

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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Fourth Sunday of Lent



GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD *(John 3:14-21)*

This 4th Sunday of Lent is the so called **Laetare Sunday**. Laetare is a Latin word which means “*rejoice*.” We rejoice in anticipation of our joy at Easter. We rejoice despite all the myriad of challenges and the unavoidable darkness brought about by the evil of human sinfulness in the world. We rejoice because the crucifixion, death, and the resurrection of Jesus has paved the way to our salvation, ultimately to the happiness of eternal life.

Jesus, our Savior came to the world but the world rejected him. The Lord has offered the gift of faith but the world continues to consciously reject him and his words. There is unbelief, defiance or ignoring the invitation of the Lord to repent because the world preferred darkness.

On this Lent, we are again reminded of God's immense love by offering of His only Son to save mankind. It is an invitation to come to light, to prayer, and to appreciate once more the importance of believing in him as the Son of God. It is to accept Jesus and to be drawn to the light that transforms lives lived in accordance with God's will. Looking from the altar as a priest, the overwhelming response of the Roscommon people to the invitation of the Lord in the Eucharist is gladly felt. Our parish church is often filled with the faithful churchgoers, bringing the whole family, and actively participating in the celebration of the Sunday Mass. Our benevolent church volunteers of the different tasks in the liturgical celebrations have made the whole congregation more alive, giving the community joy and the renewed hope for a godly world filled with blessings, transformation, and closeness with God.

Let us all rejoice to eagerly celebrate the coming Easter, the celebration of our salvation, for God has offered mankind the gifts of love, peace, and the hope of eternal life to those who come to him with contrite heart.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”

- Fr. Raul

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church porch

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Jim Kelleher
TUESDAY	8 am	Noel Keaveney & deceased family members
	11 am	Betty & Johnny Costello
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Seamus Duignan & deceased family members
	11 am	Lena Murren, her husband Thomas & deceased members of the Murren & McGarry families
THURSDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Cope & Gillen families
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Alacoque Hennigan
SATURDAY	10 am	John Clogher Ted & Frances Campbell Jack Hannon Tommy & Maisie Gannon Ann Raftery & her parents Jane & Mick Kilroe
	7 pm	Michael (Mick) Fallon (Months Mind)
SUNDAY <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Seamus McDermott (Months Mind)

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of



SR. ANNE NEARY, Athlone, sister-in-law of Olive Neary, 'Fortview'
Roscommon

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

*We also remember Tom & Mary Mongan & deceased members of the Mongan & Lairn's
families whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Masses

Sunday, March 17th 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: **Friday:** 6 pm - 7 pm. 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.

THE LEGION OF MARY hope to do door to door visitation with the statue of Our Lady inviting people to take Our Lady into their homes for one week.

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.

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

ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators. If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church, if you have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team in supporting couples who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage - Accord wants to hear from you! Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally. Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to marriagepreparation@accord.ie www.accord.ie

VOLUNTEER AT KNOCK SHRINE: The VAKS programme is an opportunity for young people aged 16-18 to make a difference in the lives of the pilgrims who visit Knock. Volunteering at Knock is a great way to meet new people, serve others, express your faith and have fun. For more information on the programme, the application process, accommodation provided, and available dates knockshrine.ie/vaks-volunteer-at-knock-shrine If you have any questions or if you would like to register a group for the programme please contact Knock Youth Ministry 087 6927850/094 9375321.

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.

MEMORY CAFE: Roscommon Dementia Alliance hosts a monthly café 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, March 20th at 2pm and will include music, song, advice and a chat. If you would like to attend please visit www.roscommondementia.ie for more information.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 4th March - Group II

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

SAFE PASS COURSE, free of charge. Friday, March 16th, Roscommon Town, 8am - 5pm. To book a place contact Stephanie on [086-3813205/](tel:086-3813205)
stephanie.oconnorshaw@gretb.ie or apply on www.fetchcourses.ie using Course Code 418968.

ROSCOMMON TOWN TWINNING INVITATION: Would you and your family like to be part of an intercultural and educational experience with France? Roscommon Town, which is twinned with Chartrettes (near Paris), is inviting you to consider getting involved in this project. It is an opportunity to improve French language learning skills by hosting French visitors in your home for a week-end and in turn making a visit to them in France. The French will be visiting Roscommon on the first week-end of July this year & there is a busy local itinerary organised for them by our Committee. If you feel you might be interested and would like to get more information on this project do not hesitate to make contact with us by Wednesday, March 20th through emailing rostwinning@gmail.com or contacting either our Secretary Marie Mitchell on 086 3859274 or our Chairperson Noel Connolly on 087 6388590.

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

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 is in Castlerea, it commences on Thursday the 25th of April. 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

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 3rd March 2024

€2,855.00

Thank You

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