

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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34th Sunday in Ordinary Time



GOD HAS THE FINAL SAY Matthew 25:31-46

Seemingly, the world where we live has more evil than good. Because of this apparent victory of the Evil One, many people including believers are weakened in spirit and lost their way. But the truth is, at the end of time Christ the King has the final say.

The world is full of cruel situations, events, and people. Wars, conflict, natural calamities, and man-made disasters are endless. Human selfishness is causing so much hurts and pain to the poor. People are suffering and in dismay due to betrayals of many forms, violence, and animosities abound. We live in extremely tough times and the Church is undoubtedly going through a challenging time. As a result, many have lost and become disillusioned by the cruelty of the world they live in. Even believers with their once shining spark of kindness are weakened over time, slowly giving in to the darkness that overwhelmed them.

But the victory of evil over good is temporary. Despite the seemingly thriving evil deeds, goodness can be found and you will find countless people doing it without expecting anything in return. Bad things sometimes happen to good people in this world, but this world is not the end because we, Christians have eternal perspective that keeps us moving on amid challenges. *"We fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal"* (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Our faith in **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe** helps us face the harsh realities of life because God is the ultimate judge at the end of time. ***"All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." Evil doers will have eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.***

Despite the seeming victory of evil over good we have a hope-filled future and that things will get better for humanity if we can only open ourselves to the teaching, life, and rule of Christ the King who has the final say.

Fr. Raul

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Lena, James, Michael, James Jnr & Michael John Igoe, Joe Treacy & Helen O'Sullivan, Neil Igoe & Andrew Moore.
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Paddy & Tess Hughes Michael J. Gordon
THURSDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Lelia & P.J. Fallon
FRIDAY	11 am	Betty, Harry & Francis Jameson, Matt & Dermot Hennigan & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Michael J & Oliver Padden, Walter Padden (London) & deceased family members Frankie Lannon (Months Mind) & Frank Lannon Leo & Delia Doolan Mary & Frank Lynch David McDonagh
	7 pm	Tom Loftus (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

SEAMUS THOMPSON, Dublin & formerly Roscommon

SR. JACINTA CULLINAN, McAuley House, Roscommon

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

We also remember John F. Neilan, Vincent Kyne and Oliver & Enda Gannon whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Tuesday:** 1pm - 2pm & **Wednesday:** 2 pm - 3pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hours, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS: Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday 1st December at the usual times.

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 HEALING MASS will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Friday, 1st December at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. John Walsh. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS with the Athlone Choral Society and Special Guest Daren Lane in St. Coman's Church of Ireland, Roscommon Town on Sunday, 3rd December at 6pm. Donations at the Door, if wished.

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

THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. ELISABETH, Belarus, will be visiting the Sacred Heart Church, the weekend of December 2nd - 3rd, selling homemade crafts in aid of their orphanage and psychiatric hospital. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

KNOCK CHRISTMAS MARKET '23: We are delighted to announce that our annual Christmas Market will take place indoors at St John's Welcome Centre in Knock, Sunday, 10th December from 10 am to 4 pm. Knock Christmas Market is always a festive event with wonderful handmade gifts by Irish crafters. The perfect day to get you in the festive spirit. For more information you can follow us on Facebook/Instagram: Knock Market or email leoniekilroy@gmail.com

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Friday, December 1st at 7 p.m. & Sunday, December 3rd at 10 a.m.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 27th November - Group III

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

MEMORY CAFE: Roscommon Leader Partnership hosts a monthly cafe to help support people affected by dementia, their families and carers. Next month's event takes place on Wednesday December 13th at 2.30 pm in Mo Chairde - St. Ronans Hall, Keadue, F42, N928 and will include music, song, advice and a chat. If you would like to attend please call Ciaran at +353 (86) 083 6720 or visit www.roscommondementia.ie

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB will hosts its Gala Night on Thursday 7th December at 8 pm in Hannons Hotel. Patricia McCallog will give a Christmas themed floral demonstration. Proceeds from the night will go to Roscommon Hospice. Tickets available from Pat 0860774017 / 6625694, Hannons Hotel, Total Health Pharmacy Roscommon or members of the committee.

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 MHForumSeretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS Roscommon has vacancies on our Community Employment Scheme for Health Care Support Assistant to join our In-Home Respite Service Team. We are looking for honest, reliable and committed individuals that can make a connection with our clients and assist them partake in their activities of daily living. This is a developmental opportunity, training provided, no experience necessary. Please call Roscommon office on 090 6627816, we would love to hear from you!!

LUAN GALLERY presents a group exhibition of Westmeath artists opening on Thursday, 30th November at 6pm, all welcome. Supported by Westmeath Arts Office.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 19th November

€3,528

Thank You

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