

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

11th February 2024

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

COME TO HIM IN HUMILITY

(Mark 1:40-45)

The leper came to Jesus for healing on bended knees, and the Lord out of compassion cured him. Overflowing with joy and gratitude, the man *"started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere."* When the leper was healed by Jesus, he gladly announced the Lord's goodness in his life and he has become an effective instrument of the Good News of the Lord.

We put our trust and faith in the Lord as we constantly come to him in humility for all our needs. Countless prayers are answered by him and we cannot help but express our joy in a simple way like participating in the Eucharist on weekdays or Sundays and holy days of obligation. We publicly profess our faith in our day-to-day life through the **"sign of the cross"** when we pass by the church or the cemetery, blessing ourselves or remembering our beloved departed in prayers through this simple gesture. Inside the church many of us light candles which are offered in faith. We are forever grateful to the Lord of the harvest when we start to partake the food on the table by praying together the **"grace before meals"**. We share our faith in Christ with others in spreading the message of the Gospel by words and deeds, and by the way we act and live. These are very simple and doable yet profound expressions of our faith.

In our Parish community we can see a good number of our parishioners who come to the Mass regularly regardless of the weather situation, even sometimes bravely bracing the freezing cold in the early hours of the day. They serve as our inspiration to come to Jesus in humility. In that way they simply announce to the world the Good News and the goodness of the Lord who is willing to help us, to heal our woundedness and to assist us in all our needs. May we learn from their undying faith in the Lord and their humility to bend the knees in prayer, and to entrust to the Lord our daily needs.

- Fr. Raul

Wednesday next 14th February is the beginning of Lent.

It is a day of Fast & Abstinence.

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at Masses on that day.

Mass times: 8:00 am & 11:00 am

There will also be a Service of Ashes at 1.15 pm.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Eileen Haughey
TUESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Burgoyne Family
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8 am	Mena & Ernie Feely
	11 am	Susan Small
<i>Service of Ashes</i>	1.15 pm	Short Prayer Service & Distribution of Ashes
THURSDAY	8 am	Sean Feury
	11 am	Julia, Joe & Teresa Hoare Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Mary Kilduff Michael & Kathleen Cunningham
SATURDAY	10 am	Kathleen Kelly & deceased family members Vincent & Peggy Fagan Tommy Joe Carr Deceased members of the McCormack & Taylor families
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Marie Molloy (1st Anniversary) & her husband Noel



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

BETTY RAFTERY, 6 Hyde Court, Golf Links Rd., Roscommon Town.

ELIZABETH CONBOY, Carane, Ballintubber, Co. Roscommon, mother of Mary Mulvihill, Castle Manor.

FR. FRANK COLTSMANN SMA, Blackrock, Cork (formerly Strokestown)

LORETTA EARLEY, Arigna, mother of Ethna Kingi, Kiltewan.

HELENA ABRAHAMS, Galway, sister of Siobhan Menton, Lough Road.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.

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

A LENTEN JOURNEY: After 11 a.m. Mass in St. Comans Club every Tuesday commencing Shrove Tuesday 13th February. Pondering and praying with St. Mark's Gospel. All are welcome.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: Knock to Mostar. Sept. 18th to Sept. 25th. Accompanied by Spiritual Director. Accommodation 2 mins from church. Early booking with discount before 3rd February 2024. **Knock to Mostar. Sept. 25th - Oct. 2nd.** Fr Daniel Odofia Spiritual Director. Further details: Anne Keadin, 086 376 6293.

PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE? Weekend residential courses available. 26th - 28th April and 20th - 22nd September 2024. Details: www.grasta.org or at info@grasta.org

MEDJUGORJE YOUTH FESTIVAL: The Diocese of Elphin invites young adults in the diocese aged 18 - 35 on pilgrimage to Medjugorje this summer for the Youth Festival from 31st July – 7th August, led by Bishop Kevin. The cost per person sharing is €650. For more information, detail of costs, registration form etc. please see the diocesan website on www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje or contact the Diocesan Office at 071-9150106 and youth@elphindiocese.ie

SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA CAMINO 2024: Join Focus Ireland 'In the Footsteps of St James' on a fully guided walk from Sarria to Santiago de Compostela along the Camino de Frances and help support families in our community's experiencing homelessness. Dates: 27th May to 3rd June. Ex Dublin. Contact Monica on 087 954 7007, email: events@focusireland.ie for details and bookings.

A HEALING MASS: will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Monday, 12th February at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Anton Pasalic from Croatia. All are most welcome

REQUEST FOR SUPPORT: Roscommon Safe Link, the front-line service for victims of domestic abuse in the Co. Roscommon region, is issuing a special request to individuals, social groups, sports clubs and organisations to hold a fundraising event in support of the charity. The organisation, based in Boyle, is a registered charity. It is experiencing an ever-increasing demand for its service over the last four years. Please contact Roscommon Safe Link in advance if you would like to organise a fundraiser for the organisation. Contact details: 087 4194698. Donations can also be made online: <https://www.idonate.ie/advanced-donation-form/RSL>.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Wednesday, February 14th (Ash Wednesday) at 7 p.m. &
Sunday, February 18th at 10 a.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 12th February - Group III

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

COUNTY FLEADH ENTRIES: Fleadh Cheoil Ros Comáin 2024, will be held in Ail Finn /Elphin over the Easter Weekend, with the competitions being held on the Monday. Details of venues and other activities will be available to see in local paper advertisements at a later date. Entries should reach your local Comhaltas branch rúnaí / secretary not later than 15th February 2024. Updated entry forms will be available to download from facebook page, comhaltas bhaile ros comain, in the very near future. Entries may be sent to Peadar Brandon Cloverhill (090 66 25382) or to Bill Cunningham, 1 Cloonbrackna Avenue (086 3345 817). Late entries will not be accepted.

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 MHERForumSecretary@outlook.com or 0877554393

MEMORY CAFÉ: Roscommon Leader Partnership hosts a monthly cafe in Lough Key Forest Park Visitor centre in Boyle to help support people affected by dementia ,their families and carers .This month's event takes place on Wednesday February 21st @ 2.00pm and will include music ,song ,advice and a chat. If you would like to attend please visit www.roscommondementia.ie for more information.

LIVING WELL is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme in Boyle commences on Tuesday, March 12th. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

BUS TO DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE in Dublin on Saturday 24th February. Bus departs Roscommon at 7:30 a.m. and will leave Dublin at 6:30 p.m. approx. Fare €40. Booking with deposit essential before 17th. Please contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 4th February 2024

€3,650.00

Thank You

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