

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER
17th DECEMBER 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Arrangements 2023

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Monday 18th December @ 7.30 pm

PENITENTIAL SERVICE – With Confessions

Wednesday 20th December @ 7.00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 23th December: 10.30 - 11.00 a.m., 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.
& 6.30 - 7.00 p.m.

Sunday 24th December: 2.00 - 3.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE - Vigil Mass

7.00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY - Masses

8.30 a.m., 10.30 a.m. & 12 noon



ADVENT WREATH:



The Advent Wreath is made from evergreen leaves that are woven around a circle of wire. A purple ribbon is then wound around the leaves. Three purple candles and one pink candle are placed on the Wreath. The circle of evergreen leaves represents God who is without beginning or end. The third candle pink is lit today and symbolizes joy. It is called the “Shepherd’s Candle,” and is pink because rose is a liturgical colour for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Patrick Gillooly
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Anne, Olive & Billy Haugh
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Martin & Syrea Connolly & Martin Jnr
	11 am	Pat Raftery
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Jim Gibbons & Gemma Golden
	5 pm	Sr. Jacinta Cullinan (Months Mind)
SATURDAY	10 am	Jerry O'Dowd John Clogher Daniel Keigher Marian Hanley (Birthday Remembrance)
	7 pm	Mary Mullen (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass
<i>Christmas Day Vigil Mass</i>	7 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass

Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

SHEENA FAGAN, (nee Molloy) formerly Castle St., Roscommon, sister of Barry Molloy, Castle St.

EVELEEN GOUGH, (nee Igoe), Kilkenny, formerly The Walk, Roscommon. Sister of Geraldine Fallon & Tom Igoe, The Walk.

VALERIE OWENS, U.K., formerly Stonepark, Roscommon.

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

We also remember Mary, Katie & Peter McDermott, Michael Crean & Michael Moran 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: **Wednesday:** 12noon - 1pm & 2 pm - 3pm & **Friday:** 6pm - 7pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hours, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Christmas Arrangements:
Chapel will be closed from Friday 22nd December and will re-open after Christmas on Thursday 28th December at 11 am.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS: *The annual Carol Service in preparation for Christmas will take place in the Church Monday 18th December at 7.30pm. It is a special family occasion and is an ideal way to reflect on the deeper meaning of Christmas unveiled in song, music & prayer.*

CHRISTMAS COMMUNION CALLS - The Priests of the Parish will attend to their Christmas calls to the sick as follows:

Fr. Kevin on Thursday 21st December at the usual times.

Fr. Joe on Friday 22nd December at the usual times.

Fr. Raul on Friday 22nd December at the usual times.

If there are any others who would like a call from the Priest, please let us know by calling the Parish Office on 090 66 26298.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS.....

A **Penitential Service** will be held in the Church on **Wednesday 20th December at 7 p.m.** There will be a number of priests available. This is our way as a parish of celebrating the gift of forgiveness that is offered to us by the Lord. Please use this opportunity to prepare for Christmas with a good Confession. There will also be Confession on **Saturday, 23rd December from 10.30 - 11 a.m., 2 - 3 p.m. & 6 - 7 p.m., also Sunday, 24th December (Christmas Eve) from 2 - 3 p.m.**

ADVENT PRAYER GROUPS MEETING: Wednesday 20th in St. Coman's Club from 11.30 a.m. to 12.05 p.m. approx.

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. Resources will be provided. All welcome. More info @ www.elphindioocese.ie/advent or contact Justin @ 087 6171526.

SACRED HEART CHURCH RESTORATION: €70,884.85 has been raised to date. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY would welcome any donations/flowers/poinsettia's to beautify the altar and surrounds for Christmas. Thanks in advance.

Altar Society - Week starting Monday 18th December - Group V

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, December 24th at 10 a.m.

NA physical meetings on Tuesday nights only from 8 - 9pm in Room 18 (upstairs) at St. Comans, Abbey St., Roscommon.

INDOOR MARKET will be held in Lisnamult Community Centre, F42 NN72, on Sunday 17th December from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. All kinds of Bric a Brac, clothes, jewellery, homemade jams, handmade candles & soaps. All are very welcome.

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 matters to improve the service to others. Please contact Fiona on fiona.dodd@hse.ie or 087 3805332 or Teresa MHForumSeretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS Voluntary Committee Roscommon are holding their annual St Stephen's Day Charity Walk. The event will take place at 12 noon from Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on December 26th. 5k/10k - Entry is €10 per person/ €20 per family. Castlerea Brass Band will be in attendance before the walk. Paula McNamara will cut the ribbon to start the race. All proceeds are in aid of Western Alzheimers Roscommon Day care. This is an event organised by a Voluntary committee, your support is greatly appreciated.

ROSCOMMON CREDIT UNION bi-annual Member Only Cash prize draw takes place on Thursday, 21st December 2023. First prize of €10,000; 10 cash prizes in total. Entry closes on Wednesday 20th December at 4pm, entry in branch only. Not sure if you are already entered, speak with a member of staff, call 090 6626657 alternatively email info@roscommoncu.ie

LISNAMULT ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Lisnamult Residents and Tenants Annual Christmas Raffle will take place on 19th December. Great prizes up for grabs. Book of 3 Tickets only €5. A sincere thanks to all the local business for their continued support with sponsoring prizes. If you interested in purchasing tickets, please contact 090-6626152 or Anthony on 087 2125684 or Una 086 8033503. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 10th December
€3,171.91

Thank You

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