

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th SEPTEMBER 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony.

THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS: WORLDS APART

Rabbi Joshua, the son of Levi, travelled to Rome in the Third century. He was amazed at the beauty of the buildings and more struck by the care lavished on statues, which were covered with exquisite cloth to protect them from the summer heat. As he stood admiring the Roman arts, a beggar plucked at his sleeve begging for a crust of bread. The wise man looked at the statues and turning to the man in rags, said, "Here are statues of stones covered with expensive clothes. Here is a man, created in the image of God, covered with rags. A civilization that pays more attention to statues than to human beings shall surely perish." Our statues today may not be the same as 3rd-century statues of Roman art, but our priorities that negate and denigrate human worth, and tag the poor, powerless, illiterate, homeless, ill, and aged as misfits are condemnable.

A. The sin of the rich man was not that he drove Lazarus, cheated him, or spat on him, but he totally ignored him. So many of us ignored the sufferings of others today. Mother Teresa once said, "The greatest evil in the world today is the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour which is widespread".

B. Lazarus is the only name given to anyone in Jesus' parables. It is the Latinized form of the Hebrew *Eleazar*, "God is my help". Sadly, those with names today are the rich and powerful. But this is a reminder to us that no poor person is invisible to God. Each needy person that we pass on the street is known to God by name and loved by God. I am struck by the fact that many of us when we drop a coin to a beggar on the street, we never cared to ask them their names. I am guilty of this too. Perhaps we see them as things, not persons.

C. Some people can enjoy the height of fashion. For them, life is a daily feast in well-defended mansions. In contrast, the poor are clothed in running sores and lie among dogs. They are famished and weak and are excluded from the good things of life. Both rich like so much else that Luke says about money and possessions, it stands as a stinging indictment not only of the great confidence we place in financial security but also of the extreme inequalities between rich and poor we allow to perpetuate.

D. May God help us not to ignore those in need or any kind of need around us.

PAX VOBIS

FR. DOUGLAS ZAGGI

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Harry O' Farrell
TUESDAY	8 am	The families left in grief & all suffering from mental illness & anxiety
	11 am	Foncy Nolan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Richard & Mary Knight
	11 am	Lil Nally
FRIDAY	11 am	Biddy Quinn
SATURDAY	11 am	Claire Holian & her father Tom Holian John, Bridie & Maura Keane
	7 pm	Paul Woods (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Gerry Harkin (Month's Mind)



We also remember Michael Igoe whose anniversary occurs 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.

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. **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 .*

REFLECTION DAY: *It's time to get grounded. Join us for a reflection day at Holy Hill, Saturday, Oct 8th .The theme will be " Resonating With the Word " 10:30am - 4:30pm. One of our strengths in these times is gathering together to grow spiritually. "There you will show me what my soul is seeking." All are welcome. Simple lunch served. Donations welcome. Come for all or part of the day. To register write friendsofcarmeholyhill@gmail.com*

AREA DISTRIBUTORS

November Envelopes and the new year **Church Offering** Boxes (2022 - 2023) are now ready. They are available from the Sacristy this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Please note November lists of deceased need to be returned **before 1st November** in order to be placed on the Altar for the month of the Holy Souls.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 26th September - Group II.

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.



ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB - welcomes all back to their 1st meeting on Monday 26th September @ 8 pm in the Abbey Hotel. Membership - €25, Non members - €5 on the night. Speaker for the night will be Pat Thornton , from the Irish Dahlia Society.

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.

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.*

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,498.80

Thank You

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