

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

PARISH NEWSLETTER

*30th April 2023*



## LETTING THE EASTER STORY CHANGE US

Every year in the first week of January, 'Operation Transformation' hits our screens as five individuals around the country, through diet, exercise, and mental training, try to transform their lives. They engage in the process not just for themselves but also to try and inspire others and are aptly named 'leaders'. The selling point to the public of ventures like these is that they witness some kind of dramatic story and change for the better. The reason AA is popular the world over is that it has helped so many people transition from addiction to sobriety.

In our First reading this Sunday, those who listen to Peter are 'cut to the heart' as he describes how God has transformed Jesus, who was crucified, to be Lord and Christ - a dramatic story of change from defeat and destruction to glory and victory.

On this Vocations Sunday, it is worth mentioning that one of the greatest joys of being a priest is providing people who are devastated and desolate at the loss of a loved one the hope that this same loved one who was perhaps 'crucified' by suffering or illness for months or years, have now been transformed into someone radiant with peace and joy.

Such is the liberating power of the Gospel message. While it is not always a welcome communication, unlike other messages that appear attractive at first, it will not turn out to be a thief or brigand that robs us of life and joy. The message of the Risen Christ may demand effort from us at times, but it is guaranteed to breathe new life into us during the troubled and tired periods of our lives.

So let us this week accept with joy the Lord's word and that all of us, in our turn, in our unique vocation, bring that same joy to others who may be struggling with daily life.

- 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.

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

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	James Quinn & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	Alice Forde & her sons John, Michael & James
	11 am	Patrick Backley
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Rosaleen, Joe & Bernie Harte & deceased family members
	11 am	Mary & Joseph McNamara & deceased family members Phil Duffy
THURSDAY	8 am	Ellen Beirne
	11 am	Bridie Clabby Mary & Michael Cochrane
FRIDAY	11 am	Peter & Ellen Mahon Elizabeth Mellet
SATURDAY	10 am	John Wynn, Sr. Raphael Wynn & deceased members of the Wynn & Collins families Bernie Hoare Thomas (Tommy) Hynes
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Mary McDermott (Months Mind) & Henry, Maisie & Joe McDermott & deceased members of the Dennehy family
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Jimmy Featherstone (Months Mind)



We remember Jackie & Carmel Donnellan & Thomas Dolan whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

### **FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:**

*Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 5th May at the usual times.*

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

Sunday April 30th at 10 a.m. & Friday May 5th at 7 p.m.

**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.

**THE LEGION OF MARY** are organising a day trip to Loug Derg on Saturday 23rd September 2023. Leaving the Sacred Heart Church car park at 6.30 a.m. For bookings please contact Teresa on 087 1206343 or Noreen on 086 3529916 (090 6625209).

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 to the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023. Nominations from parishes throughout the Diocese are being sought for young people to participate in the Youth Section. For more information please contact Parish Office at 090 6626298 before May 5th.

**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.

**ROSARY:** At Our Lady's Grotto, Sacred Heart Church grounds on Wednesday next, May 3rd at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday in May. All are welcome.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 2nd May @ 8 pm. All are welcome.

**ST. PATRICK'S TEAM** is hosting a Literary Dinner in Gleasons, Roscommon on Friday 12th May, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. Guest speaker is Fr. Vincent Twomey, SVD, Professor Emeritus of Moral Theology. "Pope Benedict XVI: The Man behind the Mitre". 4 course Dinner €33. Booking: Tom Flanagan 087 2421070.

**BEALTAINÉ FESTIVAL Events at Roscommon Library:** Westmeath Independent columnist, Jean Farrell will read from her columns and sing well-known songs in Roscommon Library on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 3pm - 4pm. Booking: 090-6637277 or [library@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:library@roscommoncoco.ie). Drop in to Roscommon Library any Friday morning during May (11am - 12:30pm) and learn how to use the library's FREE online resources. No booking required.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 1st May - Group III

**ROSCOMMON TOWN DARKNESS INTO LIGHT May 2023 – 10<sup>th</sup> Year:** Be part of the Darkness into Light movement, join us for the most important sunrise of the year on May 6th @ 4.15AM. This year see's Roscommon Town hosts its 10<sup>th</sup> Year of Darkness into Light. Thanks to all the participants, local businesses, sponsors and volunteers who have contributed in many ways in making this worthy cause a success year on year. Location: Convent of Mercy Gym, Roscommon Town. May 6th @ 4.15AM. Register online via <https://www.darknessintolight.ie/>


If you're interested in joining the team or volunteering on the night please contact Mark on 087 7801434 or Laura on 086 8448927. Your support or donations are greatly appreciated for this worthy and worthwhile cause.

**THE IRISH CANCER SOCIETY** would like to thank all the volunteers, local businesses, and the participating school in Roscommon Town for their continued support of Daffodil Day this year. Through the hard work of the volunteers and the generosity of the public in Roscommon Town and the surrounding areas, a phenomenal amount was raised on Daffodil Day. Together, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of people affected by cancer in Ireland.

**EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE ROSCOMMON** is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability or health issue to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market. Are you currently aged over 18 years? Do you have a disability or health issue? Would you consider working part-time? If so, why not let Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area. This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Social Protection. Are you managing a mental health issue? We offer an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service which is funded by HSE and offers a range of tailored personalised supports to people using mental health services who wish to work. For further information Call 090 6628608 or Call/Text 087 3745307 or email [info@rosemp.ie](mailto:info@rosemp.ie)

**Offertory Collection - 23rd April 2023**

**€2,673.**

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