

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

PARISH NEWSLETTER

15th October 2023

THE SURPRISE OF A GOOD FUTURE

Life in 2023 can easily weigh a person down, whether it's the financial burdens of so many, recently highlighted as the budget measures were announced, or the conflict and violence plaguing countries like Israel, Gaza and Ukraine.

However, what adds to our pain isn't just our present situation but also the burdens of the past. For some, it may be behaviours and mistakes of last month, last week or further back. For others, it may be a struggle with illness, which, even though successful, is now followed quickly by another health scare or threat. With a painful past and a dark present, it's understandable one can feel little hope for the future. This, however, is where we get it wrong.

This Sunday, Jesus' parable makes it clear that our past and present needn't have a final say on our future. Those who had a reputable history found themselves denied the joy of sitting at the wedding banquet, whereas those who may have a colourful or checkered past find themselves in the wedding hall.

So, despite the difficulties of the present and our already fraught lives, we should also be prepared to be pleasantly surprised by the future. A future where the Lord welcomes us, warts and all, to a joyful companionship with him, both in this life and the life to come.

- 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 €63,131 has been raised.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Michael (Mike) Costello Bridget Quigley & deceased members of the Quigley & Ward Families
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Leo, Mary & deceased members of the Caslin Family
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Paul & Mary Briody
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Jim, Ann & Ronan Morris
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Seanie McNeill
SATURDAY	10 am	Bill Law Mary & Sean Scott Gerard Browne
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Joe Kirwan (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

DAVID FEENEY, Ballymurray & formerly Lisnamult, Roscommon Town.

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

AREA DISTRIBUTORS

November Envelopes and the new year *Church Offering* Boxes (2023 - 2024) are now ready. They are available from the Sacristy this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Please note November lists of deceased need to be returned **before 1st November** in order to be placed on the Altar for the month of the Holy Souls.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

N.B - MASS TIME CHANGE: Saturday morning Mass has 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.

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.

ROSARY will be recited at Our Lady's Grotto in the Sacred Heart Church Grounds on each Wednesday at 7 p.m. during the month of October.

MID-MORNING AUTUMN / WINTER SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP forming for 6 weeks. Weekly meetings will take place in St. Coman's Club on Wednesdays after 11 am parish Mass beginning October 25th. Focus will be on believing in Christ and how God speaks with us through St Mark's Gospel today. Facilitators: Fr. Eugene McLoughlin & Justin Harkin. More details @ www.elphindiocese.ie/mark. All are welcome.

COORDINATOR OF YOUTH AND YOUTH ADULT MINISTRY: The Diocese of Elphin wishes to recruit a Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The role is to foster existing initiatives in youth and young adult ministry, and to work towards building the relationships which will lead to fresh initiatives in centres of population throughout the Diocese of Elphin. Closing date for applications is Monday 16th October 2023 at 5pm. Job Description and Application Form are available on www.elphindiocese.ie

REGARI RECOVERY COLLEGE Autumn/Winter 2023. 17/10/23 - Trauma & Healing; 31/10/23 Stress Management. These modules are from 2 - 5 p.m. in Roscommon County Library. Registration Fee - €5. Contact Amanda on 086 1304869 or email regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com

FARMERS: The final ACRES training courses will take place on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st of October. Any farmer currently in ACRES can attend this training. To book your place contact Gary on 087 3916789.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, October 22nd at 10 a.m.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 16th October - Group II

MORNING LARKS BRIDGE CLUB has resumed play in Hannons Hotel on Friday's from 10 a.m. til 1 p.m. New members are welcome.

LINE DANCING in Quad Roscommon Youth Centre every Friday 11.15 a.m. and every Sunday at 6 p.m. Also, Line Dancing, Jive & Quick Step in Four-mile-house every Tuesday at 7 p.m. Contact 086 8474744 for more details.

CEILI DANCING every Tuesday at 8.30 p.m. in Clooneycolgan Centre, Donamon. All are welcome.

ROSCOMMON/GALWAY/MAYO LOCAL FORUM: The local Forum is an open meeting for people with connections to the mental health services where they speak about their experience, present views and raise matter to improve the service for others. Please contact Fiona at fiona.dodd@hse.ie or 087 3805332 or Teresa at mherforumsecretary@outlook.com or 087 7554393.

EMPLOYABILITY SERVICE ROSCOMMON is an Employment and Recruitment Service to assist people with a disability or health issue to pursue and maintain employment in the open labour market. Are you currently aged over 18 years? Do you have a disability or health issue? Would you consider working part-time? If so, why not let Employability Service Roscommon support you to find that job in your local area. This is a confidential and free individualised service funded by the Department of Social Protection. Are you managing a mental health issue? We offer an Individual Placement and Support (IPS) service which is funded by HSE and offers a range of tailored personalised supports to people using mental health services who wish to work. For further information Call 090 6628608 or Call/Text 087 3745307 or email info@rosemp.ie

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 8th October

€3,335.00

Thank You

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