

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th JANUARY 2023

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world.

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

In the Eucharistic liturgy, before the communion we hear these similar words of John the Baptist, “*Behold, the Lamb of God...*”. In the Mass we meet Jesus, we hear Him speak in the liturgy of the Word and we receive His own body in the form of Holy Bread.

How blessed we are that Jesus makes himself available to us in the Mass. “*He is present in His word, since it is He Himself who speaks when the holy scriptures are read in the Church.*” (SACROSANCTUM CONCILIUM Chap 1.7). He is our source of encouragement and strength as we journey in life. He gives us hope even amid trying times and darkness.

How blessed are we that Jesus gives us his own body to feed us with the Bread of Life. (*‘Take it, for this is my body.’* Mk 14:22). He gives us necessary spiritual food for our soul to live. He is our sure strength in this life that is full of challenges and difficulties. He sustains us in our faith journey bringing us along the way true happiness and peace that the world cannot give.

Let us continuously renew our faith in Jesus as John the Baptist points Him to us: *‘Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’* Let us thank the Lord who loves us despite our unworthiness. Let us behold always to see, to hear and to receive Jesus, our true Lamb who was sacrificed for our salvation.

Fr. Raul

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date €18,410 has been raised for the urgent works that are costed in the region of €100,000 plus.

Thanks again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Monsignor John Ryan
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Maud Johnston Seamus Cahill
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Andrew Hanley
FRIDAY	11 am	Annie Hoare
SATURDAY	11 am	Patrick Cunningham Frank Kelly
	7 pm	John Doolan (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Greg McCrann (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	J.J. Quigley (Months Mind)

Please note there is no 8 am morning Mass this week.



We also remember Mary, Katie & Peter McDermott whose anniversaries occurs around this time.



RECENT DEATHS:

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Patrick (Paddy) Moran, Riverstown Ave., Roscommon.

Sr. Eileen Rafferty, McAuley House, Roscommon.

John Heneghan, The Walk, Roscommon.

Martin Gavin, Thornfield Drive, Lisnamult, Roscommon.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families 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 0863861954.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION- THANK YOU:

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for their generosity towards the recent Christmas collection for the support of parish clergy. 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.

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 16th January - Group III

OPEN MORNING - Gaelscoil de hÍde

Gaelscoil de hÍde will be hosting an open morning on Saturday, 28th January from 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon.

Parents of children considering enrolling in the school for September 2023 or 2024 are very welcome to attend along with their children.

Come and see what Gaelscoil de hÍde has to offer your child.

Fáilte roimh gach duine.

SOCIAL STROLLERS walking group will meet in Roscommon Park at 12 midday on Thursdays. Free. A gentle walk and chat around the park. Contact Teresa on 086 029 1215 Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company.

ST. PATRICK'S TEAM A local group, has organised a Seminar for January, 28th, "Evangelising the Culture" in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Athlone. Event starts at 10.am with refreshments from 9.15 a.m. Several noted speakers. Details and registration form at

<https://saintpatricksteam.ie>

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.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €4,283.50

Thank You

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