

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE WEEDS AND WHEAT IN US

(Matthew 13: 24–30, 36–43)

The dictionary defines allegory as story, poem, or picture that can be interpreted to reveal a hidden meaning, typically a moral or political one. This can be likened to the Parable of the Weeds, in which the story represents something else.

In the parable, the Lord compares the Kingdom of God to a man who sowed good seed in a field but while he was asleep an enemy also sowed darnel along with the wheat. The good and bad seeds grew up together and the servants suggested to weed it out but the owner instructed them to let them grow till harvest time. They will separate the darnel to be burnt and to keep the wheat in his barn.

Sadly, there are some people in society who are like weeds. They have evil inclinations, motivated by greed thereby making them unfair and unjust with their decisions and actions which lead them to take advantage of others. They are weak enough to give in to the bait of Satan who sowed bad seeds in the world and so evil doings thrive.

The Lord is sowing seeds of goodness in the hearts and minds of people inspiring them, through the Holy Spirit, to do good and to act good in their relationship to Him and to their fellow human beings.

Therefore, let us be inspired by the thought of God's abundant blessings. Satan on the other hand will sow the seeds of evil desires, maliciousness and wicked deeds.

At times the devil succeeds in seducing humans to take sides to comfortable and self-gratifying conditions at the expense of others' lives or miserable situations.

This parable speaks about the reality of the co-existence of good and bad people in society.

God is so patient to allow enough time for man to change ways but on judgement day the certainty of personal accountability through the Divine justice will be served. At

judgement time people will finally be separated into their eternal destiny –

Bliss or Perdition.

- 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 €60,327 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	John & Catherine Carr Nonie & Pat Scanlon
TUESDAY	8 am	William & Marcella Nally
	11 am	Bertie Brennan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Edward & Mary Connaughton
SATURDAY	10 am	Mary Kate & John Leyden Roger & Marie Killeen Harrington Family
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Margaret O'Donnell (1st Anniversary) & her husband Michael
SUNDAY	9 am	Dan Kearney (Months Mind) & his wife Martina
	11.30 am	Ena Lynch (Months Mind)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

JAMES (JIMBO) CASEY, Stonepark, Roscommon Town & formerly St. Teresa's Terrace, Lisnamult, Roscommon

JOHN RAFFERTY, Dublin & formerly The Royal Hotel, Roscommon

ANNE O'BOYLE, Ratoath, sister-in-law of Martina Mulligan, Golf Links Road, Roscommon.

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



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

Sunday, July 30th 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.

CEMETERY MASS - THANK YOU: Thanks to all parishioners for their cooperation and understanding with the Cemetery Mass being transferred to the Sacred Heart Church due to poor weather conditions. It was encouraging to see so many gathered to pray for their loved ones buried in St. Coman's Cemetery.

WELCOME: We would like to welcome Fr. Felix Martins who will be helping out in the parish for the next four weeks.

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

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).

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.

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 24th July - Group V

HAVE YOU SAY ON OUTDOOR RECREATION IN DONAMON WOOD, STONEHAM'S LAKE AND BALLINAPARK:

Roscommon County Council is developing a study of the recreation opportunities in the Donamon Wood, Stoneham's Lake and Ballinapark areas. There is a public consultation on Thursday 27th July from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Donamon Castle. Everyone is invited to come and share your views on recreation in the area. We also invite you to complete an online survey. www.outdoorrecreationni.com/projects/donamon-recreation-masterplan/

STEM EVENTS: Do you like David Walliams? Then don't miss our Summer Stars Special STEM Events. We are having some nail-biting 'Demon Dentist' Workshops on Tuesday, August 1st. The workshops are FREE and you're all are welcome. Strokestown Library: 11.15 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Boyle Library: 1.15 p.m. - 2 p.m.; Castlerea Library: 3 p.m. - 3.45 p.m.; Roscommon Library: 4.45 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

HUGG FREE EVENT: "Finding Hope and Healing After Suicide" August 12th, Roscommon. HUGG is a national suicide bereavement charity which helps adults bereaved by suicide. HUGG will host a free information event Saturday August 12th, in the Abbey Hotel, Roscommon (F42F992), 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. **There is no need to register for this event, all are welcome. What to expect:** Guest speaker Bryan Nolan, grief & loss specialist 1.30 p.m. Fiona Tuomey, CEO & Founder of HUGG, will share her lived experience of suicide loss, along with information around suicide bereavement and supports available. Coffee, cakes and compassionate conversations
For more information visit www.hugg.ie or if you have any questions contact Arlene, Email: arlene@hugg.ie, Phone: 086 2714515.

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme will commence online on 13th September. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 10th July

€2,801.55

Thank You

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