

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

19th NOVEMBER 2023

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

DOING GREAT THINGS FOR THE LORD

Those who have had the experience of convalescence from surgery or illness know the importance of rest and restraint for a period. However, one notices also how nurses, medical staff and close family members often encourage a patient not to over rest, and try to ensure that, if possible, they engage in activity they may be capable of in order to enhance their recovery.

In hospitals, for instance, patients are not kept in bed a day longer than deemed necessary. They are sat out in a chair or advised to go for a light walk down a corridor. Light activity is seen as much a part of the healing process as medication and rest.

Many of us go through life and face setbacks that cause us not just physical injury but also, emotional or spiritual scars. These knocks can make us fearful and discourage us from living our lives to our full potential. Much like the servant in the parable who was given one talent and then buried it in the ground, through fear, guilt or lack of self-confidence we can sabotage the good we can do by dwelling on our failures and woundedness.

Like the nurse or doctor, the Lord won't give us tasks he feels we're not capable of, but that despite our weak points, He has great confidence in us that we can do more than we can ever imagine through his grace.

So, when we hit tough times let us, yes, look after ourselves and be realistic about what we can do but also let us forgive ourselves and have the courage to do great things for the Lord each day.

- Fr. Kevin

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Thank you to all who supported our raffle on the night of the Solstice Choir Concert,
Friday, November 3rd.

A total of €3,190 was raised on the night.

Thanks also to Roscommon Solstice Choir for giving us the opportunity to
fundraise on the evening.

Total raised to date - €67,500.

Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Thomas & Lena Murren & deceased members of the Murren & McGarry families
TUESDAY	8 am	Nora & William Siggins & Michael McNiff
	11 am	Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Elizabeth Gillooly
	11 am	Claire Doyle Colm Doyle
THURSDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	James Flanagan
FRIDAY	11 am	Special Intention Molly & Paddy Walsh & deceased family members Annie T & John Joe Hagan Leo Hunt & his son Declan
SATURDAY	10 am	John O'Shea Danny & Josephine McCrossan Raphael Molloy Tom & Noreen Morris Fr. Sean Creaton
	7 pm	Anne McKenna (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Mary Sherlock (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Martin Geraghty (Months Mind)

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, November 26th at 10 a.m.



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

FRANKIE LANNON, Racecourse Rd., Roscommon

WALTER PADDEN, London son of Kathleen Padden, Celtic Ave.

JANE BRENNAN, Court Avenue & formerly Athlone Rd.

NED HOARE, Henry St., Roscommon

ELIZABETH WALSH, London, sister of Thomas Rock.

MICHELLE CRAVEN, Knockcroghery & Roscommon Town.

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

We also remember Simon McGuinness whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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.

ROSCOMMON ADVENT PRAYER & SCRIPTURE SHARING GROUPS will meet in St. Coman's Club at 7 pm and 8 pm respectively on the four Wednesdays of Advent beginning Wednesday 29th November. Resources will be provided. All welcome. More info @ www.elphindiocese.ie/advent or contact Justin @ 087 6171526.

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 more information email homeshareroscommon@gmail.com or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

A FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy, Athlone on Wednesday, 27th September at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gerry Campbell from Dundalk. All are most welcome. Contact 086 4054489.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Roscommon, South Leitrim, Athlone Area invite you to an Open Public Meeting on Saturday, 25th November at 6 p.m. in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon. Speakers: AA Speakers, Al Anon speaker, Professional Counsellor, Young Persons Liaison Officer. All are welcome. We are here to help you - call 089 21098274.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT: This youth retreat will take place at Dominican College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare between 8th - 10th December 2023. This promises to be a special retreat!! Great CRAIC!!, Excellent Speakers, Inspiring Talks & Workshops, fantastic music, Group activities, Youth Masses, Adoration, Reconciliation, Prayer, Drama, Games & plenty of time to chill out, meet new people and find out what it means to be young & Catholic today!! Booking is now open at www.youth2000.ie

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 20th November - Group II

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.

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 MHERForumSeretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

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.

CULEEN HALL: The Ballad of Mossy Flood, a new play written by Seamus O'Rourke, in Culleen Hall, Knockcroghery on Sunday, 19th November. Tickets €20. Doors open at 7 p.m. and show starts at 8 p.m. sharp. Wine & cheese reception. Free refreshments & raffle on the night. To book call Marie 087 7854618 or Billy 086 8229817.

ALONE VOLUNTEERS: Would you be willing to provide companionship or make calls to Older People for 1 hour, once a week? ALONE are seeking volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/> For more information, contact Helena Helena.madden@alone.ie or on 086 0145829

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 12th November

€4,030

Thank You

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