

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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First Sunday of Lent



*Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.*

### OUR HOPE OF LENTEN VICTORY

Over the last couple of weeks, the welcome return of the Six Nations Rugby and the Allianz Football and Hurling have been a sure sign of spring. We also have plenty to look forward to in the summer, with the GAA championship, the Paris Olympics, and European Soccer championships in Germany but to name a few.

The hallmark of any sport, as we know, is trying to overcome your opponent and we all appreciate how difficult that is, whatever our sport. We also realize that the winner takes all and features like extra time and penalties ensure we have a definitive winner and loser.

This First Sunday of Lent, we are reminded of another battle where perhaps the winner is less clear-cut. Every day, we struggle against evil in our lives. Some days, we are victorious, and other days, we face the bitterness of defeat. As we begin this sacred season, we try to resist evil and temptation, and that battle can be difficult.

However, the key to our success may lie in our gospel passage, where the Spirit drives Jesus into the desert to face the devil and meet him head-on.

The Spirit is also leading us into the desert of prayer, away from our smartphones, iPads, and laptops, so that with a reduced clamour of noise, we can hear the voice of the Lord and where he is directing us in our lives right now.

*- Fr. Kevin*

*Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church porch*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Mary (Ciss) Mulryan Sean McNeill
TUESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Honohan family
	11 am	Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	8 am	James & Mary Kate Smyth & deceased family members
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Charlie O'Hara & deceased family members & James, Kitty & Seamus Keigher
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	John & Agnes Dowdall & John Brennan
SATURDAY	10 am	Frank Friel Martin, Delia & Martin Jnr. Kelly Mary Walsh
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Rena McGarry (Months Mind )



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

**JOHN TAYLOR**, Roscommon, Castlecoote & Ballinamore Bridge

**CHRISTY NOONE**, Lisnamult, Roscommon

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

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

Sunday, February 25th at 10 a.m.

**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. Pondering and praying with St. Mark's Gospel. All are welcome.

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

**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 31<sup>st</sup> July – 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/medjugorje) or contact the Diocesan Office at 071-9150106 and [youth@elphindiocese.ie](mailto: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](mailto:events@focusireland.ie) for details and bookings.

**FAMILY CARER**: Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity supporting Ireland's 500,000 + family carers nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**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>.

**REGISTRATION** for the upcoming Regari Recovery College Spring/Summer Mental Health and Wellbeing Workshops will take place on Tuesday the 20th February between 1pm and 4pm at Regari Recovery College, adjacent to Roscommon County Hospital. The workshops begin on the 27th February where people have another option to register or at any workshop. They are open to anyone over 18 years of age and have been designed to support people who are interested in learning more about coping with mental health challenges through education and conversation. Registration is €5 and all workshops are then free to attend. For more details please contact Amanda on 0876221335 or by email at [regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com](mailto:regarirecoverycollege@gmail.com)

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 19th February - Group IV

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

**THE ROSCOMMON COMMUNITY CHALLENGE 2024:** The Annual Roscommon Community Challenge is taking place on Friday 1st March. It features both 5K and 8K routes designed to accommodate for both walkers and runners of all abilities. Led by our expert trainers from Roscommon Sport Partnership, this is an all inclusive and community based event. Your support is greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer on the evening, please contact Jacqui 086172811. Event Details - Date: Friday 1st March 2024; 5K or 8K Walk/Run; €20 for Adult, €5 for a Child; Time: 8 p.m.; Starting Point: Roscommon Community Sports Park, Lisnamult. Places are limited this year and we expect tickets to sell out quickly. If any business or club is interested in advertising our event with a poster, please contact Jacqui on 086172811.

**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 [MHERForumSeretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHERForumSeretary@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](http://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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 11th February 2024**  
**€4,106.00**

Thank You

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