

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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JESUS IS OUR WAY, THE TRUTH, AND OUR LIFE. (John 14:1-12)

We are only passers-by in this passing world because heaven is our true home. No matter how powerful, famous, wealthy or healthy one can be in the present, the day will certainly come that the physical heart will come to a complete halt. The Gospel offers comfort, guidance and encouragement to us because Jesus, on his farewell discourse to his disciples before his crucifixion said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me." He will prepare a place for us in His Father's house, declaring Himself as the way, the truth, and our life.

Jesus is the Way to the ultimate success. No matter how bad or good the weather of life is, when He is our Way, we can be assured of a safe arrival to our destination in Heaven. Jesus is the path that we must follow if we want to be with Him in Paradise. He is the way to real happiness in this world and the world to come. Outside this Way, the happiness is just fleeting, temporary and has an end.

Jesus is the Truth leading us to complete peace. In a world where many claim to be bearers of truth, Jesus assures us that in Him we can find the ultimate truth because He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning, and the end. He is the Word made flesh and dwelt among us. He is the truth that we must seek.

And lastly, Jesus proclaims that He is the Life. He is the Giver of our life, the One who sustains it and He is the life that we must live if we want to experience the fullness of God's love here and thereafter.

The challenge is to keep our focus on our ultimate home with God in heaven. Let us trust in the Words of Jesus in order to find peace and comfort in our faith as He has said; "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

- Fr. Raul

THANK YOU - FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Sincere thanks to all who supported the Roscommon Solstice Choir Concert on Friday night. We had a lovely evening of music and song.

Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Martin, Pat & Noel O'Donnell
	11 am	Mary & Joseph McNamara & deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Kay Gately
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace Paula Leddy
THURSDAY	8 am	Tommy Harlow & deceased members of the Harlow & Lee families
	11 am	Phil Duffy
FRIDAY	11 am	Michael McPhilips & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Paddy Kearney Mary Comiskey Eamon Holian, his parents Thomas & Kathleen & deceased family members
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Matthew Mannion (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Eilish Sullivan (Months Mind)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of



Mary Harlow, (nee Lee), St. Alban's Place, The Square, Roscommon Town.

Vincent McManus, Stonepark and formerly Castle St., Roscommon

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

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

Sunday May 14th 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the children from St. Coman's Wood Primary School who received their First Holy Communion this weekend. May their trusting faith in welcoming the gift that is the Lord's Real Presence bless them with his friendship and abiding love.

THE LEGION OF MARY are organising a day trip to Lough 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. All are welcome.

ROSARY: At Our Lady's Grotto, Sacred Heart Church grounds on Wednesday next, May 10th at 7 p.m. and every Wednesday in May. 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 XV1: The Man behind the Mitre". 4 course Dinner €33. Booking: Tom Flanagan 087 2421070.

ROSARY RALLY in commemoration of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima will take place on Saturday, May 13th, at 4 p.m. in The Square, Roscommon Town.

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.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 8th May - Group IV


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

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.

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 resources. No booking required.

Offertory Collection - 30th April 2023

€2,897.90

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