

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th July 2023

A CHILD LIKE TRUST

As we reflect over the last few years and especially the Covid crisis, we find there is a mixed bag of gratitude things have returned to a relative normal as well as the pain of facing new challenges and burdens in our life. It prompts us to say things like 'at least during the pandemic we didn't have to face our present loss or suffering'.

In this second week of July, we are enjoying the brightest part of the year and we have been told that June was the warmest on record and yet for people affected by illness, bereavement, family issues, relationship issues etc it's possible recent weeks have actually been a dark time in their lives and that the good weather instead of brightening their day, it has intensified their pain.

However, inherent in our faith is our belief that no matter our circumstance, there is someone there to carry us through. As we grow up to be adults, we move from being dependent to independence. This often carries with it immense joy and freedom. It could be our first job, first car or promotion at work. As some become parents others then become dependent on them.

Joy however can be overshadowed by the burden of responsibility where we begin to feel everything in the world revolves around me and my decisions and actions. We are reminded though in this Sunday's gospel that we must learn to be like children again and that irrespective of our age or status we are still a child of God. A God who cares for us like any parent would and that responsibility is shared with our Father who is very much at work in our lives and in the world. Our burdens will not be eliminated but the Lord will make them tolerable.

So let us not be overwhelmed by the stresses of life right now but rather have a firm trust in a God who is there to help us through difficult times and that we are not alone in bearing the crosses we carry.

- 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 €58,442 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Josephine Browne
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Anne Killian Mary Hayes
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Darragh Carthy
	11 am	Betty Connaughton
FRIDAY	11 am	Margaret & Joe Kerrigan, Michael & Teresa McGarry & Gerry McGarry
SATURDAY	10 am	Maurice Naughton & deceased family members George Kiely
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Bridget Bailey (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Pauline McGuinness (1st Anniversary)

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

DANIEL (DAN) KEARNEY, Roscommon Town.

MATTHEW (MATTIE) NEVIN, Cloonbrackna Ave, Roscommon Town.

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



*We remember Mary Duignan, Edward Duigan, Clare Duignan,
Michael Gleeson (Boher),
Martin & Bridget Mongan, Martin & Mary McDonagh
& deceased family members whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

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

Sunday, July 16th 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.

RECENT BAPTISMS: We welcome into the Christian family:

*Holly Kate Law, Aimee Trish McCann, Fionn Alexander Barry,
Noreen McDonagh & Katie McDonagh.*

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.

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 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).

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.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASS:

St. Coman's Cemetery - Friday 14th July - 7.30 pm. (Weather permitting)

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 10th July - Group III

INDOOR MARKET - An Indoor Market will take place in Lisnamult Community Centre, this Sunday, the 9th 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

ROSCOMMON CREDIT UNION bi-annual Member Only Cash Prize Draw takes place on Thursday, 13th July 2023. First prize of €10,000. 10 cash prizes in total. Entry closes on Wednesday 12th July at 3pm, entry in branch only. Not sure if you are already entered, speak with a member of staff, call 090 6626657 alternatively email info@roscommoncu.ie

CASTLERA PARKRUN/WALK, Roscommon Branch of Conradh na Gaeilge and ParkrunAbú! have organised a Parkrun/walk in memory of **Douglas Hyde** - 'one of the most consequential of Irishmen, he is today very much a forgotten patriot' (Murphy. B) The Parkrun /walk will take place on Saturday, July 15th 2023 at 9.30 am at the Demesne in Castlerea at the usual Park Run starting point F45KP93. Parkrunabú! is an opportunity for anyone with a cúpla focal to network with Irish speakers. Wristbands will be provided 'Tá Gaeilge Agam' to anyone who would like to use their 'cúpla focal'. The walk/ run will promote our Irish language in the area, remembering **Douglas Hyde** on the 130th anniversary of **Conradh na Gaeilge**. Information on upcoming Irish language classes will be available on the day as well as POP UP Gaeltacht. Terry McGowan and members of Ceoltas Castlerea will entertain walkers and runners as they make their way around the Demesne. Light refreshments will be served afterwards. **Athlone & Castlerea Credit Union have kindly sponsored this event.**

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 3rd July

€2,870.00

Thank You

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