

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th February 2023

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



You are the light of the world.

## Letting the Lord Shine

On this first weekend in February, we certainly welcome the onset of brighter evenings. This demonstrates our human dislike of the darkness as we are about to emerge from this difficult season. However, we also resist darkness in our psychological, emotional, and spiritual lives: when a crisis hits, or we face a sudden loss or trauma. At times like these, we desperately seek a glimmer of light and a ray of hope.

Our Scripture this Sunday suggests that we can be a light to others 'You are the light of the world,' Jesus says in the Gospel. Isaiah also outlines that we can be light bearers by refraining from the clenched fist or the wicked word and giving bread to the hungry. Linked to all of this is the crucial message that what we emit needn't be dazzling but perhaps a more low-powered beam. Photographers tell you that a sunny day is never the best day for taking photographs but rather a day that is certainly dry yet cloudy. Such dimmed light is enough to capture everything, but avoids the dazzle an intense sun can often cause on a camera lens. We can capture everything without dazzling others by engaging in good works in a low-key, low-powered way. Remember that Jesus lived the first 30 years away from the spotlight in a subdued life in Nazareth!

Our second reading today from St. Paul illustrates the reason for this: living a low-powered life shows we do not rely on our own power but on the grace of God. Volunteerism in this country is certainly to be applauded, but there is always the danger that in church, sporting or other organisations, our egos can get the better of us and we like to see it as our own good work and not that of the Lord.

So let us make an effort this week to be a light to others, but let us also do it with as little fuss or fanfare as possible and leave the credit to the Lord, who is working in all of us.

- Fr. Kevin

## SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date €24,029 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	Michael Raftery
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Thomas & Anna Bent
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Margaret & Frank Fallon & deceased family members
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	11 am	Michael & Nan Kelly & Padraic Dunne  Susan Small
	7 pm	Patrick Daly (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Sr. Eileen Rafferty (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Annie Crean (Months Mind)



*We also remember Alice Merriman whose anniversary occurs around this time.*

### RECENT DEATHS:



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of:

**Seamus Scally**, Greenfield Rd., Lisnamult, Roscommon

**Brian McGovern**, brother of Sisters Claire & Betty

McGovern, St. Catherine's, Convent Rd., 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.

### **FILM SCREENING IN KNOCK – “The Letter”**

“*The Letter – A Message for our Earth*” was launched in the Vatican on the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. *The Letter* is a powerful movie which tells the story of four people from very different backgrounds and the roles they are playing to care more deeply for our common home. It is a letter from Pope Francis which brings these characters together to a meeting in Rome. The movie takes viewers on a journey from Brazil to India to Rome and deep into the heart of the ecological crisis. Taking place in the Prayer Centre, Knock Shrine on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February (admission free) at 2pm and 7pm. Advance booking is required online through [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE: 1<sup>st</sup> Week:** 20<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023: Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Pat Holleran.  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Week:** 27<sup>th</sup> September - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2023. Knock to Mostar. Spiritual Directors: Fr. Billy Molloy & Fr. Peter Okpetu. **Price: €765 if booked before 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023. €815 after 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 6th February - Group I

**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](mailto:youth@elphindiocese.ie) if you have any queries.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY**: Vacancies presently exists on the Brothers of Charity C.E. Scheme for the position of Support Workers throughout the county of Roscommon. This position is a development opportunity and no experience necessary. Accredited training will be provided to support your career. For further info contact Emma on 087-1456587.

**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.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection:** €3,395.00

Thank You

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