

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

26th March 2023

5th Sunday of Lent



I am the resurrection and the life.

## HIS LOVE AND OUR FAITH

The Raising of Lazarus (*John 11: 19-27*)

God respects our human freedom. No matter how He loves us unconditionally, He still waits for our consent. But when His love is coupled with our faith, miracles do happen. This is the keynote of understanding the whole story about the raising of Lazarus. The love of Jesus for Lazarus, Martha and Mary and their undying faith in Him are stronger than death.

The Gospel says Jesus loved his three friends. That is why when their brother was sick, they *sent word to Jesus, saying, "the one you love is ill."* But the delay of Jesus' coming to their home annoyed Martha: *"Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."* But her disappointment turned into faith, *"even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."* Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live..."* And then he says to her, *"Do you believe this?"* And she says, yes, Lord, I believe.

Jesus loves His disciples, He loves people, and He loves us all. But when crisis comes, like Martha, our knowledge of His love is challenged. It takes an act of faith to understand His mysterious will. In our difficult moments the Lord asks us, *"Do you believe this?"*

We are friends of Jesus, aren't we? We accompany Him through our celebration of Advent and on His birth at Christmas. At the start of the season of Lent, we journey with Him up until His passion, death, and resurrection. We accompany Him and He walks with us in every step of the way. We talk to Him and listen on a daily basis through our prayers. He loves us not just because we are faithful to Him. He loves us because He is faithful to us. Let us embrace His will not because we know that He can, but we are certain that He will. Yes, we believe! Let us have a meaningful and fruitful Holy Week celebration to come!

**Fr. Raul**

## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING CONCERT

**Roscommon Solstice Choir – Friday 5th May 2023 at 8pm** - Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church Restoration Fund. Further details later.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Jimmy, Bridget & Larry Kerrigan & deceased family members  Billy Connaughton
TUESDAY	8 am	Winifred, Christina & Michael John Mannion & deceased family members
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Francie & Hannah Hannon & deceased members of the Hannon & Gilleron families
THURSDAY	8 am	Miles & Michael Jameson
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	Ted & Frances Campbell  Eileen & Seamus Duke  Philomena Shannon  Pat Guckian
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Seamus Scally (Months Mind) & Molly Scally
SUNDAY - <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass

**St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Mass Times for the coming week**

Sunday April 2nd at 10 a.m.



*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*

**Essie Ahern**, (nee Killeen), Dublin, sister of the late Roger Killeen, Creevy.

**Joseph Rock**, formerly of Castle Park, brother of Tom Rock, who died in England.

**James (Jimmy) Fetherstone**, Correal, Stonepark.

*We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families & friends.*



*We also remember Martin & Mary McDonagh, Bridget & Martin Monagan, Brian Mongan & deceased members of the Mongan & McDonagh families whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Monday**: 10am - 11am & 2pm - 3pm. **Wednesday**: 4pm - 5pm & 5pm - 6pm & **Thursday**: 1pm - 2pm & 5pm - 6pm. 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.

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Christian family:

*Levi Beirne, Holly Clogher, Roisin Hudson, Arabelle Bannon  
& Sienna Mountford*

**EASTER ENVELOPES:** Are now available for distribution and can be collected in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Many thanks to all who help in the distribution of envelopes.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to the young people who celebrated Confirmation this weekend. A special word of thanks to the staff from all the schools for preparing the children for the Ceremony. Also thanks to the staff and children involved in the choirs.

**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.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 27th March - Group III

**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.

**LOUGH DERG 2023 PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS 1st MAY:**

One Day Retreats in May, August & September. Three Day Pilgrimages in June, July & August. Contact 071 9861518 / info@loughderg.org / www.loughderg.org. See poster in the Church porch.

**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.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** Acies Ceremony for the Consecration to our Lady will take place on Sunday 26th March at 4p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church Roscommon. All are welcome to attend.

**ART EXHIBITION** by Pauline Donohoe in Roscommon County Library on Thursday, 30th March at 6 p.m. (launch). Friday, 31st March from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Saturday, 1st April from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. A contribution from each painting sold will go to Western Alzheimers.

**ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB** will hold its next meeting on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at 8pm in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Maire Laird and Roisin Graham will host an Easter Demonstration. All welcome.

**Offertory Collection:**

**St. Patrick's Day (17/03/23) €2,310.00**

**Sunday (19/03/23) €2,972.00**



Thank You

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