

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

**CORPUS CHRISTI**

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## **EUCHARIST - A FOOD FOR SINNERS**

When asked as children what we want to be when we grow up, often an answer is that we would like to be 'famous'. However, we all notice that behind celebrities' perceived glitz and perfection, we often discover a very human person behind it all, with the same struggles as everybody else. The recent resignation of Phillip Schofield from a morning ITV show illustrates this point.

When it comes to the Eucharist, we all know that during the pandemic, there were many things preventing people from receiving Holy Communion, as churches were locked shut for church services. Thankfully no such restrictions apply, and our church is full again, especially at weekend Masses. However, there is still hesitancy towards coming to Eucharist for some people for various reasons.

One reason would be a perceived squeaky-clean image of the church and that the Eucharist is seen as a prize for being good. Yet while we may not be worthy to receive the body of Christ, we should still come as struggling sinners. We come to the table not because we are full but hungry and weak. In the same way as we must change our squeaky-clean expectations of celebrities; we must also adjust how we view the church. We acknowledge that it is a very human institution, warts and all, but also one that, in the name of Christ, welcomes everybody in their humanity.

We live, thankfully, in a post covid society and church. However, on this feast of The Body and Blood of Christ, let us ease the non-Covid restrictions we may place on ourselves in our approach to the Blessed Eucharist both now and into the future.

**Fr. Kevin**

## **SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION**

This week sees the scaffolding being erected with planned works to commence on the church restoration project in the coming weeks. Remember you can still donate via bank transfer or use the donation envelopes available in our church porch.

To date €55,687 has been raised

***Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.***

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Family Carers in County Roscommon
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Deceased members of the Neilan & Stroker families
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Sarah & Owen Corcoran
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
	7 pm	Pioneer Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	Peggy Kelly Ann Mulhern
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Margaret Kosecki (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



*Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of*  
**Edward (Eddie) Lohan**, Racecourse Rd., Roscommon.

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



*We also remember Mary, Katie & Peter McDermott and Marie Kilmartin*  
*Whose anniversaries occurs around this time.*

*Please note there will be NO 8 a.m. morning Mass this week.*

**Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.**

### **ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES:**

**Kilteevan Cemetery - Saturday 1st July - 7.30 pm.**

**St. Coman's Cemetery - Friday 14th July - 7.30 pm.**

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

Sunday, June 18th at 10 a.m.

**N.B - MASS TIME CHANGE:** Saturday morning Mass has now changed to the earlier time of **10 a.m.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Christian family:

*Tara May O'Riordan, Íde Mary Rose Conlon, Brandon Peter Dwyer,  
Amie Mary Flanagan, Leon Jakub Wojtowicz & Sam Phillip Tiernan Parker.*

### **ACCESS RESTRICTIONS DURING CHURCH RENOVATIONS**

Parishioners please be advised that entry into the Church grounds from the car park on the St. Coman's Wood Primary School side will be closed over the next couple of weeks to facilitate some of the necessary works on the Church building. Apologies for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your cooperation.

### **PAROCHIAL HOUSE / PARISH OFFICES RENOVATION UPDATE**

The parish has appointed Jane Meade Architect in relation to the proposed renovation works to the Parochial House / Parish Offices. She is currently engaging the services of a Quantity Surveyor to price the necessary works. We will publish any further updates in due course. Thank you for your support.

**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 DIOCESE'S 3 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG**

([www.elphindioocese.ie/lough-derg](http://www.elphindioocese.ie/lough-derg)) takes place next weekend. Still some seats available on a bus that will pick up and return pilgrims to Casey's Roundabout, Roscommon. Enquires to Justin Harkin please @ 087 6171526 / [justin@elphindioocese.ie](mailto:justin@elphindioocese.ie)

**PIONEER ASSOCIATION** ([www.pioneers.ie](http://www.pioneers.ie)) is offering enrolment opportunity to Fifth and Sixth Class pupils who have parental / guardian consent and support during a special Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon @ 7pm next Thursday. Social Gathering to welcome new members to follow. All welcome.

**AHFI** (Alliance of the Holy Family International) Family Retreat, Saturday & Sunday, June 17th & 18th from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Glenroyal Hotel, Straffan Rd., Maynooth, Co. Kildare. Theme: "Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Eucharistic Reign of the Sacred Heart of Jesus". First Come, First Served - Space is limited. For more information contact Bridie 083 3048845 / Michael 087 2202157.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 12th May - Group IV

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION**

- The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. 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. All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours (JWT) at 01 2410800 or [info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie)

**FUNDRAISER:** Derryglad Folk and Heritage Museum are celebrating 25 years in business. A fundraiser in aid of Mayo - Roscommon Hospice will take place on Sunday, June 18th from 3 - 6 p.m. On the day view over 8,000 items on display. Old style country butter-making demonstration with butter on sale on the day. Sean-Nós dancing, music & story-telling etc. All are welcome. For more information call 087 1435374.

**VAKS PROGRAMME:** Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! For further information please contact Knock Youth Ministry on 094 9375321 or [youthministry@knockshrine.ie](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

**MENOPAUSE EVENT IN ROSCOMMON LIBRARY:** Dr. Deirdre Forde of Ceile Medical Centre, Athlone will give a talk on menopause and perimenopause on Thursday June 15<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 7:30pm. Email Roscommon Library: [library@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:library@roscommoncoco.ie) to register for this FREE event.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 4th June**

€3,655.00

Thank You

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