

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

29th JANUARY 2023

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



How happy are the poor in spirit.

The Beatitudes: We are blessed, but the best is yet to come.

(Matthew 5:1-12)

The world has different idea of being “blessed,” i.e. being rich, famous, and has power. But in the mind and heart of Jesus, “blessed” are his chosen ones who are with Him until the end.

By virtue of our baptism, we are His chosen ones (CCC #803). *“You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people”* (1 Pet 2:9). Thanks to our parents and godparents who brought us to the Church for our Baptism as witnessed by our grandparents, uncles, aunts, cousins and close relations. By receiving this first sacrament, we have become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church, and made sharers in her mission (CCC #1213).

We are blessed because we become heirs to God’s Kingdom. But we have to do our part in order to be worthy to receive it. Our baptism is not an end in itself, but a means to be citizen in the Kingdom of heaven. With this, we need to conform our will to His will for us as individual and as people of God. Heaven is already here, but not yet.

By God’s grace we will remain in and for Christ until our last breath to claim our prize in Heaven. Like St. Paul, we can reach the goal and say: *“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”* (2 Timothy 4:7)

- Fr. Raul

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date €23,654 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	Joseph Moran
TUESDAY	8 am	Des & Margaret Keane
	11 am	Michael & Josephine Kelly
WEDNESDAY <i>St. Bridgid's Day</i>	8 am	Mary Kinsella (1st Anniversary)
	11 am	Laurence, Mary Bridget, Pat & Agnes Hevican
THURSDAY	8 am	Private Intention
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Rosaleen Noone
	7 pm	First Friday Mass
SATURDAY	11 am	Tom & Pauline Mullen Benny McDermott Monica & Kathleen Hoare
	7 pm	Marie McAleer (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Paddy Moran (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Rita Curley (Months Mind)



We also remember Jackie & Carmel Donnellan, Josephine McCrossan and all the deceased Mercy Sisters who ministered in Roscommon whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

RECENT DEATHS:



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

Kathleen Neary, Clooncullane, Strokestown, sister of Pat Burke,
Court Ave and Sr. Pauline Burke, Cruby Hill.

Frances Lane, Lanesboro St., Roscommon.

John James McCormack, Jubilee Close, Roscommon.

Tess Kearney, Ard na Gréine, Roscommon.

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **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.

FEASTDAYS: Wednesday next 1st February is the Feast day of **St. Brigid**. Usual Mass time 8 am & 11 am. **Thursday 2nd February**: **Candlemas Day**. Anyone who wishes to have candles blessed, please leave them into the Sanctuary before all Masses on Thursday. **Feast of St. Blaise**: Friday 3rd February: Blessing of throats at all Friday Masses.

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

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.

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 30th January - Group V

MEMBERS OF ROSCOMMON CREDIT UNION LTD are cordially invited to the 56th Annual General Meeting, to be held virtually via zoom on Monday, 30th January 2023 at 8pm. Pre-registration is required. To register please visit us in branch, call us on 090 6626657 alternatively register online at www.roscommoncu.ie/eAGM Only registered members can attend, registration closes on Monday, 30th January 2023 at 1p.m. We look forward to seeing our members on the night. Bernie Moran, CEO, Roscommon Credit Union.

HEALTHCARE – FREE course starting Wednesday February 1st, 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., FET Centre, Lisnamult, Roscommon Town. Start work almost immediately as a Healthcare Assistant (other terms apply), study and work. Contact Stephanie at GRET B for more information, [stephanie.oconnorshaw@gretb.ie/086-3813205](mailto:stephanie.oconnorshaw@gretb.ie) or self-refer on www.fetchcourses.ie using Course Code 376811.

THE ROSCOMMON BRANCH of Comhaltas Ceoltóirí Éireann will run beginners and improvers group classes in tin whistle and fiddle from Thursday, February 9th. For further information re venue, times cost and booking, please contact the secretary on 0879316673. Branch sessions for young musicians will continue on the second Sunday of every month in Roscommon Community Sports Park Building in Lisnamult from 5 to 6 p.m. Senior sessions are held in Beár an Ráille on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month from 8 to 10 p.m. All welcome.

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: €3,336.30

Thank You

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