

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

30<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



*The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost*

## **I want to stay at your house today**

(Luke 19:1-10)

The Gospel story is about a chief tax collector considered in ancient times as a public sinner named Zacchaeus who wanted to see Jesus, and so the encounter took place between them which resulted in conversion and salvation.

Zacchaeus is considered as the worst of sinners, dishonest, an extortioner and a traitor to the Jews because he collects taxes for the Roman oppressors. He is despised by his fellow Jews but Jesus despises nobody because He gives a sinner another chance to change ways. The encounter is challenging to Zacchaeus because of the huge crowd and he is short, so he climbs up the sycamore tree to get a better glimpse. When Jesus saw him hanging from the tree, he said, *“Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.”* On this encounter Jesus changed Zacchaeus’ life from being selfish to being generous.

Every time we welcome Jesus in to our lives, change happens for the better. A transformation that radiates to the people around and the community. Let us seize every opportunity to encounter Jesus, in many ways, through our individual and communal prayers, in our celebration of the sacraments, in collaborating with our parish projects and programs, and whenever we meet people particularly those who badly need our help.

This is where the Holy Spirit leads us **“For a synodal Church: communion, participation, mission.”** Jesus comes to us, seeks us out, looks up at us climbing the tree, and calls out to us to come down quickly saying, *“Today salvation has come to this house for the Son of Man came to seek and save what is lost.”*

*Fr Raul*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week.

MONDAY	11 am	Gerry Casey & deceased family
	7 pm (Vigil Mass)	Kieran & Enda Kelly
TUESDAY (All Saints Day)	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Paddy, Kitty, John, Georgie, Doreen & Rita Walsh & deceased family
WEDNESDAY (All Souls Day)	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Holy Souls
THURSDAY	8 am	Ann McConn
	11 am	Holy Souls
FRIDAY	11 am	John O'Shea Tom & Eileen Gorman
SATURDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Harney Family Mary Hanley Paddy Mannion
	7 pm	Helen Gordan (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Kathleen Lanigan (1st Anniversary) & her husband Noel



*We also remember Michael John Mannion and Martin & Tom Mongan whose anniversaries occurs around this time.*



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -  
**David McCormack**, Roscommon; **Joe Kirwan**, Roxboro; **Harry Walsh**, South  
Carolina, U.S.A and formerly of Roscommon Town & **Maureen Monahan**,  
Gallowstown.

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

### **ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS**

On **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November @ 11:30 am**, there will be a Mass for all deceased Parishioners whose funeral Mass took place in the Sacred Heart Church from November 2021 to the end of October 2022. A special candle will be provided and will be lit for the deceased family member. The candles will burn during Mass and can be brought home afterwards.

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

**ALL SAINT DAY**: *Thursday 1st November is All Saint's Day and a Holy day of obligation. Masses at 8am & 11am with a vigil Mass at 7 pm Monday evening.*

**JANE – THANK YOU** - The parish would like to sincerely thank Jane Hunt for her dedicated work and commitment as Parish Secretary for the past 12 years. As she leaves us this weekend, we extend our best wishes to her in her future endeavours. Go raibh mile maith agat.

**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.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS**: Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 1st November @ 7 pm. 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 6 pm in Knock following the Memorial Walk at 5 pm. 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](http://www.hospice.ie)

**The Legion of Mary** will recite the rosary on Sunday's in St. Coman's Cemetery for the month of November at 4 pm.

**Reading & Praying with St. Paul**: Our second initiative, focussing on St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, will run over 4 Monday nights beginning 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/st-paul2) for details. Booking essential as places are limited.

**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.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 24th October - Group II

**Farmer Health & Wellbeing Programme for Rathcroghan (Starts Nov 7th):** Are you affected by the long hours and stresses of farming? A new Health and Wellbeing Programme designed specifically for farmers - male and female - will commence in Rathcroghan Old School on Monday, November 7th. Run over six Tuesday evenings (8-10pm) until Dec.12th, **FarmConnect** is a government and EU-funded programme. It provides expert advice and practical tips to boost farmer wellbeing which in turn helps to improve on-farm safety and productivity. Participants will receive a €150 gift voucher on completion. See [www.farmconnect.ie](http://www.farmconnect.ie) to register now.

**Maidin Chaife Ros Comáin** – come and join us for informal coffee and chat *as Gaeilge*. We get together every Wednesday 11am to 12 noon at Rogue & Co on Main Street Ros Comáin. Fáilte Isteach.

**Sister Act** - Convent of Mercy Secondary School are staging the popular Broadway Musical 'Sister Act' which runs nightly in the school Assembly Hall at 8pm from Wednesday November 9th - Saturday November 12th inclusive. There is also a matinée performance on Saturday 12th at 2pm. Tickets available to book over the phone on 087 0521679 daily from 10:00am - 12:30pm. Admission Evening Show: €15. Admission Saturday Matinée: €12.

**INDOOR MARKET** - An Indoor Market will take place in the Greenfields Child Care Centre, Lisnamult, Roscommon, this Sunday, the 30th October 2022. Time: 10am -2pm. All kinds of bric a brac, clothes, jewellery, etc. All are 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)

**Affordable Live-In Homecare** provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on 087 991 6791 or 087 744 0729. Our website is [www.alhomedcare.ie](http://www.alhomedcare.ie)

**Watch found** outside of Adoration Chapel / St. Coman's Club recently.

**Wedding Band** found in Church. Contact Parish Office: 090 6626298

Thank You

**Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,905.00**

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