

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

Third Sunday of Easter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2023



Our Emmaus Journey (Luke 24:13-35)

We are familiar with the story of the two disciples of Jesus on their journey to the village of Emmaus. It started as a sad and lonely journey, turned out to be a heart-warming one, and it ended up as turning point of life.

It was a melancholic trip for the two grieving hearts after the death of their Master whom they had put all their trust when they left behind their work and loved ones. But their high hopes in Him crumbled to pieces when sad fate came and their dreams in life also died with him. And so, with heavy heart they travelled back home.

While they were discussing on the way, the Lord suddenly walked with them but their eyes were prevented from recognising him. In their time of grief and sorrow, Jesus himself drew near to them and walked with them to warm their broken hearts. It was only in the breaking of bread that they recognised the risen Lord. Finally, the two decided to go back to Jerusalem where the rest of the apostles were hiding in fear inside the upper room.

Like the two disciples, we may also find ourselves on the road to Emmaus - lonely and troubled due to the vicissitudes and sad realities in life. We are afraid of many things that we do not understand, and situations which are beyond our control. Like the life of the apostles, Jesus also draws himself to walk with us, listens to us, and speaks with us in the silence of our human hearts.

Let us recognise Jesus in the “breaking of the bread” every time we celebrate the Eucharist. Let us welcome him to make our journey meaningful and heart-warming. May the Holy Spirit help us to open our eyes, to be aware of Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist, to inspire us together to go on in our journey despite all the challenges and burdens in life. May Christ journey with us, bringing us all together to everlasting life.

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.

Tickets will be available before and after all Masses this weekend and next weekend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Nancy Treacy
TUESDAY	8 am	Margaret (Peg) Coghlan
	11 am	Leo & Kay Finnemore
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Michael & Linda Jameson & deceased family members
THURSDAY	8 am	Special Intention
	11 am	Thomas & Josephine Connor & deceased family members
FRIDAY	11 am	Richard Canny
SATURDAY	10 am	Phil Connaughton & her husband John Denis & Anne Naughton Peggy & James Conway
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Youth Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Matthew (Mattie) Mannion, Ardkeel, Roscommon Town.

Tony McCrann, Killerney, Lanesboro Rd., Roscommon Town.

Seamus Dolan, Ballybride, Roscommon Town.

Mary Hayes, (nee Nerney), Glasgow & formerly Abbeytown, sister of the late John Nerney, Abbeytown.

Tommy Kearns, Boyle, brother of Christine McDonagh, The Walk.

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 30th at 10 a.m.



We remember Tony Kearney whose anniversary occurs around this time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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.

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.

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.

ROSARY: During the month of May, the Legion of Mary will recite the rosary in St. Coman's Cemetery at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

ONLINE PREPARATION for Parents and Guardians of First Holy Communion

Candidates: Three of our "Partners in the Gospel" Catechists in Sligo – Bernie, Gerard and Mary – would like to invite parents and guardians of First Holy Communion candidates, if they wish, to a preparation session, via zoom, on Monday 24th April at 8pm. This follows on from the success of similar online sessions the catechists offered throughout the pandemic. Registration is not required – simply join on the evening via the link available at www.elphindiocese.ie or use Meeting ID: 882 2677 1488 and Passcode: 595422.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 24th April - Group II

BECOMING HUMAN, BECOMING DIVINE – Possessing Our Easter Identity

This 6 session initiative will run (8 – 9.30 pm) in St. Coman's Club, Roscommon on Monday evenings, beginning this Monday (Apr 24th). It draws on insights of Blessed Columba Marmion, an Irish monk who is internationally recognised as one of the great spiritual writers of the C20th. All welcome & participants can anticipate some very interesting conversations. More info @ www.elphindiocese.ie/human-divine

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB will hold its next meeting on Monday 24th April, 2023 at 8 p.m. in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. Hazel Woods will give a talk on Spring Planting and Successional Planting. There will be a plant sale from 7 p.m. All welcome.


ROSCOMMON WOMEN'S NETWORK invites you to a FREE open day to explore opportunities of REUSE and REPAIR. At the event you will hear about our new flexible skill building ECCO programme and enjoy demonstrations with lunch included on the day. Join us on FRIDAY 28th APRIL in The Riverside Centre, Athleague, F42 K685 from 10am – 1pm. Contact 094 9621690 or 086 8099154 or email 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.

COMHALTAS CEOLTOIRI ÉIREANN classes for the new term on Thursday's, in the Quad Centre, between 6 and 8p.m. Violins, flutes and whistles for beginners and improvers are catered for. Please contact 0879316673 for further information.

Offertory Collection - 16th April 2023

€2,791.10

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