

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK

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On Palm Sunday, we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem before his crucifixion. As Jesus rode into the city on a small donkey, the Jews gathered around him, throwing cloaks and palm branches on the road and exclaiming praises as he passed by. So, at Palm Sunday Mass, there is a blessing of palms which the faithful hold as they process into the church.

HOLY THURSDAY

On Holy Thursday, we celebrate a special Mass of the Lord's Supper – that commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper. On the night before Jesus Christ was crucified, he changed bread and wine into his own Body and Blood, and he commanded the Apostles – and their successors through the centuries – to act in his stead and re-present this sacrifice. So, at every Mass, by way of transubstantiation, the bread and wine offered by the priest becomes Christ's Body and Blood again. After the Last Supper and before he was arrested and condemned to death, Jesus went to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, accompanied by two of the disciples. So, after the Holy Thursday Mass, the remaining sacred hosts are carried out of the sanctuary to an "altar of repose".

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, the church gathers for the Liturgy of the Lord's Passion, which includes a reading of a Gospel account of the Passion, Holy Communion (consecrated at Mass on Thursday night) and veneration of the Cross. The faithful process to the cross. There each person reverences the crucifix with a gesture. Ceremonies usually take place at 3 p.m. – the hour at which Christ died on the cross.

HOLY SATURDAY

On this day, the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, and meditates on His Passion and Death awaiting His glorious Easter resurrection.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Katie & John Kelly & deceased members of the Kelly & Black families
TUESDAY	8 am	Elizabeth (Lily) Coyle Marty Kelly & his parents Tom & Teresa
	11 am	Nonie Waldron & deceased members of the Moore & Waldron families
	7 pm	Sacrament of Reconciliation
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Miles & Michael Jameson
	11 am	Bridget, Jimmy & Larry Kerrigan & deceased family members Tommy Doran (Acres) & deceased family members

EASTER CEREMONIES

Thursday 28th March - Holy Thursday
7 p.m. - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Adoration until **9 p.m.**

Friday 29th March - Good Friday: A Day of Fast and Abstinence
12 noon - Stations of the Cross in St. Coman's Cemetery
3 p.m. - Solemn Ceremony of the Passion - followed by Confessions
Church remains open for quiet prayer until **7 p.m.**
7.30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday 30th March - Holy Saturday
Confessions : **10 a.m.- 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.**
8 p.m. - Easter Vigil

Sunday 31st March - Easter Sunday
7 a.m. - Dawn Mass at Loughnanéanne Park
9 a.m. & 11.30 a.m. - Mass in the Church

Monday 1st April - Friday 5th April & Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April
11 a.m. Mass only.
Saturday 6th & 13th April - **Mass 10 a.m.**

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILTEEVAN - EASTER CEREMONIES

Holy Thursday - 7 p.m.

Good Friday - 3 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Confessions 12 noon - 1 p.m.

Easter Vigil - 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday - 10 a.m.



Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of

Rita Kenny, (nee Gavigan), Stonepark, Roscommon Town.

Matty Carr, London & formerly Oran, brother of Martin Carr, Sliabh Bán View and Margaret Gibbons, Galway Road.

Christopher (Christy) Keaveney, Milltown, Castleplunkett, Father of Geraldine Keaveney, Oldwood.

Tess Reddington, (nee Rabbitt), Birmingham & formerly Crubhill, Roscommon.

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

*We also remember **Bridget Mongan & her husband Martin, Mary & Martin McDonagh & deceased members of the Mongan & McDonagh families whose anniversaries occur around this time.***

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.

COMMUNION CALLS: Fr. Kevin, Fr. Joe & Fr. Raul will attend to their house calls on Tuesday, 26th March at the usual times.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: There will be no Medjugorje Mass for the first Tuesday of April.

EASTER ARRANGEMENTS FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

Chapel will close for Easter holidays and general clean up from 12 noon on Wednesday 27th March to 12 noon on Tuesday 2nd April.

HOLY PLACE COLLECTION: Will be taken up on Good Friday. Please note special envelope in your Church Offering Box for this Collection.

Altar Society - Easter Spring Clean will take place on Wednesday, 27th March at 2 p.m. All members are requested to assist.

MASS OF CHRISM: Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 27th March at 7.30pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. During the Mass, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. All are very 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.

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 will be of huge benefit as we try to meet the costs of running a parish. Thanks again.

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

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.

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

Offertory Collection 17th March 2024:

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Thank You

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