

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

6th August 2023

## THE PATH TO GLORY IS ALWAYS CLOUDED WITH HARDSHIP

In the Bible, a mountain usually symbolizes a place of divine encounter and manifestation. And the cloud is always a sign of the presence of God as we see in Mount Sinai. While Jesus was on the top of the mountain, the gospel reading tells us that His Godhead became manifest. Until now the disciples were familiar only with his human nature: His face, we are told, shone and his clothes became dazzling white. Then suddenly Moses and Elijah, who respectively represent the Law and Prophets, appeared and were talking with him. And a voice was heard from heaven "...this is my beloved Son, listen to him". The purpose of this entire theophany/epiphany was to prepare Jesus and his disciples for the ultimate temptation that awaited them in Jerusalem. First it confirmed Jesus on the course he has undertaken, namely to save the world by sacrificing himself through death on the cross. On Mount Tabor Jesus felt himself comforted and affirmed. He knew that his Father was comfortable with the path He is taking and will give him all the ennobling power to carry it to the finish. In the case of the disciples the episode was to give them a glimpse into the glory of Jesus so that they will not become scandalized and lose faith by the suffering and hardships that He would later undergo.

Being on the Mountain top was a moment of great spiritual experience and consolation for Jesus and his disciples. Jesus and the three disciples withdrew to a lonely, quiet and isolated place (the top of the mountain) so that they could be alone with God and so commune with him in an uninterrupted manner. This is symbolized by Peter's desire to build three tents, so that they continue to enjoy this special presence of God with them. Life has its ups and downs. It has its moments of consolation, when we have the peak experience whereby, God allows us to taste on earth the joys of heaven and those of desolation and dryness or low experiences. Life, whether we like it or not is a mixed grill. It has its low and high moments. Jesus handled these two healthily during his life time. After the wonderful experience at the transfiguration, he and the disciples had to go down and resume the journey to Jerusalem, where in the Garden of Gethsemane he went into deep sorrow and eventually was crucified. True religion does not encourage escape from the sacrifices that life sometimes calls us to, but helps us to commit ourselves more deeply to it. The transfiguration experience has the advantage of comforting, reassuring, affirming and strengthening both Jesus and the disciples in the light of the great trials ahead of them. Moses and Elijah appeared and were talking with Him: these two represent the law and prophets respectively. Their presence with Jesus shows that Christ is the perfection and fulfillment of the Law and prophets.

The lesson is that there can be no success, triumph, victory without some painful sacrifice. But whatever difficulties may arise in life, in the course of discipleship, believers should remain focused and obedient to God as Jesus demonstrated in the gospel reading today. Our endurance and perseverance in the face of tribulations will lead to victory and glory. The Cross and hard way is the only way to genuine peace and happiness.

- Fr. Felix

## 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 €60,944 has been raised.

*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Maureen Mulryan (10th Anniversary) Mai Hally
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	James, Ellen, Kathleen, Frank & Paddy Donnelly
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat & Margaret Burke
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	Tom Kilduff Tommy Nevin
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Agnes Donnellan (1st Anniversary)
	11.30 am	Paddy Walsh (1st Anniversary) & beloved wife Rita



*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*

**ANN CONNEELY**, Oran, sister of Willie Collins & Kathleen  
O'Donoghue, Roscommon.

**JOHN GLYNN**, St. Coman's Park, Roscommon Town.

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

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*We also remember  
Theresa, Michael & Gerard Mannion & Kathleen Marie Mongan  
whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

## Mass Intentions for the week commencing August 14th:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Michael & Annie Banks
TUESDAY <i>Feast of the Assumption</i>	8 am	Mons. John Naughton
	11 am	Noel & Dolores Maloney
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Mary, Lily & Tom Foxe
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	John & Mary Hannon
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	David Fallon & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Tom & Patsy Winston Paddy & Susanne Mulhern Sr. Celia Harrington
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Biddy Quinn (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Jimbo Casey (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Martin Feeney (1st Anniversary)

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation:*

**Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.**

### FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR BLESSED LADY

**Tuesday 15th August** is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the Feast day are as follows:

**Monday 14th August** - Vigil Mass at 7 p.m. & **Tuesday 15th August** - 8 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**SPECIAL EVENT:** On Monday, September 18th at 7 p.m. in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon Town. A special Mass to celebrate Eucharistic Adoration with Guest Speaker Sr. Adela Gallindo. All are welcome.

### *St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass Times*

Sunday, August 13th at 10 a.m. & Tuesday, August 15th at 10 a.m.

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 7th August - Group II

**N.B - MASS TIME CHANGE:** Saturday morning Mass has now changed to the earlier time of **10 a.m.** Thank you for your cooperation.

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

**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.

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

**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.

**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).

**SUMMER STARS STORYTIME** Special at Roscommon Libraries! Do you like mystery and magic? Then don't miss Roscommon-born Storyteller Gerry Donlon of Bards Aloud. Gerry has established a wide reputation as a Storyteller in the UK and he is returning for a visit to regale children and adults alike with magic, myth and mirth at Boyle Library on Saturday 12th August at 11.30am, Roscommon Library, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August at 12 noon and Castlerea Library, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August, 12 noon. Young or old, All welcome!

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON AUGUST 20TH**

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 30th July**

€3,035.00

Thank You

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