

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*The Baptism of the Lord*



### REFLECTION- FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

#### OUR NEW YEAR BACK UP

This Sunday, the first baptisms of 2024 will take place as Neasa Eugenie and Caoimhe Ellen are welcomed into our church community. Working on figures from previous years, we estimate 50 children approx. will be presented by their parents in the Sacred Heart Church this coming year.

One must ask, however, what is our hope for these children as they are welcomed into our church and introduced to Christ? A clue to the answer to this question is found in the Scripture for this Sunday's Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

As they face the journey of life, the sacrament should give these children hope and courage. The prophet Isaiah urges us to 'come to the water all you are thirsty, - A task not entirely that easy as we feel we have few resources, need to deal with various kinds of stresses and hostilities of everyday life and are bombarded with many difficulties as we have just started this New Year of 2024.

What's important to remember is that what gives us confidence isn't our achievements, strengths, and successes but rather the strength of Christ who is at our back, as he was for John the Baptist, who openly exclaimed that the Messiah was coming after him.

It reminds me of an incident during my first stint in Roscommon when I woke up in the middle of the night to the blaring of an intruder alarm. However, once I saw the Garda car outside and an officer approached the door, I did not fear venturing downstairs as I knew backup was at hand.

Despite our meagre resources, we should have no fear in life, as Christ is our backup. As we celebrate the baptisms that have taken place over the past 12 months and look forward to the ones to come this coming year, we also draw courage from our baptism, however long ago that was, and how Christ was poured into our hearts to face a world, not unlike that of His own, where hostility and opposition can sometimes abound.

**- Fr. Kevin**

## **Mass Intentions for the coming week**

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Caroline Noone
SATURDAY	10 am	Monsignor Travers (2nd Anniversary)
	7 pm	Con Murphy (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Paddy Moran (1st Anniversary)

***Please note there is no 8 a.m. morning Mass this week***

**We remember Michael, Ellie & Tom Mongan & deceased family members and Martin Feeley whose anniversaries occur around this time. Also, Eveleen Gough whose Months Mind occurs at this time.**

**St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass**

Sunday, January 14th at 10 a.m.



*Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of*

**THOMAS O'DEA**, Mote Park, Roscommon Town

**JOHN McDERMOTT**, Bohergarve, Roscommon Town

**MARTIN FEELEY**, beloved brother of Maura Comiskey, The Walk  
and brother-in-law of Úna Feeley.

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

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**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.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION - THANK YOU:**

Sincere thanks to all parishioners for their generosity towards the recent Christmas collection for the support of parish clergy. It is much appreciated.

**CHURCH CALENDAR 2024:** Are available in the Porch of the Church.  
Please take one home.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass will be held in St. Coman's Club at the later date of Tuesday, January 9th at 8 p.m. for this month only. All are welcome.

**MESSAGE FROM SISTER OLGA, ST. ELISABETH CONVENT, BELARUS:**

We would like to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for the decision to kindly grant us the permission to visit your parish. We heartily thank the Lord for you and your parishioners' hospitality and precious help during the visit of our sisters. We do appreciate all your efforts, concern, assistance and kind heartedness greatly. Our sisters are incredibly grateful for the donation collected in your parish which will allow us to continue our outreach services and programs for orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies, for people who were led astray by the rough and tumble of life (the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able) including food, shelter and clothing distribution. With deep gratitude and love in Christ, Sister Olga and sisters of St Elisabeth Convent, Minsk, Belarus.

**A HEALING MASS** will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Thursday, 11th January at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Joseph Ukut. All are most welcome. [Eircode N37W704](#). [For more information call 086 4054489](#).

**Altar Society** - Week starting Monday 8th January - Group III

NA physical meetings on Tuesday nights only from 8 - 9pm in Room 13 at St. Comans, Abbey St., Roscommon.

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](mailto:fiona.dodd@hse.ie) or 087 3805332 or Teresa [MHForumSecretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHForumSecretary@outlook.com) or 0877554393

## ***A NEW YEAR'S PRAYER***

Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.  
Thank you for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us  
A mighty flame  
So that in our time,  
Many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.  
Amen

### **Sunday's Offertory Collection - 31st December**

**€2,975.00**

Thank You

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**Ros FM:** = 94.6 (11am Mass transmitted daily)

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