

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd OCTOBER 2022

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

MISSION SUNDAY 2022

BEING HUMBLE MISSIONARIES

Everyday successes and achievements are being celebrated the world over. Whether in sport, music, literature, work, or business, people can be very successful, but none of this happens without hard work and sometimes a bit of good luck.

On this Mission Sunday, throughout the world, we celebrate the achievements of missionaries. For example, Missio Ireland (The pope's official charity for overseas mission) recorded having built or renovated six churches in 2021. Also, the Irish people raised €1.3 million on Mission Sunday 2021. This target is something Irish Catholics ought to be proud of.

However, the difference between the success of a missionary and commercial success is that the yardstick for achievement for missionaries isn't based on powers of persuasion or managerial skills but rather the 'supreme honour of presenting Christ in words and actions' (Pope Francis' message for World Mission Sunday 2022)

Being a missionary means bringing the gospel to others through humble witness. It means realising it is Christ's message we carry and not our own. It means not being self-righteous, like the Pharisee in this Sunday's gospel, but instead, like the tax collector who humbly exclaims, 'God be merciful to me, a sinner.'

Also, being a missionary is not confined to travelling and working in overseas countries, usually in the developing world, but rather a role allocated to each of us baptised. We have a mission in our own time and place to those often very near us: our families, neighbours, and those in our town or parish.

Let us not be, therefore, afraid to face or acknowledge our weaknesses, but see them as an opportunity to realise it is the Lord's work we are doing, and we are just Christ's humble instruments in His mission to the world.

Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Matt Hogan & deceased family Members Sarah, Todd & John O'Connor
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Thomas Forde & his sons James, John & Michael Forde
	11 am	Michael Mulhern (Jnr) & William Mulhern
THURSDAY	8 am	Noel O'Donnell
	11 am	Timothy, Sarah & Micheál Robinson
FRIDAY	11 am	Elizabeth Connaughton & deceased of the Flynn family
SATURDAY	11 am 7 pm	Gerry, Bridie, Noel & Joseph Martin Annette Tully (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Kathleen Dolan (Month's Mind) Kathleen Finan (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Brian Dervin whose anniversary occurs around this time.



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

Tom Murray, Oakland Drive & Birr, Co. Offaly

Noel O'Donnell, Cork City, brother of Derry O'Donnell, Circular Road, Roscommon Town.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their 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*.

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.

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.

Reading & Praying with St. Paul: Our second initiative, focussing on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, will run over 4 Monday nights beginning 7th Nov in **St. Coman's Club, Roscommon Town**. Ministers of the Word and persons curious about / interested in our sacred scriptures most welcome. See www.elphindiocese.ie/st-paul2 for details. Booking essential as places are limited.

Accord are currently taking booking for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or www.accord.ie The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding. Also, Marriage counselling services are available by contacting the Accord telephone number.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 24th 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.*

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

Roscommon Town ICA - November Meeting takes place on Tuesday, 1st November at 8 pm in Hannon's Hotel. New Members welcome. Email: rostownica@ [gmail.com](mailto:rostownica@gmail.com)

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: €3,067.45

Thank You

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