

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

*Second Sunday of Easter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

*16th April 2023*



## **BREAKING DOWN DOORS OF FEAR**

During the pandemic, one of the most challenging things priests and sacristans had to do was bolt up the church doors as Mass was about to start, to keep people out, and reopen them once Mass was over. I certainly hope we never have to do such an inhumane task again. However, even since restrictions were fully lifted just over a year ago, in a certain sense, many of us can continue to close the doors of the church behind us as we move out into our streets, homes or workplaces.

Especially in this season of Easter, when we celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, we are invited to move out of ourselves with love, joy, enthusiasm, and courage. Instead, we can get locked in by fear, cynicism and laziness. What doesn't help is the bureaucracy and legalism surrounding much of what we do. Insurance and complicated protocols have killed many potentially life-giving ventures and innovations in communities and parishes. Following Christ certainly does involve adhering to a particular set of values and mindful living but there is a danger that being part of a church can also cause us to be crippled by fear or guilt.

We must not lose sight of the message of the Risen Christ as presented in this Sunday's gospel as he displaces fear in his disciples. The resurrected Jesus tries to force down closed doors of fear and open doors of love to others. We cannot just leave the Easter message at the church or sacristy doors. We must bring it out to all we meet in every corner of our day.

Fr. Kevin

## **UPCOMING FUNDRAISING CONCERT**

**Roscommon Solstice Choir – Friday 5th May 2023 at**

**8pm - Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon.**

Proceeds to Sacred Heart Church Restoration Fund.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Sr. Rose Thérèse Corcoran
TUESDAY	8 am	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	11 am	Bridie & Tom Hannigan Fionán Raftery
WEDNESDAY	8 am	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	11 am	John & Margaret Malynn
THURSDAY	8 am	<b>No Morning Mass</b>
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace Tom Judge
FRIDAY	11 am	Seamus Kiernan
SATURDAY	10 am	George, Maureen & Patsy Kelly Margaret, Michael, John, Michael (Jnr), Paddy & Lena Mannion Michael (Mick) Hoare
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Joseph Rock (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



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

**Joanie McCourt**, (née Farrell), Goff Street, Roscommon Town.

**Ron Pitman**, The Walk, Roscommon Town.

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

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

Sunday April 23rd at 10 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays: 10.30 am - 11 am & 6.30 pm - 7 pm.

**PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME:**

There will be no 8 am Mass next week. 8 am Mass will resume on Tuesday 25th April.

**EASTER COLLECTION - THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for their generosity towards the Easter collection for the support of parish clergy. It is much appreciated

**N.B - MASS TIME CHANGE:** Saturday morning Mass has now changed to the earlier time of **10 a.m.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:**

The National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. For details see [www.eucharisticadoration.ie](http://www.eucharisticadoration.ie)

**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](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). See poster in the Church porch.

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

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 17th April - Group I

**MASS FOR ORGAN DONORS** & their Families at Knock Basilica: Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April, 12 noon. A special Mass for all whose lives have been touched by this subject. The Mass for organ donors has become a special annual gathering for all organ recipients and their families, those waiting for transplants, their medical teams and carers, as well as for bereaved families who generously donated the organs of their deceased loved ones. Together we will support, encourage, remember and pray with one another. All are welcome.

**ST. COMANS WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL** are holding a clothing collection on Thursday April 20th. Funds raised will go to the school, with 10% donated to LauraLynn Hospice. If you have any unwanted clothing, footwear, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, belts, soft toys. (Also clean folded bedding/curtains in a separate bag) etc please bag them and bring to school on the morning of April 20th where we will have collection points at both sites. All donations greatly appreciated. Thank You!

**ROSCOMMON WOMEN'S NETWORK** invites you to a FREE open day to learn how to explore opportunities of REUSE and REPAIR, acquire the relevant skills and enhance your CV. At the event you will hear about our new flexible skill building ECCO programme and enjoy interactive demonstrations and talks from local circular economy enterprises with lunch included on the day. Join us on Friday 21st April in the RWN Training Centre in Castlerea and/or Friday 28th April in the RWN CycleUp Riverside Centre in Athleague from 10am – 1pm. Contact 094 9621690 or 086 8099154 or email [cycleup@rwn.ie](mailto:cycleup@rwn.ie) for further details and register your interest.

**AGE ACTION**, Ireland's leading advocacy organisation for older people and ageing, provides free DIY (installing grab rails, ensuring safety within the home, clearing pathways, moving a bed downstairs, among other jobs) to older people who have recently left hospital or waiting to be discharged from hospital. The Care and Repair service can be contacted on 091 527 831.

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