

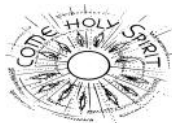
# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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21st May 2023



## The Ascension of Jesus (Mt 28: 16-20)

The ups and downs or challenges in life are inevitable. As we journey in this life, they are forever, for there is no such thing as “*cross-less Christians.*” They are part of life but not the end of life itself because our faith as followers of the risen Lord tells us that Jesus is our life, hope and glory. The Ascension of Jesus is about his victory over death and signifies our own salvation. Let us rejoice and be glad, and pray for the grace to remain our faith in Him.

His victory over sin and death through His resurrection is moreover manifested as “*He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.*” (*The Nicene Creed*). With this, our glory too will be fulfilled at the end of our earthly journey in which our Savior awaits us into his Kingdom.

Let us rejoice and be glad today as we celebrate his coming up to heaven, for he who has gone ahead of us has called us to follow him in hope. Let us celebrate in thanksgiving because Christ is our head and we are his body, and in his person, we have entered heaven. We thank the Lord for offering us a share in his heavenly life which makes everything, life’s difficulty included, finds meaning.

And so, we pray always for the grace to courageously face the different challenges in life and to remain in faith to Jesus whose **kingdom will have no end**. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, he will help us to lay hold of our inheritance in Jesus—the life, the hope, and the glory that are the right of every child of God our Father.

- Fr. Raul

## SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION - THANK YOU

Sincere thanks for your ongoing kind response  
to our Church restoration appeal.

To date **€53,337** 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	Walter Hally
TUESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Harte Family
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Tom & Eileen O'Donnell
	11 am	Eddie Mullen Eugene, Paddy & Kathleen McNamara
THURSDAY	8 am	Sean Honohan
	11 am	Thomas & Nora Hannon John & Mary MacGuigan
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	Mary Fallon Mary Frances & Frank Kelly Peggy & Jack Finn
<i>Vigil Mass - Youth Mass</i>	7 pm	Tony McCrann (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Seamus Dolan (Months Mind)



*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*  
**Anthony Brophy**, Italy and formerly of Castle St., Roscommon Town.  
*We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to his bereaved family & friends.*



*We also remember Michael John Igoe whose anniversary occurs around this time.*

### **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, Kiltewan - Mass Times for the coming week**

Sunday May 28th 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 24th at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday in May. All are welcome.

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION** - The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 to the 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage highlights includes Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. The Pilgrimage includes the **Assisted Pilgrim Section**. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated near the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon. (Telephone – 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023. All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 2410800 or email [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

**CHARISMATIC DAY OF RENEWAL:** Emmanuel House, Clonfert on Saturday, 27th May. Starting at 10 a.m. Speakers - Rev. Pat Collins C.M. and Marie Beirne. Enquiries to Catherine 085 1451177 or Emmanuel House 057 9151552 (Ext 3).

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 22nd May - Group I

**STATEMENT OF THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS - Abortion: Changing the Narrative** – Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement on [www.catholicbishops.ie](http://www.catholicbishops.ie)

**ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB** have some spaces available for their annual outing on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May to Gash Gardens & Clonahill Gardens. Cost €85 to include meals. Contact Pat 086 0774017 to book a seat.

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

**REGARI** Recovery College Spring/Summer Wellbeing Workshops continues on Tuesdays from 2pm - 5pm in Roscommon Library. The workshops are open to people over 18 years of age and have been designed to support anyone who is interested in learning more about coping with mental health challenges through education and conversation. Everyone is welcome. For more details contact the REGARI Team at [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com)

**Offertory Collection - 14th May 2023**

**€3,306.00**

Thank You

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