

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time



He has created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Being champions of peace.

While the reports of abuse by church and society provide for very upsetting reading and news headlines, we must delight that in recent years it seems that victims of such terrible crimes have increasingly decided to stand up for themselves and not tolerate the wrongs done to them. For all of us, we mustn't allow ourselves to be bullied, controlled, or wronged by others, regardless of how big or small the offence is.

Yet our Sunday scripture suggests we shouldn't pay back one wrong with another. In Luke's gospel, we witness an innocent Jesus scourged, mocked, and subjected to excruciating pain as he is nailed to the cross. Yet, he remains largely silent except for his comforting words to the criminal who hung on the cross beside him. In some ways, it would appear that Jesus foolishly loses his sense of dignity in the face of such terrible acts.

However, on this feast of Christ the King, his patient silence does point to His belief that though in earthly terms he appears a complete failure and far from an example of self-affirmation, the best way to conquer and to rise is not through retaliation but by being a champion of peace, love and forgiveness in the world.

It is human of all of us to seek control and revenge in dealing with others, especially those who hurt us, but we can only become true kings and queens if we try to imitate Jesus' spirit of service and humility in our daily lives.

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Betty & Harry Jameson & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Jim McDermott & his parents James & Ellen McDermott
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Joe Gallagher
	11 am	James Flanagan Deceased Legion of Mary persons
THURSDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Special Intention Annie T & John Joe Hagan
FRIDAY	11 am	Danny & Josephine McCrossan Paddy & Molly Walsh & deceased family members
SATURDAY	11 am	Fr. Sean Creaton Vincent Kyne Raphael Molloy Tom & Noreen Morris Leo Hunt
	7 pm	John Neilan (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Joe Kirwan (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Maureen Monahan (Months Mind)



We also remember Nora & William Siggins, Michael McNiff & Paul Johnson whose anniversaries occurs around this time.



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

Paul D'Alton, Clooneybeirne, Roscommon.

Paroic Carolan, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone, brother of Bridie Gaughan, Racecourse Road, Roscommon.

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:** 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm. **Wednesday:** 4pm - 5pm & 5pm - 6pm. **Thursday:** 2pm - 3pm & 5pm - 6pm. & **Saturday:** 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.

SACRED HEART CHURCH - URGENT REPAIRS: Over recent months Brandon-O'Brien Engineers, Roscommon, have conducted a structural survey of the church and have identified urgent work repairs that need to be carried out. In light of this, a steering committee has been set up to progress matters. It will be keeping parishioners informed of updates in due course. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

THANK YOU - In recent weeks there has been a noticeable increase in the amounts collected for the offertory collection. We thank you again sincerely for your generosity and support in these difficult economic times. It is much appreciated.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION: While we give thanks for the huge progress made in the pandemic, the health authorities are still urging us to be vigilant as we enter the winter season. For this reason, we invite parishioners to continue the practice of receiving Holy Communion on the hand. Many thanks for your support and cooperation.

DIVINE OFFICE: On Monday morning at 10.20 a.m. Morning Prayer will take place at the Folk Groups area in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon.

FRANK DUFF DVD: To celebrate the closing celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Legion of Mary a showing of the Frank Duff DVD will take place in St. Coman's Club on Friday evening the 25th of November at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

THE ANNUAL MASS: for deceased staff members of Roscommon County Council will take place on Monday, 28th November in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

CHARITY DONATION SCHEME: We take this opportunity to thank those who have already signed up to the scheme in our parish. For those who are unaware of the scheme it is a simple way of increasing your annual contribution at no cost to you. If you make a donation of more than €250 to your church, in a calendar year, and sign up to the scheme, your contribution will increase by a substantial amount. For example, if you make an annual donation of €250, the parish can boost the value of your gift by an extra €112.32. The donation of €250 is regarded as 69% of the total donation and therefore we can claim the extra 31%, which is €112.32, as a rebate to the parish.

THE LEGION OF MARY will recite the rosary on Sunday's in St. Coman's Cemetery for the month of November at 4 pm.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 21st November - Group V

WESTERN ALZHEIMER VOLUNTARY COMMITTEE (Roscommon Branch) are hosting a coffee morning in Roscommon Golf Club on Friday, 25th November from 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Your support would be much appreciated. All monies raised will support persons living with Alzheimer's in our community.

THE NATIONAL MEALS ON WHEELS NETWORK is holding its free conference on 25th November 2022 in the Athlone Springs Hotel, Athlone Co. Roscommon from 11am – 4pm. As well as meals on wheels providers this free event should be attended by any community and voluntary groups involved in support for their older community members. Further information contact Tracey Noone at 090 6482744 or email tracey@mealsonwheelsnetwork.ie

LEGION OF MARY - Our Lady of Aparecida Praesidium will meet on Saturday's from 4 - 5 p.m. in St. Coman's Club. For more information contact Celina on 087 6682030. All are welcome.

SHINE A LIGHT FOR HOSPICE: The Tree Lighting ceremony for Let Love Shine a light will take place on Sunday 27th November at 6pm in Knock following the Memorial walk at 5pm. You can sponsor a light now for a friend or family, living or deceased, in local pharmacies, Hospice shops, Knock Shrine and online at www.hospice.ie

ATHLONE CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT: The Athlone Choral Society is delighted to announce the return of our annual Christmas Concert! It takes place on Sunday 4th December @ 6pm in St Mary's Church of Ireland, Church St., Athlone. Our very special guests are Frankie McDonald, Yulia Olach & Daren Lane. Collection following the concert in aid of Esker House, Women's Refuge and Domestic Abuse Support Service. Tickets €10 available from choir members & at the door. All welcome - you don't want to miss this!

CYCLEUP TEXTILES BY RWN is looking for C.E. Scheme part-time trainee sewing and upcycling assistants in our upcycling studio in the Riverside Centre, Athleague, Co. Roscommon. Training will be provided. Register on <https://jobsireland.ie/en-US/job-Details?id=2247293> or contact Martina on 094 9626190 or mhourigan@rwn.ie

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,770.00

Thank You

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