

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th September 2023

THE WAY OF GOD'S SALVATION

Matthew 18:21-35

Words of encouragement and warning are both essentials to life. The latter keeps one from possible harm while the former gives a push to go on despite the challenges.

In the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, the story contains an encouragement and a warning from Jesus himself. In response to the query of Peter, ***“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?”*** Jesus answered, ***“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.”*** Jesus knew that a person can possibly commit sin several times in thought, word, and deed in a day. We can sin when we do something contrary to His will and when we do not do something that we ought to do. But Jesus' words give us encouragement to come to Him, despite our repeated failures, to humbly ask for His forgiveness and to gain much-needed pardon. His words of encouragement draw us to come to Him to receive His loving forgiveness.

On the other hand, in the Parable, Jesus gives a warning by saying, ***“So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart.”*** The motivation of Jesus for conveying the message of warning is love. When we do not forgive from the heart, we already judge others, and when we judge others, we are judging ourselves. ***“For you will be judged in the same way that you judge others, and the measure that you use for others will be used to measure you.”*** (Mt. 7:2). To take heed of Jesus' warning means to show our love of God and love of fellow human.

Let us ask the loving Lord to grant us the grace to know His unending forgiveness for our salvation. We pray that God will help us to become like Him who is merciful and forgiving toward others without delay and hesitations.

- 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 €62,267 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	No Mass
	11 am	James & Gladys Hoare Rita Walsh & her beloved husband Paddy
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	No Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	John, Tom & Annie Scally Ann Devitt (nee Costello) 10th Anniversary
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Pat Rogers (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Con Doolan (Months Mind)



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

MARY (MARIE) CASEY, (née Norton), Lisnamult, Roscommon Town

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family & friends

We also remember

*James Igoe, Theresa, Michael & Gerard Mannion,
Martin Finn & his parents Maureen & Michael
and Ann Henry*

whose anniversaries occur 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.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS: 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.

PLEASE NOTE: There is **NO** 8 a.m. morning Mass this week.

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.

THANK YOU: As we face the Autumn/Winter flu season we would like to thank again 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.

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 2.30pm in St Colmcille's Church, Rathcormac, Co Sligo **or** Sunday 15th October at 2.30pm 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

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

THE LEGION OF MARY are organising a day trip to Lough 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).

SPECIAL OLYMPICS: The Annual Roscommon Town Special Olympics V's Roscommon Garda Challenge takes place on Friday September 22nd at 7pm at Roscommon Community Sports Park in Lisnamult. Roscommon Special Olympics take on a Roscommon Garda selection in their annual tournament. This is the 3rd year of this superb tournament and the wonderful athletes from Roscommon Special Olympics are looking to make it a clean sweep of 3 IN A ROW. These are a wonderful bunch of athletes who have been training twice weekly for several weeks to ensure that they retain their existing champion title. Come along and enjoy a wonderful night of entertainment and fun. All welcome.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, September 24th at 10 a.m.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 18th September - Group III

BLESSING OF ANIMALS: The Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind invite you on Saturday, 30th September, in the grounds of The Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon at 3 p.m. for a blessing of animals. All are welcome.

SHINE & SeeChange are hosting a Tea Morning for the Green Ribbon Campaign on Monday the 18th September from 11.30am - 1pm in the Melting Pot Community Hub. All are welcome. Call Ger 089 416 5730 if you need further information.

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.

MUSIC CLASSES in tin whistle, flute & fiddle for beginners and advanced will be held in Fourmilehouse Community Centre on Saturdays beginning at 12 noon. For more information or to register for classes please call or text 0879316673.

ROSCOMMON GIRL GUIDES resumes this week. Ladybirds (age 5 - 7) Monday 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.; Brownies (age 7 - 10) Wednesday 6.15 - 7.30 p.m.; Guides (age 10 - 14) Wednesday 7.45 - 9 p.m.; Senior Branch (age 14+) Wednesday 7.45 - 9 p.m. In the Girl Guide Cottage, Mote Park. New members welcome. For more information email: rosmotegirlguides@gmail.com

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 3rd August

€3,741.00

Thank You

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