

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

16th July 2023

THE SOWER, THE SEED AND THE SOIL (Matthew 13:1-23)

We thrive in the world where the basic needs that make us survive are good enough, at least at present. The land produces crops that we feed on and food is available through the toil of human hands. But, what if plants cease to grow or the livestock we raise are not sustainable anymore? Subsequently, we lose biodiversity and the life on earth will gradually die to its natural death.

But how about the nourishment of our moral & spiritual life - on the universal concept of right and wrong, or good and evil? Will humans survive without its moral and spiritual grounding? Without it as the core of our being one could surmise that there will be great chaos, trouble of all sorts and endless strife until survival of the fittest will be the rule of the thumb that will eventually extinguish the human existence.

But in God's great plan, He continues to sow seed of goodness, righteousness, and blessings of rain, air and sunshine on the world through His life-sustaining word. They are the so-called seeds that fall on different kinds of ground, on the good or bad soil as well. We thank The Sower, for He assures the world, seeds that would fall on the rich soil, on the hearts of His chosen ones who will "hear the word and understand it, yield a harvest, and produce a hundredfold."

The Gospel parable prompts us to ask: what kind of ground that the world is now a days? What kind of soil that human hearts now have for the seeds scattered by the Sower? The answer lies on the heart and soul of everyone who hears the words of Jesus. We can have the possible answer when we truthfully look into ourselves and know what kind of soil we are, in the deepest recesses of our hearts.

- Fr. Raul

RESTORATION WORKS SACRED HEART CHURCH UPDATE

We are extremely grateful to parishioners for their cooperation and generosity that has enabled us to get to this point with the restoration works.

To date €59,307 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Jimmy & Eilish Talbot
TUESDAY	8 am	Jim & Jenny Banahan
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Kitty & Sean Ruane & deceased family members
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Kitty & Tommy Collins & their daughter Pauline
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Pease David Langan
FRIDAY	11 am	Carmel & Betty Molloy & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Joe Leonard
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Helen O'Keeffe (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of
VERONICA (VERA) LINDSAY, Essex Lawn, Boyle Road, Roscommon,
and formerly of Ballyleague.

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



*We remember William Horan, Eddie McGuinn &
Micheal Hunt, formerly of Antogher Rd.,
whose anniversaries occurs around this time.*

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

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

Sunday, July 23rd 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.

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.

CLOONTUSKERT CEMETERY: Mass will take place in Cloontuskert Cemetery on Sunday, August 13th at 6 p.m.

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE: The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 20th August with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 p.m. and Mass at 3.00 p.m. in the Basilica.

THE NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE will take place in Knock on Sunday 23rd July - the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. Music will be by the combined choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana. ALL ARE WELCOME!

JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES: Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on Sunday 1st October at 2.30 p.m. in St. Colmcille's Church, Rathcormac, Co. Sligo **or** Sunday 15th October at 2.30 p.m. in St Mary's Church, Ballygar, Co Galway. Light refreshments will be served after both Masses for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are invited to register their details at www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2023

DIVINE WILL: Speaker Gregg Dunn (co worker with Francis Hogan). Testimony of God's wonderful work in him. St. Coman's Hall, Roscommon (beside Church) on Friday, 21st July at 2 p.m. For further information call 087 2356576. 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).

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Blessed Sacrament Chapel is open for Eucharistic Adoration daily from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. except on Wednesdays, opening hours are 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. People wishing to spend an hour of Adoration can contact Tom Beirne 086 3861954 or Mae McBrien 086 8622354. We wish to thank all adorers who presently are very faithful to their committed hours.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 17th July - Group IV

CRUMLIN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL: There will be a Jumble/Cake Sale in aid of Crumlin Children's Hospital on Saturday, August 19th at Roscommon Agricultural Show. Donations of any jumble i.e toys, ornaments etc would be much appreciated. Contact Bridget on 087 9773338.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS is now recruiting for In-Home Respite Sitter Service in the Area. Are you eligible to work part time supporting clients living with a diagnosis of Alzheimers in their own homes? 19.5 flexible working hours mornings or evening, and with the opportunity to avail of training towards QQI FETAC Level 5 Healthcare Support Award, mentoring and to obtain a diverse range of experience working within the different services of western Alzheimers. Eligibility Criteria: applicants must be in receipt of Irish Social Welfare Payment 12 months or more. Please contact your local employment agency for more details or Western Alzheimers on (090) 66 27816.

INDOOR MARKET - An Indoor Market will take place in Lisnamult Community Centre, this Sunday, the 16th July from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. All kinds of bric a brac, clothes, hand knitted baby cardigans, jewellery, homemade jams, handmade candles and soaps. All are welcome.

PERCY FRENCH FESTIVAL: The 15th annual Percy French Festival takes place on July 19th, 20th & 21st this year at Castlecoote House, Co. Roscommon, with a stellar line-up of speakers and musicians. For more information see percyfrench.ie

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

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 10th July

€4,165.00

Thank You

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