mike Costello
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Jim, Annie & Ronan Morris
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
	11 am	David McCormack
FRIDAY	11 am	Gerard Browne Brian Quigley
SATURDAY	11 am	Mary & Sean Scott Bill Law Seanie McNeill
	7 pm	Youth Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Vincent Murphy (1st Anniversary)
	11:30 am	Evelyn Squires (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Desmond Gallagher & Tom Roughneen whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -
Eithne Gavin, The Fairways & formerly Abbeystown, Roscommon Town.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends.

ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES Should be returned as soon as possible. Box located inside altar rails for this purpose. All names of deceased will be placed in front of the Altar and remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday:** 3pm - 4pm. **Thursday:** 5pm - 6pm. **Friday:** 3pm - 4pm **Saturday:** 2pm - 3pm. & **Sunday:** 7pm - 8pm. 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 **October**.

YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS

Bishop Kevin Doran invites Youth and Young Adults from Second and Third level Schools and Colleges to a special Mass on Saturday 22nd of October at 7pm in Roscommon Parish Church. Every parish is invited to send a representation of Second and Third Level Students. Light refreshments will follow the Mass. For more information, please contact Frank McGuinness on 087 9880690.

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. **Theme:** Living Christian Faith in Today's World: What do the Gospels have to say to our world today? Speaker Very Rev. Michael Drumm PP, Rosses Point, Co. Sligo. 7.15 pm : Tea/Coffee. All welcome. For further information contact Fr. Pravin Dhason 089 4523322 or email frpravin@yahoo.com / Una Feeley (Catechist) 086 3805494.

REPAIR WORK AT PAROCHIAL HOUSE & PARISH OFFICES

In recent weeks parishioners may have noticed scaffolding erected at the Parochial House and Parish offices.

This is to facilitate minor works presently being undertaken, which are partially funded by Roscommon County Council under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. These works are scheduled to be completed in the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, we are also engaging with an architect to try and progress further plans to do more extensive refurbishment on the building. We will keep you posted on any developments on this.

A huge word of thank you for all your support and financial generosity that have enabled us to consider such a project. This support was particularly appreciated during the Covid pandemic, when restrictions were placed on church worship.

N. B. The Parish Office is still open as usual during the present minor works being carried out by contractors.

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.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 17th October - Group I.

Church Calendar, 2023: *Is being prepared for next year. If there are any voluntary Groups or Organisations who would like to be included or change their existing contact details, please phone Parish Office as soon as possible. Tel: 090 66 26298.*

St. Coman's Club Wheelchair Access — To facilitate the laying of new footpaths, Wheelchair Access to St. Coman's Club and Adoration Chapel can be made from the rear of the building (Sacred Heart Church side) on Wednesday, 19th October & Thursday, 20th October.



BRIDGE CLUB - Morning Larks Bridge Club resumes on Friday, 21st October in Hannon's Hotel at 10 a.m. sharp.

INDOOR MARKET

An Indoor Market will take place the Greenfields Child Care Centre, Lisnamult, Roscommon on the 23rd October 2022. Time: 10am -2pm. All welcome.

ALONE VOLUNTEERS:

Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Helena on Helena.madden@alone.ie or on 086 0145829.

Roscommon COPD Support Group is delivering a community-based exercise programme for people living with COPD. This exercise programme is free of charge. The classes involve a range of exercises that improve aerobic capacity, strength and flexibility. The classes also offer a social gathering where individuals living with COPD can meet others who have a lived experience of this long-term lung condition.

Classes are being delivered by an instructor who has experience of delivering exercise programmes which are specifically tailored to meet the needs of people living with COPD. This programme is being delivered **once a week, on Thursdays 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.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,197.50

Thank You

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