

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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3rd Sunday of Lent



A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

The Woman at the Well (John 4:5-42)

The woman in the Gospel story is a Samaritan, not a member of the Old Testament chosen people. She is a “seeker” and she wants to satisfy her thirst by going to the well. The Gospel does not tell us if she is divorced or widowed, but according to Jesus she has had five husbands. Jesus does not condemn her despite her moral standing but he tells her straight away: *“the one you have now is not your husband.”*

Jesus speaks about his full knowledge of the woman’s personal life and that makes her believe that she is talking to a great prophet. Then, Jesus reveals himself to her that he is the Messiah, and she believes it. She goes and tells everyone in the village about Jesus. As a result, *“Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony.”* Her encounter with Jesus and her conversion make her an effective channel of the Good News of the Lord.

We all are seeking to satisfy our “hungers” and “thirsts” in life. But we only seek all kinds of things that are fleeting. When we settle for less, we become thirsty and hungry for more because everything in this world would just simply fade away or run out. Only the divine life that God offers us will satisfy us completely. God alone abides forever.

Lent reminds us that Jesus is the wellspring that satisfies our human hunger and thirst. *“Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”*

As we go on with our Lenten journey let us pray for the grace of conversion, and like the woman in the story, let us share the Good News of Jesus for others to hear.

Fr. Raul

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your kind response to our church restoration appeal. To date **€28,919** 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	Noel Keaveney
TUESDAY	8 am	Michael Cope & deceased members of the Cope & Gillen families
	11 am	Lena & Thomas Murren & deceased members of the Murren & McGarry families
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Seamus Duignan & deceased family members
	11 am	Jim Connaughton & deceased family Members Alacoque Hennigan
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Mary, Bernie, Bridget, Michael, Gerard Mullen, Maureen Quinn & deceased members of the Mullen family
FRIDAY <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	9 am	P.J. Hannon & deceased family members
	11.30 am	John Fallon Michael Mulry
SATURDAY	11 am	Tommy & Maisie Gannon Annie Raftery (nee Kilroe) & Mick & Jane Kilroe Michael Joseph Murray
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Marie Molloy (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Bridgie Dalton (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Mary, Katie & Peter McDermott and Theresa, Michael & Gerard Mannion whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

Kilteevan Church - Mass Times for the coming week

Friday March 17th at 10 a.m. & Sunday March 19th at 10 a.m.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Brigid Quinn, 4 Convent Court, Roscommon.

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

SINCERE THANKS to parishioners for their understanding and cooperation when arranging Anniversary Masses in Sacred Heart Church, especially when a Funeral Mass occurs. It is greatly appreciated.

N.B - MASS TIME CHANGE: From the 1st April 2023, Saturday morning Mass will be at the earlier time of **10 a.m.** Thank you for your cooperation.

THANK YOU - TAX REFUND SCHEME: A huge thank you to the many parishioners who responded to our recent appeal in relation to the Parish Tax Refund scheme. Your cooperation and generosity will be of huge benefit as we try to meet the costs of running a Parish. Thanks again.

JOSEPH'S JOURNEY - 5KM/10km Walk or Run - St Patrick's Day: A 5KM or 10KM Walk or Run is taking place on Friday 17th March (St. Patrick's Day) at 11a.m. from Hannon's Hotel, Athlone Road. The proceeds are in aid of Joseph's Journey who was diagnosed with high risk Neuroblastoma in Sept 2021. This fundraiser is for him to be accepted on a clinical trial for a vaccine for Neuroblastoma in the world renowned Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre in New York. Donations Welcome. <https://gofund.me/97607001> For Further information, please contact Joan Moore 087 9201818 or Frank Murphy 086 1605075.

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.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 13th March - Group I

FAITH RENEWAL – KNOCK SHRINE: Lenten Reflections – Weekly Talks with Guest Speakers taking place online and at St John’s Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine from 8.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. **March 14th – Jane Mellett** ‘Almsgiving: Responding to the Cry of the Earth and the Poor through Care for Creation.’ **March 21st – John Connell.** ‘Living more simply in a complex world’. www.knockshrine.ie

ROSCOMMON DRAMA GROUP are delighted to present to you the hilarious “Move Over Mrs. Markham” at Roscommon Arts Centre from Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th March at 8 p.m. Tickets are available from Roscommon Arts Centre or by calling the box office on 090 6625824.

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.

APPRECIATION – Roscommon Community Challenge: The 10th Annual Roscommon Community Challenge 23 took place on Friday evening March 7th from Roscommon Community Sports Park in Lisnamult. The evening got off to a great start with a calm, cool and fresh night. The event was a huge success, however, it’s not without commitment and assistance from the wider community and local businesses. The Challenge received an overwhelming response of support from a variety of groups and businesses. Sincere thanks to Roscommon Sports partnership and all who supported the event in various ways by providing food & catering, marshalling, registration, photography, set up, registration, donations, car parking facilities, Radio, DJ, warm up, water stations, Local Papers, Social Media coverage, Lisnamult Residents, Roscommon Community Sports Park, Roscommon Garda Unit & Roscommon Special Olympics & Roscommon Harriers. The Community Challenge 2023 was a fantastic event, with great atmosphere, in a central location and is an event that caters for all abilities and ages. We were truly fortunate with all the wonderful participants, and are gratefully indebted to all our volunteers. The community Challenge is a true reflection of the community coming together to participate and volunteer in this annual event. Looking forward to seeing you all again for Roscommon Community Challenge 2024.

Sunday’s Offertory Collection: €3,625.00

Thank You

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