

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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TREASURES OF THE HEART

We all know that human beings need food and water to survive, whether it is from voluntary hunger strikes or famine in impoverished parts of the world. However, it is also a certain fact that we can't function without some love or friendship.

Solomon realised this in this Sunday's first reading in that he didn't seek physical riches but treasures of the heart. Our Gospel also mentions gems and uses the parable of finding wealth in a field and selling everything else and investing in that field.

The only problem, however, is that many things we invest in can also be taken from us all too quickly. It may be losing a lifelong partner in death, a loss through divorce or separation, or a parent's heartbreak bidding farewell to a treasured child. Life can be cruel and so unfair in many ways. What springs to mind is a line in a U2 song *Magnificent* that reads: '*Only love can leave such a mark*'. When it comes to love and friendship, it can be like the stock market; we can lose as quickly as we gain.

However, our second reading urges us not to lose heart. St. Paul tells us that by turning everything into good, God cooperates even with tremendous losses; God can still turn things around for us and get us back on our feet. The irony is that it is the treasure of love and friendship that will bring us to recovery.

Interestingly, the following line in that U2 song to the one above echoes this too: '*Only love can heal such a scar*'. So, above all things in life, to survive, let us treasure two things: friendship with God and sincere friendship with others.

- Fr. Kevin

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 €60,642 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Kathleen Beeston Frank & Martin Brennan
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Ann Sharkey
	11 am	Raymond Scally
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Joe & Ita Fitzmaurice
SATURDAY	10 am	Sean Hynes & deceased members of the Hynes & Curley families Tomás Ó'Donnchadha
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Gerry Hanlon (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Mattie Nevin (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Sr. Camillus Gavigan (1st Anniversary)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of



JOHN CLOGHER, Boyle Road, Roscommon

MARK O'GARA, Antogher Rd., Roscommon

DERMOTT McLOUGHLIN, Carrick-on-Shannon, brother of Aileen
O'Gara, Old Circular Rd., 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

Friday, August 4th at 7 p.m. & Sunday, August 6th 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 4th August for Fr. Kevin & Fr. Joe at the usual times. Fr. Raul's next visit will be September 1st.

DERRANE CEMETERY MASS: Mass will be celebrated in Derrane graveyard on Saturday 5th August at 6 p.m. All welcome.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 1st August @ 8 pm. 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

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

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 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. We wish to thank all adorers who presently are very faithful to their committed hours.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 31st July - Group I

INDOOR MARKET - An Indoor Market will take place in Lisnamult Community Centre, this Sunday, the 30th July from 12 noon - 4 p.m. All kinds of bric a brac, clothes, hand knitted baby cardigans, jewellery, homemade jams, handmade candles and soaps. All are welcome.

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.; Castlereagh 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 - 23rd July

€3,216.00

Thank You

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