

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

22nd JANUARY 2023

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled.

LIGHT IN OUR DARKNESS

Insurance is a big part of our everyday lives. We secure it on our cars, houses and on our next overseas trip. We see it as important in the event anything should go wrong for us. However maybe deep down our expectation is that everything will go smoothly and 'It will never happen to me.'

For some reason we have a similar expectation of life in general as we are often shocked and surprised that 'bad' things happen to us and cause upset.

In our gospel this Sunday something traumatic happens to John the Baptist as we learn that he is in prison, but we also notice that it is at this point that Jesus breaks on to the scene as he moves from his quiet existence in Nazareth to Capernaum where we realise that it is because of the darkness of people's lives, that He has come among us to bring light and hope: 'The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light.'

It's nearly a month since we gathered around the crib and celebrated the birth of the child Jesus but maybe it's only now that we see the significance of that birth and why we need a 'saviour'. We can sometimes be led to believe at Christmas and New Year our troubles are over only to face maybe a shock or upset in the days of January.

Christ doesn't promise us a trouble-free life but what he does promise is that He is there to lighten our burdens through the twists and turns of life. He somehow is our insurance policy that we will more than likely need on the road of life whoever we are and whatever we do.

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date €22,604 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	Nicholas & Kathleen Quirke & Anne Fitzgerald
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	John Gillooly
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Gerald Hoare
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Mary (Ciss) Mulryan
FRIDAY	11 am	Ann Costello
SATURDAY	11 am	Kathleen Kelly & deceased family members
<i>Youth Mass</i>	7 pm	Peter Sutton (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Mary Mullen (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Eilish Talbot (1st Anniversary)

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



We also remember Helen O'Sullivan and Bill O'Brien whose anniversaries occurs around this time.



RECENT BAPTISMS:

We welcome into the Christian family:

***Cillian Bhangu, Darragh Bhangu, Abbie McNiffe,
Sadie McNiffe, Seán Hynes, Hanna Sowa, Monika Sowa,
Bobby Feeley, Anthony McEnroe, Leonardo Komar-Plesko,
Callum Killeen-McGurn, Thomas Martin, Oliver McDermott,
Noah Carty, Maya Camber, Nela Camber, Hannagh O'Brien,
Everleigh Hulston, Tom Hanlon-Corbett, Dermot Danaher,
Terence Collins & Caolan Lally.***

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.

MEDJUGORJE EASTER TRIP - 5th to 12th April 2023 ex Dublin. Spiritual Director Fr. Billy Molloy. Total cost - €799. For more information contact Bernadette 087 935 3953.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 1st Week: 20th - 27th September 2023: Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Pat Holleran.

2nd Week: 27th September - 4th October 2023. Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Peter Okpetu.

Price: €765 if booked before 31st Jan 2023. €815 after 31st Jan.

Only €100 to secure place. Price includes: Transfers from Airport to Medjugorje (30 mins), 7 nights air-conditioned accommodation minutes from St. James Church. Breakfast & Dinner each day. Further details: Contact Anne Keadin 086 376 6293

BRIGIDS CROSS WORKSHOP: February 1st from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. Create a cross, chat and have a cuppa. Roscommon Town. Free event. Contact Teresa O'Brien on 086 029 1215, Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 23rd January - Group IV

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 event. 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: €2,895.00

Thank You

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