

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SHOWING CHRIST'S LOVE TO THOSE IN NEED

As we look back on some of the most challenging times in our lives, a time of illness or bereavement or some other crisis, the people we speak with the most enthusiasm about are those who were good to us and showed empathy and kindness towards us. Unfortunately, the opposite holds true in that we often remember those who act towards us with insensitivity and lack of compassion.

In this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, there is enormous enthusiasm for Philip and the word of God he preached. This is because he touched people's lives when they were most vulnerable. We hear especially how he cared for those with a physical disability.

Significantly, this 'successful' mission takes place in a Samaritan town when there were substantial religious and social boundaries between Jews and Samaritans. However, Philip's compassion broke down all barriers.

It is fair to say that many people today are not enthusiastic about the word of God because they are somehow not touched by those who proclaim the Christian message. It seems the best thing we can do as priests and parishioners is to try and stand with the most vulnerable: the ill, the lame, the troubled, the bereaved.

It is only then that, like the Samaritans in today's Scripture, we can somehow expect people to accept the word of God.

- Fr. Kevin

THANK YOU - FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Roscommon Solstice Choir Concert on Friday, May 5th. Funds raised on the night amounted to **€11,000**.

To date **€51,474** has been raised for the urgent works that are costed in the region of €100,000 plus.

Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Jim Ryan Bridgie Neilan
TUESDAY	8 am	Lorraine, Frances & Conleth Cormican
	11 am	James & Mary Elizabeth Brennan & deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Val Johnston
	11 am	Ron Pitman (Months Mind)
THURSDAY	8 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
	11 am	John, Rose, Delia & Nora Flanagan
FRIDAY	11 am	John, Susan & Goretti Gillick & deceased members of the Gillick & Clarke families
SATURDAY	10 am	Tom & Eileen Gorman Gerry Lunt & deceased members of the Lunt & Feeney families Conor Dempsey
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Joanie McCourt (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Margaret Kosecki, (nee Smyth), Lisnamult, Roscommon Town.

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

AREA DISTRIBUTORS:

Pentecost Envelopes are ready for distribution. They are available in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Please collect as soon as possible, Pentecost Sunday is Sunday 28th May this year.

Many thanks for your assistance.

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

Sunday May 21st at 10 a.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.

MAY PROCESSION: A procession in honour of Our Lady will take place in the Church grounds of The Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon Town at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 22nd May 2023, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

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).

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

ROSARY: At Our Lady's Grotto, Sacred Heart Church grounds on Wednesday next, May 17th at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday in May. All are welcome.

LOUGH DERG 2023 PILGRIMAGE SEASON REOPEN: 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.

COFFEE MORNING FOR HOSPICE: A coffee morning will be held in Gleasons Restaurant Roscommon on Friday 2nd June to launch National Sunflower days for Hospice. All are welcome. Your support would be appreciated.

BEALTAINE 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 17th, from 3pm - 4pm. Booking: 090-6637277 or 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

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 15th May - Group V

ROSCOMMON TOWN DARKNESS INTO LIGHT Committee wish to express their deepest gratitude to everyone who registered, donated, and participated by walking, talking, and running and all who volunteered in our annual Darkness into Light (10th Anniversary) event held on Saturday 6th May 2023. Special thanks to Roscommon Gardai, Roscommon Fire Service, and the Civil Defence for their services. Thanks to all the local businesses, offices and individuals who supported by supplying various items such as refreshments, confectionary, space for community registration days, transport, furniture, media, music, sound & lighting, readers Daire Feeley & Hollie Kilroe, waste disposal units, and car parking facilities. To the Convent of Mercy Secondary School for the use of 'The Gym' as our Darkness into Light venue and to the students who assisted with registration day and hall preparation. Thanks to everyone who organised successful fundraising and to the hardworking committee for their contributions and dedication in organising this successful event. **Text HELP to 51444** to text a therapist if you are in crisis or **Call 0818 111 126** to make an appointment with a therapist.

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.

INTERESTED IN LEARNING how to upcycle textiles? Then Roscommon Women's Network have a training course just for you. Discover how to identify which fabrics are suitable for upcycling, learn how to deconstruct a garment, pick up new cutting and pattern making skills as well as basic machine sewing techniques all while learning about the effects of textile waste on the environment. Training runs in BOYLE for 8 weeks from Friday 19th May in the Boyle Family Resource Centre from 10.30 - 12.30. Contact Martina at mhourigan@rwn.ie, call 094 9621690 or text 0863478881 for further information.

Offertory Collection - 7th May 2023

€3,607.00

Thank You

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