

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

17th March 2024

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



### PASSING ON PATRICK'S BATON

'I'm proud to be Irish' were the words of Cillian Murphy as he received his Oscar last Sunday night in Los Angeles. So many others in the world of sport and entertainment in the past have proclaimed something similar on the world stage: from Katie Taylor to Bono to Johnny Sexton. Also, this weekend, many people across the globe are celebrating their 'Irishness,' and rightly so. We are a great nation.

However, it is important to recall the origins of this feast of St. Patrick. It is not just a day for celebrating our national identity, like some 'Independence Day,' but we remember the man who brought the Christian faith to this land in the fifth century.

Just as St. Patrick was an exile in Ireland from his native Britain to preach the gospel here, many people have instilled the faith over the centuries from Nairobi to New York and Manila to Manchester.

The reality today, though, is that we can no longer assume such a transfer of faith regarding those we export in 2024.

We live in a changed Ireland, so what we bring to other countries has changed, too. Many changes have been good, but others are not quite in sync with the true meaning of what we celebrate on 17th March in Ireland and beyond.

So let us enjoy our St. Patrick's weekend. Let us celebrate our Irish culture and heritage, but let us as believers be courageous like Patrick in our words and deeds, so we may bring the good news of Christ to those around us in the new Ireland of today and further afield.

- Fr. Kevin

### EASTER ENVELOPES:

*Are now available for distribution and can be collected in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Many thanks to all who help in the distribution of envelopes.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	P.J. Hannon & deceased family members
TUESDAY	8 am	John Fallon
	11 am	Joe & Ita Fitzmaurice
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Winifred, Christina & Michael John Mannion
	11 am	Padraig & Josephine Monahan Tom & Eileen Gorman
THURSDAY	8 am	Mike Ward & deceased family members
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Michael Leyden
SATURDAY	10 am	Vita Whelehan Michael Mulry Billy Connaughton Michael Joseph Murray Joe & Colette Walsh Michael, Marie & Mary Feeley Bridgie Dalton
	7 pm	Mary McDermott (1st Anniversary) & deceased members of the McDermott & Dennehy families
SUNDAY - <i>Palm Sunday</i>	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Jimmy Fetherstone (1st Anniversary)



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

**RICHARD SQUIRES**, Gallowstown, Roscommon Town

**MICHAEL LEYDEN**, Florida & formerly The Walk, Roscommon, brother of  
Jimmy, Joe & Terry Leyden

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

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*We also remember Michael Stephens & deceased family members whose anniversaries  
occur around this time.*

**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.

**THANK YOU: TAX REFUND SCHEME.** A huge thank you to the many parishioners who responded to our recent appeal in relation to the Parish Tax Refund Scheme. Your cooperation and generosity is greatly appreciated.

**A LENTEN JOURNEY:** After 11 a.m. Mass in St. Coman's Club every Tuesday. Pondering and praying with St. Mark's Gospel. All are welcome.

**ROSCOMMON PARISH YOUTH MASS** will be at 7 pm on Saturday next, 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon. This mass has been especially designed for young people, by young people, and everyone is invited to attend. The theme for our Mass is "FRIENDSHIP".

**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.

**APPEAL FOR FRESH DAFFODILS:** Irish Cancer Society Daffodil Day will be on the streets on **Friday 22nd March**. As in previous years, the local voluntary organisers of Daffodil Day in Roscommon Town are appealing to the public to donate fresh daffodils. Volunteers will be available to receive daffodils at the Daffodil Day depot in **The Unit, in Harrison Centre**, (beside Back to Basics), on **Thursday 21st March** from 11 am to 6 pm. Volunteers and students will be on the streets and at local supermarkets/shops selling fresh daffodils, silk daffodils, Daffodil Day Pins, and other Daffodil Day items in support of this annual fundraiser .

**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)

**A SPECIAL FAMILY TREE HEALING MASS** will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy, Athlone on Friday, 22nd March at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Gerry Campbell from Dundalk. All are most welcome. Contact 086 4054489.

**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](http://www.roscommondementia.ie) for more information.

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

Sunday, March 24th at 10 a.m.

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 18th March - Group III

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> through emailing [rostwinning@gmail.com](mailto:rostwinning@gmail.com) or contacting either our Secretary Marie Mitchell on 086 3859274 or our Chairperson Noel Connolly on 087 6388590.

**FAMILY & LIFE** are hosting a meeting in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon on Thursday, March 21st, at 8 p.m. Theme: SPHE curriculum. All 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](mailto:fiona.dodd@hse.ie) or 087 3805332 or Teresa [MHFERForumSecretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHFERForumSecretary@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 25<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:lgildea@southmayo.com)

**GOLF LESSONS FOR BEGINNER LADIES** commence at Roscommon Golf Club on Monday, 8th April, 6 - 7 p.m. No experience necessary. For more details call 086 8238698 / 086 2577211.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 10th March 2024**

**€3,685.00**

Thank You

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