

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We all know flight attendants' instructions during their emergency drill advising us only to attempt to place a life vest on another passenger once we have attached one to ourselves first. This could be a metaphor for our lives in general, as often, unless we look after ourselves initially, it's challenging to deal with others.

We ought to bear this in mind as we try to obey one of the critical commandments placed before us by Jesus in today's gospel: Love your neighbour as yourself. We sometimes notice that when we are most self-critical, suffering from guilt, or undergoing inner conflict or dilemma, we can snap at others and mistreat them. Hence the importance of self-love. This self-love is also linked to today's other commandment: Love of God.

While St. Matthew pens this as the first commandment, it should come in second place as it comes more naturally to love God only after our awareness of God's love for us, which precipitates love of oneself.

In our families and society, we often hear that we must be kind to one another during crises. This is so true as very few escape hardship of one kind or another. Yes, let us be kind to others, but let us also be kind to ourselves, fully aware that God is kind and gentle towards us right now, no matter what turmoil or conflict we may be going through.

- Fr. Kevin

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION FUND:

A Fundraising raffle will take place on Friday, November 3rd, at the Roscommon Solstice Choir Concert, in the Sacred Heart Church. An assortment of prizes on the night.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Funeral Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Sarah, Todd & John O'Connor
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Ciaran & Enda Kelly
WEDNESDAY <i>All Saints Day</i>	8 am	Maureen & Sean Bishop
	11 am	Kathleen & Noel Lanigan
THURSDAY <i>All Souls Day</i>	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Holy Souls
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	10 am	Paddy (Snr), Kitty, John, Georgie, Doreen, Rita & Paddy (Jnr) Walsh Deceased members of the Harney family
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Willie Gildea (Months Mind)



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

STEPHEN HESSION, Ardsallagh, Roscommon Town.

MARY SHERLOCK, The Walk Road, Roscommon Town.

BRIAN NERNEY, Longford, and formerly Abbeytown, Roscommon.

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

We also remember Michael John Mannion, Martin & Brian Mongan & deceased family members and Brian Dervin whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Friday 3rd November at 7 p.m. & Sunday, November 5th at 10 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 3rd November at the usual times.

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR, 2024: Is being prepared for next year. If there are any voluntary Groups or Organisations who would like to be included, please call the Parish Office as soon as possible on 090 66 26298 or email roscommonparish3@gmail.com.

MASS BOOKINGS: We are now taking Mass bookings for 2024. Bookings can be made by phone, 090 6626298 or email, roscommonparish3@gmail.com.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Friday:** 8am - 9am & 12 noon - 1pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hours, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

ROSARY will be recited in St. Coman's Cemetery every Sunday at 4pm during November.

ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS : On ***Sunday 12th November @ 11:30 am***, there will be a Mass for all deceased Parishioners whose funeral Mass took place in the Sacred Heart Church from November 2022 to the end of October 2023. A special candle will be provided and will be lit for the deceased family member. The candles will burn during Mass and can be brought home afterwards.

MID-MORNING AUTUMN / WINTER SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUP weekly meetings will take place in St. Coman's Club on Wednesdays after 11 am parish Mass. 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.

ROSCOMMON SOLSTICE CHOIR will perform a 10th Anniversary Gala Concert in The Sacred Heart Church Roscommon on Friday 3rd November. Guest artists, Charlie McGettigan, Dave Lawlor, Eimear Reynolds, Paul Healy, Johnny Carroll, Johnny Johnson, Frankie Mc Donald and Fr Kevin Fallon will join us on the night. Proceeds from a raffle will go to the Church Restoration Fund. Tickets €10. Tickets may be purchased at Eight til Late, Newsround, Abbey Hotel, Gleasons Restaurant, Walshe's Filling Station and Supermarket & Roscommon People.

INDEPENDENT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES are extending a warm welcome to you, to their evening information event focussed on "Empowering Communities to Create a More Inclusive Society" for people with disabilities which is taking place **on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023** in the Shamrock Lodge Hotel, Clonown Road, Athlone from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

SHORT BREAKS SCHEME: Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children and adults who have an intellectual disability? Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. Training and support provided. Tax exempt Allowances paid. For further information email homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 30th October - Group IV

N.A. physical meetings on Tuesday & Saturday nights from 8 - 9 p.m. in Room 18 (upstairs) at St. Coman's Club, Abbey St., Roscommon

CLASS REUNION EVENT: Convent of Mercy, (primary and secondary) CBS and Tech Academic year 1985,1993 and 1999 are having their school class reunion in Jacksons, The Square, Roscommon, on Saturday 25th November 2023 at 7.30 p.m. Contact Teresa on 087 755 4393. (We need to know numbers 2 weeks in advance).

LOCAL FORUM An open meeting for people with connections to the mental health services where they speak about their experience, present views and raise matters to improve the service to others. Please contact Teresa or Fiona on fiona.dodd@hse.ie or 087 380 5332 or MHForumSecretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS: We would like to thank everyone that donated on the day of the Church Gate Collection. Your contribution will help Western Alzheimers continue to provide support here in Roscommon. Thanks also to our volunteers that gave up their time & day to help with this collection. A total of €1,008.79 was raised. Thank You.

HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN DAY on Monday 30th October in Mote Park! Face Painting, Roasted Marshmallows, Spooky Graveyard, Witches, Vintage Hearse, Scary Story Time, Fancy Dress Competition, Games, Tea/Coffee Trailer and so much more fun! Please join us between 12 noon and 3pm at Mote Park (enter JV2C+8F6 Ballymurray' into Google Maps) .. all in aid of Ballymurray National School. €10 per adult or €20 per family. Raffle also on the day for some super kids' prizes. It's going to be a scary afternoon....

REGARI RECOVERY COLLEGE 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

ROSCOMMON Branch of Comhaltas Ceoltoirí Éireann is launching a school of music devoted to traditional music in the new year. We would like to be able to offer instruments for children who want to try them before purchasing or for use by those who cannot afford their own. If you have an unused or unwanted instrument which you are willing to donate, please contact Patricia on 0879316673.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 22nd October

€2,900.00

Thank You

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