

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th March 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent



His face shone like the sun.

MOVING OUT OF A RUT

Lent is another time in our calendar when we can factor into our busy lives healthy habits like walking, cycling, running, or getting to bed early and keeping away from the take-aways and the chocolate bars.

When it comes to our young people, regardless of the time of year, we help them develop good routines, like having good manners and being courteous to those they meet throughout the day. However, while a good habit can be beneficial, a routine can also be our downfall and jeopardise our quest for happiness.

It has been known that people stay in unhappy marriages, unhappy jobs, or unhappy places simply because they are in familiar territory. Our attachment to the familiar can sometimes rob us of an opportunity to step out of our comfort zone and enjoy even greater joys.

In our Scripture today, it seems clear that the Lord is calling us out of the familiar to bring joy to others and ourselves. God asked Abraham to leave his own country and his family to experience the blessings of the Lord. We are also invited to leave behind our old ways of thinking and be flexible and open to where the Spirit may be bringing us, even if it means disruption in the short term.

What is significant in the gospel passage is that Jesus brought the three disciples up a physical mountain. They experience the joy of Jesus' transfiguration and exclaim that 'it is wonderful for us to be here.' This suggests a certain amount of disruption in their lives, but one that leads to a good outcome.

This week we can be sure that the Lord will call us out of our routine at some stage. We pray that we will have the grace to trust that this departure from our plans will benefit both us and others.

- Fr. Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Marty, Tom & Teresa Kelly
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Peter & Maureen Hanly
	11 am	Paddy Walsh & deceased family members
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Jim Kelleher Betty & Johnny Costello
SATURDAY	11 am	Colm & May Delaney Baby Jack Hannon Gerard Michael Grogan
	7 pm	Youth Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Joe Walsh (1st Anniversary) & Colette Walsh

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

Jovita Marques Teixeira, A member of Our Lady of Aparecida Praesidium

Brian Hunt, Gurteen, Co Sligo, father of Declan Hunt, Wilson Close.

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

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.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 7th March @ 7 pm. All are welcome.

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.

GAEILGE SA LEABHARLANN: To celebrate Seachtain nan Gaeilge there will be a Family Fun Day in Roscommon Co. Library on Saturday 11th March from 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. There will be face painting, games and treats. Entertainment on the day will include dancing, singing, music and storytelling all performed by pupils of Gaelscoil de hÍde. This is a free event and is funded by Roscommon County Council. Beidh fáilte roimh gach duine.

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.

ST. PATRICK'S TEAM presents a new film called "Wonder: The Harmony of Faith and Science" in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon on Wednesday 8th March at 8 p.m. Narrated by the actor Jonathan Roumie, the film addresses the misunderstanding of Religion as anti-rational. This conflict is a stumbling block for many today, especially young people, and the film shows that this perceived conflict is unnecessary and false.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 5th March - Group V

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 7th – Kieran Cronin.** ‘Laudato Si: St Francis and Prayer for Ecological Conversion.’; **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

COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF IRISH CANCER SOCIETY DAFFODIL DAY

2023: To launch Daffodil Day fundraising in Roscommon Town a Coffee Morning will take place in J J Harlows, Roscommon Town, on Friday 10th March, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Your support would be much appreciated.

THE ROSCOMMON DRAMA FESTIVAL continues in the Arts Centre Roscommon until 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 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.

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.

4 WEEK MEN'S PILATES CLASS starting Wednesday 8th March @ 8 p.m. in Athleague Community Centre. To book your place call/text Bonnie 087 2238237.

Sunday’s Offertory Collection: €3,350.00

Thank You

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