

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER
11th DECEMBER 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent



REJOICE!

The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday. From the Latin word “gaudeo”, Gaudete means to rejoice or simply “joy”. On this liturgical celebration we light the lone pink color of candle on the advent wreath which signifies that our period of waiting and preparation is ending – Jesus our Savior is near coming to us and his coming brings joy and hope.

During this trying time wherein many people are experiencing sadness and hopelessness due to overwhelming challenges and difficulties, the message of Gaudete Sunday serves as the shining light in the middle of the dark. The negative thoughts brought about by the heavy burdens we bear in life should be vanished through the good and uplifting thoughts like joy and hope. Let us rejoice because amidst all the difficulties in life, the time of hope and joy has come! These are times when we can share hope and joy to others through our conduct and our generosity. In this way, we can truly be believers of Jesus who can bring us joy and hope to ease our sadness.

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION- THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. Photographs are on display in the porch showing the level of disrepair. As already outlined, these urgent works are costed in the region of €100,000 plus.

Thanks again for your support

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

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| MONDAY | 11 am | Deceased members of the Harlow & Dowling families |
| TUESDAY | 8 am | Michael Beirne |
| | 11 am | Joe & Annie Keegan & their son Joe |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 am | Morning Mass |
| | 11 am | Special Intention |
| THURSDAY | 8 am | Thomoas & Margaret Mongan Martin & Brigid Mongan |
| | 11 am | Maurice & Annie Naughton Padre Pio Mass for Peace |
| FRIDAY | 11 am | Theresa & Michael Mannion & their son Gerard Gerard & Mary Hoare |
| SATURDAY | 11 am | Doreen Conlon James Gleeson Ann & Joseph Brennan |
| | 7 pm | Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY | 9 am | Morning Mass |
| | 11.30 am | Paul D'Alton (Months Mind) |

AREA DISTRIBUTORS: Please Note - Christmas Envelopes are available for collection in the Sacristy before and after all Masses this weekend. They will also be available in the Parish Office during the week. If possible please ensure they are collected by Friday, 16th December at the latest. Many thanks once again for all your help during the year. It is much appreciated.



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

Marie Quinn, The Spinney and formerly Goff St., Roscommon.

Tom Loftus, Ballinagard Rd., Roscommon.

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

ADVENT WREATH: The Advent Wreath is made from evergreen leaves that are woven around a circle of wire. A purple ribbon is then wound around the leaves. Three purple candles and one pink candle are placed on the Wreath. The circle of evergreen leaves represents God who is without beginning or end. the third candle pink is lit today and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

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.

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 ALTAR SOCIETY would welcome any donations/flowers/poinsettia's to beautify the altar and surrounds for Christmas. Thanks in advance.

Please Note: Altar Society Christmas clean up will be on **Wednesday 14th December at 2.00 pm.** All members are asked to attend, 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.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 11th December - Group III

LISNAMULT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Lisnamult Residents and Tenants Annual Christmas Raffle will take place this December. Great prizes up for grabs. Book of 3 Tickets only €5. A sincere Thanks to all the local business for sponsoring prizes. If you interested in purchasing tickets, please contact 090-6626152 or Anthony on 087 2125684, Una 086 8033503. Your support is greatly appreciated.

ROSCOMMON CREDIT UNION'S Member Only Cash Prize Christmas Draw takes place on **Thursday, December 15th 2022**, first prize is €10,000, with **10 cash prizes in total**. Entry closes on Wednesday December 14th at 4pm. **Entry in branch ONLY**, to check if you are already entered or to enter please visit us in branch or call 090 66 26657 alternatively email info@roscommoncu.ie *Please note this is a not for profit draw, only members of Roscommon Credit union are eligible to enter.*

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.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE ROSCOMMON: The EmployAbility Service is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability or health issue to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market. Are you currently aged over 18 years? Do you have a disability or health issue? Would you consider working part-time? If so, why not let Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area. This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Social Protection. Are you managing a mental health issue? We offer an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service which is funded by HSE and offers a range of tailored personalised supports to people using mental health services who wish to work. For further information Call 090 6628608 or Call/Text 087 3745307 or email info@rosemp.ie

Thank You

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,170.00

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