

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

25th June 2023

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

Sport is in full swing these days. Last week we had soccer internationals, and the football and hurling championship continues to hot up as we reach the knockout stages.

We all know people will adulate players and managers when a team wins. However, when a team loses, while criticism does have a certain place, displeasure among fans can quickly turn to unfair hostility and abuse. The advent of social media in recent years can exacerbate this issue.

It's not uncommon also for any of us, in our work, family, or relationships, to be on the receiving end of a nasty text or phone call just because we either made a mistake or took a necessary decision that didn't go down well in certain quarters.

Our Liturgy this Sunday encourages us when we face such difficulties. Jeremiah felt people were disparaging him from every side. Yet, in the middle of this hostility, he could praise the Lord for delivering him from this onslaught and 'the hands of evil men.'

Jesus, in our gospel, urges people not to be afraid of those who may attack them either physically or emotionally: 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.'

He urges His followers to be aware that, despite being belittled and abused, each of us holds immense value in God's eyes: 'Are we not worth more than thousands of sparrows.'

As followers of Jesus today, while our mission is to be peacemakers in a divided world, we also need the courage to say or do things that may not gain the approval of every individual or every group.

We pray this week for the grace to stand firm in the face of ridicule and opposition and that no matter how bad others can make us feel, we keep reminding ourselves we have worth and the Lord will deliver us.

- Fr. Kevin

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 €56,037 has been raised

Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Patrick & Bridget Clancy & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	Teresa Glancy
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Austin Healy Snr.
	11 am	Owensie Hoare
THURSDAY	8 am	Bernie Quigley & deceased family members
	11 am	Frances & Patrick Smyth & deceased members of the Smyth & Burgoyne families
FRIDAY	11 am	Kathleen & Tom Folliard & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Thomas Coyle Marie Raftery Kate & John Menton
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Marie Hawthorne (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Dermot Hennigan (Months Mind)



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

DONNY DECKER, New York, brother-in-law of Sharon Killeen, Creevy.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

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

Sunday, July 2nd 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.

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: **Wednesday:** 5pm - 6pm & **Friday:** 3pm - 4pm. 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).

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

THE MELTING POT presents Yoga in the Park with Avril Mullally, Friday June 30th @ 12pm. €5 per person (weather permitting). Please text, call or email your interest to Geraldine - communityhub@themeltingpot.ie or 089 416 5730. See you there!

STIGMA PRESENTATION with guest speaker Barbara Brennan from SeeChange at The Melting Pot Community Hub, Tuesday June 27th @ 1pm. Please text, call or email your interest to Geraldine - communityhub@themeltingpot.ie or 089 416 5730

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES:

Kiltveevan Cemetery - Saturday 1st July - 7.30 pm.
St. Coman's Cemetery - Friday 14th July - 7.30 pm.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 26th June - Group I

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.

A HERB WALK will take place in Roscommon Town on Monday July 3rd at 11am. Learn about the benefits of weeds growing in your area. Booking essential and free of charge. Contact Teresa O'Brien on 086 129 1215, Roscommon LEADER Partnership Company.

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 29th from 6pm to 7pm, with Fiona Hall, Counsellor, Psychotherapist and owner of Consciously Clearing. To register, please email library@roscommoncoco.ie.

ROSCOMMON LIBRARY – Free Writing Workshops for Young Adults. Do you write? Or would you like to get started? Join us in Roscommon Library to explore writing together in a relaxed and encouraging environment this summer. The poet Mary Branley is our Creative Coordinator this year and she will provide a proven model of support for writers at every level, to get creating. Then turn your writing into a unique handmade book. All materials provided. Places are limited. To register contact (090) 6637270 or roslib@roscommoncoco.ie

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 18th June

€2,570.00

Thank You

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