

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th February 2023

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Love your enemies.

THE DIFFICULT WORK OF FORGIVENESS

It is a known fact that many people make a living out of the misfortune of others. A plumber is called upon if there is a leak, an electrician if there is an outage, a loss assessor if we have an accident and we turn up at a doctor if we are sick. Some are kept in a job because we live in an imperfect world and situations from time to time go wrong for others.

Our job, as it were, as christians, is doing good for others, but we have a misconceived idea that we do that in a perfect world inhabited by perfect people. Our Scripture this Sunday makes it quite clear that the most significant part of our work as followers of Christ is responding to messy situations and to people who may, in fact, hurt us. Jesus gives us three simple but strong words: 'Love your enemies.' We have responsibilities to others more than we have rights from them.

Yes, sometimes there is no justification for other people's behaviour, but when our hatred towards them overrides our relationship, it suddenly becomes our problem. We ourselves are then in need of healing and not the 'perpetrator,' as we would expect. Our natural inclination is to be nice to those nice to us, so what is required here is a kind of supernatural love that only God can give. Jesus spoke of prayer as a solution to enmity. When we have reached the limits of our ability to love and forgive, we must hand it over to God and invite his love into our hearts. Forgiving those who hurt us is certainly not easy, but our mission as followers of Christ is to precisely do that; it is our job.

- Fr. Kevin

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date €25,474 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:

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| MONDAY | 11 am | Special Intention |
| TUESDAY | 8 am | Deceased members of the Honohan family |
| | 11 am | Mary Walsh |
| WEDNESDAY <i>Ash Wednesday</i> | 8 am | Eileen Haughey & Sr. Marie Margaret (Nancy Haughey) |
| | 11 am | Grace Abraham & K.I Abraham & deceased family members |
| <i>Service of Ashes</i> | 1 pm | Short Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes |
| THURSDAY | 8 am | Mena & Ernie Feely |
| | 11 am | John & Agnes Dowdall & John Brennan |
| FRIDAY | 11 am | Morning Mass |
| SATURDAY | 11 am | Audrey & Pat O'Higgins |
| | 7 pm | Frank Friel (1st Anniversary) |
| SUNDAY | 9 am | Tess Kearney (Months Mind) |
| | 11.30 am | John Heneghan (Months Mind) |



We also remember Brian Mongan whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Wednesday next 22nd February is the beginning of Lent. It is a day of Fast & Abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Masses on that day.

Mass times: 8:00 am & 11:00 am.

There will also be a Service of Ashes at 1 pm.

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church porch.

RECENT DEATHS:



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Marie Molloy, Castle Street, Roscommon

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Monday**: 2pm - 3pm. **Tuesday**: 2pm - 3pm & 3pm - 4pm. **Wednesday**: 4pm - 5pm & 5pm - 6pm. **Thursday**: 1pm - 2pm & 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30 am - 11 am & 6.30 pm - 7 pm.

THANK YOU - In recent months 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.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMAGE to Lisbon, Portugal **31st July - 8th 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.

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.

DESERT FATHERS - A LENTEN PROGRAM FOR MEN: A lenten program for men has been developed by an Irish priest to help men make this Lent different. The program contains 4 pillars - Prayer, Penance, Spiritual reading & Charity. To find out more and join an online group a zoom information meeting is scheduled for Sunday February 19th at 8:30pm. Meeting ID 494 625 9738 Password: 997298. Email desertfathers40@gmail.com for a copy of the program.

STUDY looking for adults (70 + years) to take part in our Protein and Online Exercise classes for 12 weeks by PhD student Catherine Fallon from the University College Dublin. All appointments and classes will be done from your own home. For more information, please contact 0867240910 or Catherine.fallon@ucdconnect.ie.

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: will hold its next meeting on Monday 27th February, 2023 at 8pm in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Rory Newell, horticulturist, plantsman and nursery owner of Forest Moon Plants will give a talk on Spring Plant Propagation. All welcome.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 20th February - Group III

THE ROSCOMMON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2023 is a **Moonlight /Walk/ Run with 5K & 10K** routes. The event is taking place on Friday **March 3rd 2023** and is fast approaching. Registration is open and you can now register for the main event on Eventbrite at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/479142848157>. The challenge starts at the Roscommon Community Sports Park in Lisnamult, Roscommon Town. A true community event for all abilities. This year, the proceeds will go to the Roscommon Special Olympics and the Roscommon Community Sports Park. For more information contact info@rosactive.org or phone 086 1721181/090 6630853. If you're interested in helping out on the night, we are seeking the voluntary Marshals to run the event safely. Please phone 086 1721181 or 0906630853. You can also private message this page directly <https://www.facebook.com/Roscommoncommunitychallenge2023>

UP AND COMING LIVING WELL PROGRAMME DATE ANNOUNCED: HSE, Living Well is a free online group programme delivered over six workshops (2.5 hrs x 6). It is delivered by trained leaders, most of whom are also living with a long-term health condition. You will develop self-management skills and confidence to live well with your health conditions. Monday 20th February - Online from 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. To Book Your Place please contact Olga Maguire on 086 0142688 or email omaguire@southmayo.com. You can find more details about the programme on www.hse.ie/LivingWell

ROSCOMMON TOWN YOUTH SOCCER: Player Registration Nights 2023. Roscommon Community Sports Park, Lisnamult. Friday, February 24th & Thursday, March 2nd. 7 - 8pm Boys & Girls U7, U9, U11; 8 - 9pm Boys & Girls U12, U14, U16. 2023 Fees - 1 player €95; 2 players €170; 3 + players €240. Please note: No player registration will be conducted after March 2nd. We welcome you to our club this season. Our Community. Our Children. Our Club.

CREATIVE ART THERAPY COURSE commencing on March 2nd over 4 Thursdays 10 a.m. to 12 midday. For Carers / Parents / Guardians. Free of charge in Roscommon Town. To book contact Teresa O'Brien on 086 029 1215. Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,765.00

Thank You

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