

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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1st Sunday of Advent



WALKING TOGETHER IN ADVENT

Advent season is very important part of our life as a Church. It is a time to renew the experience of waiting, and longing, for the Savior. Advent is a two-fold preparation for the celebration of the first coming of Jesus on Christmas, and for His second coming or at the end of our lifelong journey on earth. Let us prepare for the celebration of the joyous past, embrace the challenges of the present and hope for a glorious future.

Each time of the year we prepare for Christmas to celebrate the joy of the mystery of the Incarnation. The prophet Isaiah saw the vision of the fullness of time and invites us to come to the Lord that he may teach us his ways and we may walk in his paths. The prophesy was fulfilled when the Messiah was born in Bethlehem and brought great joy to all people. Let us prepare for Christmas but not only in the material way for we need to set our hearts ablaze too.

St. Paul reminds us that the coming back of Jesus is certain but we do not know when. What tomorrow brings is uncertain and all that we can do is to be mindful of the unknown time by embracing the present challenges with faith. In the meantime, let us live fruitfully and faithfully while we prepare for His return.

The Gospel tells us that "*the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect*". Advent is a journey of hope for a glorious future. It is a way to prepare us for a greater purpose - to meet Jesus face to face, the very reason why the Church invites us to renew our focus on the Lord more deeply into our lives, and to awaken our desire for the triumphant coming of God into our midst.

And so, let us walk together on this advent as pilgrim people led by the Spirit towards the joy of Christmas despite the challenges at hand, and let us claim the glorious future with hope that when He comes again, together we rejoice fully because of His love and mercy for every one of us.

- Fr. Raul

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

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| MONDAY | 11 am | Morning Mass |
| TUESDAY | 8 am | Paddy & Tess Hughes Lena, James, Michael, James (jnr) & Michael John Igoe. Joe, Treacy & Helen O'Sullivan Neil Igoe & Andrew Moore |
| | 11 am | Holy Souls |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 am | Holy Souls |
| | 11 am | Lelia & P.J. Fallon Special Intention |
| THURSDAY | 8 am | Kathleen & Paddy Shaughnessy |
| | 11 am | Deceased Nurses |
| FRIDAY | 11 am | Frank Lannon Maura Healy Michael Gordon |
| SATURDAY | 11 am | Frank & Mary Lynch Michael J Padden & Oliver Padden Leo & Delia Dolan |
| | 7 pm | Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY | 9 am | Morning Mass |
| | 11.30 am | Morning Mass |



We also remember Oliver Gannon whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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: As outlined last week, Brandon-O'Brien Engineers have conducted a structural survey of the church and have identified urgent work repairs that need to be carried out. Much of the remedial work consists of repairs to stonework, essential roof repairs, re-jointing to prevent leaks and dampness, replacement of bell supports etc. A more detailed outline of proposed works will follow. Your support in carrying out these essential repairs will be greatly appreciated.

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.

THE ANNUAL MASS: for deceased nurses will take place on Thursday, 1st December in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon at 11 a.m., followed by refreshments in Hannon's Hotel. 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.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 2nd December at the usual times.

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.

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

TIME-OUT WITH OUR LADY ADULT RETREAT DAY (11 – 4 pm) taking place in Donamon Castle on Thursday 8th December. More details @ www.elphindiocese.ie/our-lady 40 places. All welcome. Pre-booking encouraged.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 28th November - Group I

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 today, 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!

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE to Lisbon, Portugal **31 July - 8 August 2023**. The pilgrimage is open to **18 - 35 year olds**. The cost is €850 per person sharing and this includes flights, coach transfers, WYD registration, city centre hotel accommodation for six nights plus two nights in Fatima. All the details and how to register are available at <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/wyd2023>. Please contact youth@elphindiocese.ie if you have any queries.

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: €2,670.00

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