

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

18th June 2023

JESUS SENDS US OUT (*Matthew 9:36-10:8*)

In recent years, due to the increased frequency of natural disasters, the lives of countless people, especially in many economically poor countries, are devastated. Disasters such as floods or earthquakes which are usually unforeseen have catastrophic consequences. People lose their lives, homes and all their belongings. In the same manner, man-made disasters such as wars and conflicts have massively worsened the situation of the world. But the challenges of the people are not only on the physical level but more gravely on the spiritual and moral spheres. The material world is all there is and the soul is totally forgotten. The entire situation seems like the crowds that Jesus in the Gospel is pointing out: ***“harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.”***

Against this ugly picture of the world, we are amazed by the dedication, strength and passion of the well-meaning individuals who are not letting themselves down and stand by the people who need critical help. In the middle of war-torn and disaster areas people of good heart are not deterred from helping the badly affected humanity. Religious missionaries are giving up comfort to bring Jesus into the world and to bring souls to the Lord. They mirror the compassionate heart of Jesus who sends out labourers for his vineyard in this battered world.

In this present generation, ***“Jesus keeps calling more disciples and gives them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.”*** We are one of those workers of the Lord who are sent to bring hope and joy to the world. Whatever may be our status or situation in life, we are all called to join the band of Jesus in the efforts of healing the wounded world. As the Saint, Pope John Paul II, says; ***“Nobody is so poor he has nothing to give, and nobody is so rich he has nothing to receive.”*** Let us take heed of the challenge of the Lord by doing what we can to alleviate the hapless lives of many and announce to the world his message through our lives that ***“The kingdom of heaven has come near.”***

- Fr. Raul

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION

This week sees the scaffolding erected and works continuing on the church restoration project. Remember you can still donate via bank transfer or use the donation envelopes available in our church porch.

To date €55,737 has been raised

Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Annie Browne Paddy Walsh & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	Pat Neilan & deceased family members
	11 am	Myra Lindsey
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Special Intention
	11 am	Matthew & Bridget Quirke & son Paddy
THURSDAY	8 am	Michael, Bridget, John & Mickey Blighe
	11 am	Bridie, Luke & Mons. John Clogher Thomas & Mary McDonagh & sons Tommy & Frank
FRIDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Harlow & Dowling families Neil Dempsey
SATURDAY	10 am	Tom TP Hoare Danny Clancy
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Marie Kilmartin (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

ANN BEECHINOR, Limerick, sister of Christopher Clancy, Abbey St.

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



We also remember Dan Dolan & Ann Marie (Nan) Kelly whose anniversaries occurs around this time.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltveevan - 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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.

PARISH ACCOUNTS for combined Roscommon and Kiltveevan churches for 2022 are available to view in the church porch.

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).

HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS: The amount raised from National Sunflower days for Hospice in Roscommon came to a total of €12,832.08. The Foundation sincerely thank local stores for their kind co-operation, local support groups, hospice shop staff and volunteers who gave their time to help make the event such a great success. Grateful thanks to all who gave so generously to the cause. All funds raised go directly to funding local palliative care services.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 19th May - Group V

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES:

Kiltveevan Cemetery - Saturday 1st July - 7.30 pm.

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

BUS TO PRO LIFE RALLY in Dublin on Saturday, July 1st. Bus departs from Roscommon Church Car Park at 8am. Fare €20. Booking essential. Please contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809.

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

PRO LIFE TALK - Wednesday, June 21st at Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon at 7:30pm. All welcome!

OPPORTUNITY IN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP: The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service are looking for a Senior Programme Leader to lead retreats and other programmes in their youth retreat centre, Castlerigg Manor, in the English Lake District. Castlerigg Manor is an innovative project which focuses on leading their volunteers into a closer relationship with God and in working with their volunteers to lead programmes for thousands of young people each year. The post is residential with an excellent salary package. For more information email the director, Jack Regan director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or checkout castleriggmanor.com

DECLUTTERING WORKSHOP IN ROSCOMMON LIBRARY: Roscommon Library will host a FREE Decluttering Workshop on Thursday June 29thth from 6pm to 7pm, with Fiona Hall, Counsellor, Psychotherapist and owner of Consciously Clearing. To register, please email library@roscommoncoco.ie.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 11th June

€4,037.00

Thank You

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