

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THE KEY TO FAITH

A key can be one of our most treasured possessions. Nothing beats the excitement of being handed the key to a new car in the garage forecourt or the key to a new house across an estate agent's desk. Over the summer months, many people have enjoyed keys to their campervan, hotel room, or cottage by the sea. Keys give us access and open new possibilities to live and enjoy life. On the other hand, too many keys can be burdensome and can mean responsibility. There can be relief sometimes in handing over a key to someone else.

Jesus tells Peter he will be given the keys to the kingdom of heaven. A moment I am sure, brought the disciple untold joy. He was also told he would be the rock on which the Lord would build his church. What is encouraging about this encounter is that the commissioning happens against the backdrop of a weak man who had made mistakes and was to make more mistakes in his life.

His faith was fragile but was sufficient for Jesus to give him his new mission. Our faith can be weak, too, especially in challenging times, and yet we can still be the Lord's ambassadors as we go about our daily lives despite our vulnerabilities.

The keys we need most of all are not just those to our prized possessions but also ones that will unlock fear and anxiety in ourselves and others. We need faith that will be a firm foundation and give us strong roots to withstand the most severe storms life can sometimes bring.

- 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 €61,509 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Margaret Flanagan
TUESDAY	8 am	Gus Coyle
	11 am	Frank & Johanna McManus
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Margaret McHale
	11 am	Private Intention Dan & Mary Fullard, their daughter Margaret Concar & grand-daughter Maeve
THURSDAY	8 am	Annie Reynolds & deceased family members
	11 am	Elizabeth & Patrick Costello & deceased family members Brian Mongan
FRIDAY	11 am	Pat, Margaret & Patrick Sherlock
SATURDAY	10 am	Gerry, Karla, Patrick & Josephine Murphy
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Mark O’Gara (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Jessica Shannon (1st Anniversary)



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

CON DOOLAN, Henry St., Roscommon Town

JACINTA LYNCH, Knockcroghery & formerly The Walk Rd., Roscommon

DERMOTT MOLLOY, Dublin and formerly Castle St., Roscommon,
brother of Barry Molloy.

JOHN RAFFERTY, Dublin, and formerly Castle St., Roscommon, cousin
of Aileen Rafferty, Ardsallagh.

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

We also remember Anne Morris whose anniversary occurs around this time

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Monday:** 11am - 12 noon. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hour, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

LOW GLUTEN: For parishioners with gluten intolerance we have low gluten host available to the left of the priest or Eucharistic Ministers (as you face the Altar). Please join the queue as normal and you are invited to take the host from the Ciborium placed on the table.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:

Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 1st September at the usual times.

THANK YOU: As we face the Autumn/Winter flu season we would like to thank again all the parishioners who in the interest of hygiene and courtesy to other parishioners continue to receive Holy Communion into the hand.

SPECIAL EVENT: On Monday, September 18th at 6.30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon Town. A special Mass to celebrate Eucharistic Adoration with Guest Speaker Sr. Adela Gallindo, SCTJM. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to experience the healing love of Jesus Christ, truly present in The Blessed Sacrament.

REGARI Recovery College Autumn/Winter Wellbeing Workshops will begin on Tuesday 19th September from 2pm - 5pm in Roscommon Library. The workshops are open to people over 18 years of age and have been designed to support anyone who is interested in learning more about coping with mental health challenges through education and conversation. Everyone is welcome. Registration takes place on **Tuesday 5th September** between 1pm to 4pm in Regari Recovery College, Athlone Road, Roscommon. For more details see local press or contact Amanda Hunt on 086 1304869 or email regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com

DOCUMENTARY FILM ON FR. EDWARD FLANAGAN: A wonderful documentary film on the life of Ballymoe native, Fr. Edward Flanagan, founder of Boys Town, Nebraska, has been recently produced in the USA. The film, commissioned by the Fr. Flanagan League in the USA, documents the story of Fr. Flanagan's extraordinary life and enduring legacy. The film will be translated into several languages and will be shown worldwide starting in Autumn 2023. The film producers have kindly allowed a preview of the film to be shown locally. This screening will take place in Roscommon Arts Centre on **Monday 28th August, at 7.00pm. Admission is FREE, however booking is essential** and can be done directly on 09066 25824 or on the Roscommon Arts Centre website.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS have a new fundraising challenge to mark World Alzheimers month in September, called "Walk 4 Dementia". They are looking for 100 people to each raise €100 by walking 4km each of the 4 weeks of September. You choose your own location and route. Any individuals, clubs, groups, organisations, or societies who wish to take part are most welcome. Sign up on www.westernalzheimer.ie under events or phone 094 93 64900 for sponsorship cards. All support is greatly appreciated.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Friday, September 1st at 7 p.m. & Sunday, September 3rd at 10 a.m.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 28th August - Group V

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).

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING: Mayo Roscommon Hospice are calling for people to host a coffee morning, evening with family, friends or work colleagues on National Coffee morning for Hospice on Thursday 21st September or on another date if suits you better. Please register www.hospice.ie, email info@hospice.ie or call 094-93-88666 and a free pack will be sent out to you. All funds raised local stay local. Please support.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY COFFEE MORNING in Irish for Refreshers. Starting 20th September until 20th December 2023. 10 a.m. - 10.45 a.m. @ Rogue&Co., Main St., Ros Comáin. We will continue after Christmas if there is sufficient interest. We will be using the booklet 'Focal ar Fhocal' as an aid. It will be provided. Weekly Wednesday Coffee Morning in Irish for Improvers from 11 a.m. - 12 noon @ Rogue&Co. This group started several years ago and is going strong, thanks be to God. Labhair Gaeilge Linn.

ACTIVE RETIREMENT: Roscommon Town Active Retirement meetings will resume on September 5th at 2.30 p.m. in the Hyde Centre. All welcome.

CANA TALKS: Friday, 1st September, T.F. Royal Theatre, Castlebar at 8 p.m. 8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks – presenting on different topics relating to human happiness - from a faith perspective. Tickets €20 - available @ www.ticketmaster.ie or call the T.F. Box Office at (094) 902 3111. Come along for an entertaining & inspirational evening for the mind, heart, & soul!

GUITAR LESSONS: The Melting Pot Community Hub presents guitar lessons with Joe Healy. Starts September 4th for six weeks, two sessions per week, 4.30 – 5.30pm and 6 - 7pm every Monday evening. It is €10 per lesson, maximum five people each session. Guitars available here each lesson. Call Ger on 089 416 5730 to book your place.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 20th August

€3,282.00

Thank You

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