

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th NOVEMBER 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



LEARNING THE FAULTS OF THE PHARISEES

(Matthew 23:1-12)

The Pharisees would project themselves as very pious in the eyes of the people, but they defied Jesus and incited God's anger. They lived unauthentic lives and devoid of humility on themselves. With that, Jesus warned his followers: ***"Do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach."***

This warning of the Lord fell on the deaf ears of some of his supposed followers. In the not-so-distant past, hypocrisy, scandals, and abuses of the people with the same attitudes of the Pharisees have caused undue suffering. Those who do not live out the vocation of being true servants to others have caused enormous and sustained pain to the community of believers up until the present. The abuses of the few from years back had inflicted a wound in the whole Body of the Christ, the Church and made its innocent members go astray. These past sad mistakes had brought Pope Francis on his knees and humbly asked for *"forgiveness in the name of the church"*.

Let us learn from the mistakes of the Pharisees by avoiding hypocrisy in our words and actions. Let us try our best to be authentic followers of Jesus by concretely living out what we believe in. May we help the Church in spreading the joy of the message of the Gospel to the world, community, workplace, and family through the sincere words of our mouth and the authentic way we live.

- Fr. Raul

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.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
TUESDAY	8 am	Jack & Mary McDermott
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Holy Souls
	11 am	Billy & Anna Neilan
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Mary Hanley
FRIDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
SATURDAY	11 am	Gerry Casey & deceased family, Rosaleen, Joe & Bernie Harte Peter & Mary Comiskey Anne McConn Mai, Jim & Seamus Connolly, Marie & Ollie McGuinness Catherine Dwyer
	7 pm	Máire Allen (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Annual Remembrance Mass



We remember Tom Lynch whose anniversary occurs around this time.

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

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

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.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 7th November @ 8 pm. All are welcome.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, November 12th at 10 a.m.

Mass Intentions for week commencing November 12th 2023

MONDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Legion of Mary
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Holy Souls
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Tom & Eileen Gorman
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
SATURDAY	11 am	Sonny & Lilly O'Keefe Christy Lunt & Vera Fahy Tommy Owens Sharon Scanlon John Clogher
	7 pm	Johnny O'Brien (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Michael Fox Snr (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Stephen Hession (Months Mind)

THE ANNUAL MASS for deceased Staff Members of ESB Lanesborough will be held in The Parish Hall, Lanesborough (beside the bridge) on Wednesday, 15th November at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

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.

ROSCOMMON TOWN ICA GUILD meeting will be held in Hannons Hotel on Tuesday, 7th November at 8 p.m. New members always welcome.

INDOOR MARKET will be held in Lisnamult Community Centre, F42 NN72, on Sunday 5th & 12th November from 11.30 a.m. - 4 p.m. All kinds of Bric a Brac, clothes, jewellery. Some items available to order. Come and have a browse. Tables €12 each. To book call Bridget on 086 3147053.

FARMERS: ACRES training courses will take place on Saturdays over the coming weeks. Any farmer currently in ACRES can attend this training. To book your place contact Gary on 087 3916789.

Next issue of the Newsletter will be Sunday, November 19th.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 6th November - Group V

REGARI RECOVERY COLLEGE 7th Nov: 2 - 5 pm Roscommon Co. Library, Exploring Mindfulness. 14th Nov: 2 - 5 pm Roscommon Co. Hospital, Understanding Depression and Fear. Contact fee of €5.00 modules are free to attend. Contact Amanda Hunt 086 1304869 regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com

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 MHForumSeretary@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.

RWN SUPPORTING SOCIAL INCLUSION IN CO. ROSCOMMON: All invited to the launch of RWN's intercultural art project as part of Roscommon's Social Inclusion Week 2023 on Thursday, the 16th of November from 6 - 7.30pm in the Roscommon County Council building. The Intercultural Art Project has been a successful community education art project for women of different cultures in Co. Roscommon. The project has recently started monthly meet ups in different locations throughout the County where settled Irish women, Traveller women and migrant women meet and create a shared art piece over the next seven months, upcycling and repurposing textile waste. The launch event will include story telling and light refreshments. Please RSVP to Aine on atreanor@rwn.ie or text or call 094 9621690 / 0864424695

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 29th October

€3,556

Thank You

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