

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th February 2023

1st Sunday of Lent



Jesus fasts for forty days and is tempted.

An Carghas

(Matthew 4:1-11)

Before Jesus started his ministry to the people, he divulged the usual deceptive playbook of the Devil: the lure of power, fame, and riches. *"Tell these stones to become bread"* or use your power for selfish gains, *"throw yourself down"* for you will be unharmed and people seeing you will praise you, *"all this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me."* But in all the Devil's baits, Jesus turned to the Holy Scriptures as his basis and reference of his action and striking response.

We now begin another annual communal journey with Jesus in this season of Lent. We embark on this 40-day spiritual journey with the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. In this favourable time of intense prayer, we enter into deep dialogue with the Lord, to know His will in us in a particular circumstance. We speak and listen to Him to ask for strength to say no to the deception of the Devil. In this season of self-sacrifice, we practice fasting and abstinence to discipline the human body with its treacherous cravings. We are willing to give up something to avert the possible excessive carnal desires so as not to be deceived. It is a perfect time to do works of charity for our brothers and sisters who are in dire need of help. We spend no other than our God-given time, talent, and treasures to help those in need knowing that generosity brings profound happiness.

As one people of God let us take on the challenge of Lent. We ask the Holy Spirit to accompany us, enlighten us, and to make us better people. May we have a successful, meaningful, and fruitful Lenten journey leading us towards the glorious celebration of Easter!


- Fr. Raul

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date **€26,319** 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	Private Intention
TUESDAY	8 am	Charlie O'Hara, Kitty & James Keher & deceased members of the O'Hara Family
	11 am	Des Johnston & deceased members of the Johnston & McCormack Families
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Evelyn McManus
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Mollie & Patrick McKeon (Creevy)
	11 am	Thomas & Bridget Cawley
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
	7 pm	First Friday Mass
SATURDAY	11 am	Gerry Mahon George Lenord
	7 pm	Frances Lane (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Marie Feeley (1st Anniversary) & Michael Feeley
	11.30 am	Myra O'Brien (1st Anniversary)
 <p><i>We also remember P.J. & Ann Oates, Ellie, Tom & Michael Mongan & deceased family members whose anniversaries occurs around this time.</i></p>		

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS

Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 3rd March at the usual times.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.30 am - 11 am & 6.30 pm - 7 pm.

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.

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.

ROSCOMMON LENTEN SCRIPTURE INITIATIVE running for five Monday evenings (8 – 9.30 pm) in St. Coman's Club. All welcome but places limited so booking in advance advised. For more details see www.elphindiocese.ie/st-paul3 . Thank you.

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.

ROSCOMMON TOWN TWINNING would like to invite all families & groups in the parish to consider travelling to Chartrettes to mark the 25th Anniversary of the Twinning. The event will be hosted by families in the town of Chartrettes who will provide accommodation & food free. This is a unique opportunity to experience French food, culture and to learn & speak the French language in the homes of French people. Chartrettes is just one hour from Paris & there will be an opportunity to visit places in Paris. The trip will take place on Friday 23rd June returning on the Monday evening 26th June. All children, young people & adults are warmly welcome to take part. Any family or group who may be interested in travelling are invited to attend a meeting to get more information on **Wednesday 1st March at 8pm in Gleasons The Square**.

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.

CYCLE UP WORKSHOP: (Free), Roscommon Town. This involves creating a cushion from an item of clothing in memory of a loved one. Sewing machines will be provided. For information and to book a place contact Teresa on 086 029 1215, Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 27th February - Group IV

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>

THE ROSCOMMON DRAMA FESTIVAL will take place in the Arts Centre Roscommon from Friday 3rd to Saturday 11th March. Tickets on sale at the Arts Centre priced at €15 with a concession of €13 for each evening performance. A special 5 night ticket costs €60 while a season ticket costs €85. See online at www.roscommonartscentre.ie

ROSCOMMON TOWN YOUTH SOCCER: Player Registration Nights 2023. Roscommon Community Sports Park, Lisnamult. 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.

ROSCOMMON COMMUNITY COLLEGE: Table Quiz will take place in Foxes Bar, Roscommon on Friday 10th March at 8.30 p.m. in aid of our drama group taking part in the upcoming All Ireland Drama Festival. Please support. All welcome.

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.

Thank You

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,257.30

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