

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

2nd July 2023

## Loving God Above All

*Matthew 10:37-42*

Our love for the family and others is the reflection of how we love God. The more we love God, the more we love our family and other people. The less we love God the less we show true love for others and family as well.

In our Gospel reading, Jesus says, **“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me.”** But when a rich man asked Jesus, what good thing must he do to get eternal life, the Lord answered, **“honor your father and mother.”** (Mt 19:19). Are these statements of Jesus contradictory to each other? Definitely not, for the only way to faithfully love one’s mother or father is to love God in the truest sense. It is impossible to truthfully love one’s family and others if one has no pure and total love of God.

That is why, we should see Jesus’ message as a challenge to make sure we are not only loving Him truly, but also a challenge to make sure we fully love our family by making our love of God as the foundation of our love of others. As Saint Teresa of Calcutta once said: ***“Whatever you do for your family, for your children, for your husband, for your wife, you do for God. All we do, our prayers, our work, our suffering, is for Jesus.”***

Therefore, as believers or disciples of Jesus, let us be ready to embrace suffering for the love of God, family, and others, accept the cost of discipleship, and be assured to receive great reward in heaven. Jesus assures us that when we give even a cup of cold water to the least brethren will not go unnoticed by God, and we will receive great reward and gratitude in the kingdom of heaven.

- Fr. Raul

## RESTORATION WORKS SACRED HEART CHURCH UPDATE

Thanks to the dedicated work of Gerry Dervin and his team, the majority of the urgent repairs to the Church have now been completed. All scaffolding has been removed and access to the Church is now back to normal. We are extremely grateful to parishioners for their cooperation and generosity that has enabled us to get to this point. Unfortunately, we still have a shortfall of €45,000 approx. to cover the required costs.

*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the O'Brádaigh & O'Connor families
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat & Mary McLoughlin
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Richard & Mary Knight
	11 am	Irene Hanlon
FRIDAY	11 am	Patrick (Paddy) Lawrence & his son Michael  Owen & Anne Morgan
SATURDAY	10 am	Mairead Scanlon  Mary & Michael Donoghue
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Norbert Ferguson (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Archie Naughton (1st Anniversary)



*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*  
**ENA (MARY CHRISTINA) LYNCH**, (née Kinsella), 'Slievenamon',  
 The Walk Road, Roscommon.

**NOEL REGAN**, Ishlawn, Ballaghaderreen, brother of Eileen Gannon,  
 Stonepark, Roscommon.

**DYMPHNA BARNES**, Ahascragh, sister of Una Finn, Riverside Avenue,  
 Roscommon.

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

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

Friday, July 7th at 7 p.m. & Sunday, July 9th at 10 a.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

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

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

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:**

*Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 7th July at the usual times.*

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

**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.

**LEGION OF MARY SUMMER OUTING** to Dublin City on Tuesday, 18th July 2023. All are welcome. Bus leaving Elphin Church Car Park at 9 a.m. and Sacred Heart Church Car Park, Roscommon at 9.30 a.m. For more details contact Tom Beirne on 086 3861954 or Bernadette Higgins on 086 8839424.

**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 086 3861954.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 4th July @ 8 pm. 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).

**PRO LIFE MASS** in Apparition Chapel, Knock Shrine *on Sat 8th July @12.30 pm.* The Celebrant is Fr Vincent Twomey SVD (*Professor Emeritus of Moral Theology*). The Mass intention is the renewal of the Gospel of Life.

**LUAN GALLERY** is delighted to present ***Athrú, an Invocation***; a group exhibition featuring artists Mark Clare, Teresa Dillon and Rosie O'Reilly. The official opening will take place on Friday 7th July at 6pm with Guest Speaker Sarah Searson.

**ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS:**

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

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 3rd July - Group II

**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.

**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)

**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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or checkout [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com)

**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](mailto:roslib@roscommoncoco.ie)

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 18th June**

€3,061.90

Thank You

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