

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER
4th DECEMBER 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent



SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION APPEAL

Dear Friends,

Our beautiful Sacred Heart Church consecrated on the 18th June 1903 will celebrate it's 120th anniversary next summer. Sadly, over recent years it has shown signs of moisture ingress and other maintenance issues.

In response to this, the parish in recent months has engaged Brandon-O'Brien Consulting Engineers to undertake a detailed survey of the church. They have identified and costed works deemed essential in terms of safety and preventing further damage to the church building.

To summarise, the key necessary refurbishment works include the following:

- Remedial works to slating and lead valleys
- Replacement of bell supports(due to rust)
- Remedial works to the pinnacles of the church
- Remedial works to the boiler house chimney
- Any other remedial works that may arise

Photographs highlighting some of the damage are now available to view as you enter the church.

The cost of these works is estimated to be in the region of €100,000 plus.

Special donation envelopes are available in the church porch from this weekend and we thank you in advance for your kind support.

Sacred Heart Church Restoration Committee
1st December 2022

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Kathleen & Robert Derby
TUESDAY	8 am	Special Intention Anna McCarthy (1st Anniversary)
	11 am	Brian Neilan Thomas Egan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Nora & William Siggins & Michael McNiff
	11 am	Maura Healy
	7 pm	Rita Walsh & deceased family
THURSDAY (THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION)	8 am	Peter & Mai Kelly
	11 am	Mary & Patrick Spellman & deceased family members
FRIDAY	11 am	Annie Keegan, Joe Keegan (snr) & Joe Keegan (jnr)
SATURDAY	11 am	Alfie Macklin & deceased members of the Morgan & Macklin families Dominic & Catherine Raftery Thomas Patrick Penny
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Phil Gallagher (1st Anniversary)

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 souls of -



Mary Tully, Hawthorn Drive, Roscommon.

Ann McKenna, Lanesboro Rd., Roscommon Town.

Noreen Mullen, Ballybride.

Elizabeth Leo, Brazil, sister of Edilaine Araujo, Roscommon.

Tom McDonagh, Booterstown, Dublin, formerly of The Walk, Roscommon.
Brother of Teresa Guckian, Essex Lawn and Kevin McDonagh, The Walk.

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

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 first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the “Prophecy Candle” in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The purple candles stand for penance and sorrow for sin. Today is the 2nd Sunday of Advent and a second purple candle is lit. The second purple candle represents faith. It is called the “Bethlehem Candle” as a reminder of Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem.

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.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: Monthly Mass will be held in St. Coman’s Club on Tuesday, December 6th at 7 p.m.

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

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 5th December - Group II

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.

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.

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!

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

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,135.00

Thank You

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