

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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Second Sunday of Lent



"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, LISTEN TO HIM."

(Mark 9:2-10)

The three apostles, Peter, James, and John accompanied Jesus on a mountain where the Lord was transfigured before them. Elijah and Moses appeared and conversed with Jesus. Then a voice of the heavenly Father from the cloud thundered, "***This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.***" The apostles were ignoring what Jesus was saying about his imminent necessary suffering to save mankind, that's why God the Father said, "Listen to him!" On Ash Wednesday Jesus said, "*Repent and Believe!*" Have we?

In the year 1950, Pope Pius XII said that in the society many people have this "*loss of the sense of sin.*" Only a few people admit that they have done anything wrong. Yes, God forgives but there is a need for the sinner to acknowledge one's mistakes and to humbly ask for the Lord's forgiveness. The world is in chaos because many people are not listening to the voice of God anymore.

In these days of Lent, we are again reminded of the message of Jesus: '*Repent and believe*' (Mk 1:15). This means to turn away from the mess in our lives and to listen to God who speaks to us in the events of our life, in people and in the depths of our hearts. "*Lent is a time to participate in an ever more intense and fruitful way in the Lenten liturgy and in penitential celebrations. It is a time to approach the sacrament of penance during this season, so that with purified heart we may participate in the paschal mysteries.*" (2024 Liturgical Calendar for Ireland p. 56)

May our Lenten journey, which we have begun, be a time of grace to listen to Jesus, our loving Savior who willingly gave his own life as a sacrifice for our salvation.

- Fr. Raul

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church porch

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Jovita Marques (1st Anniversary)
TUESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Hughes & Corcoran families
	11 am	Sr. Maria Margaret Haughey
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Des Johnston & deceased members of the Johnston & McMormack families
THURSDAY	8 am	Evelyn McManus
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	John & Agnes Dowdall & John Brennan
SATURDAY	10 am	Thomas & Bridget Cawley George Leonard Gerry Mahon
	7 pm	Betty Raftery (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Deceased members of Roscommon Gaels, all who have suffered bereavement & those who are ill



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

SEAMUS (JAMES) McDERMOTT, The Walk, Roscommon

BEN BALFE, Killerney, Lanesboro St., Roscommon

MICHAEL (MICK) FALLON, Galway Rd., and formerly The Railway Bar,
Abbeytown, Roscommon

EAMONN DEANE, Bangor Erris, Mayo, father of Maura Regan & Padraic Deane,
Roscommon

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

*We also remember P.J. & Ann Oates & Ellie, Michael & Tom Mongan and 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: **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 MASS: There will be no Medjugorje Mass for the first Tuesday of March and also no Mass the 1st Tuesday of April.

FIRST FRIDAY CALLS - Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday, 1st March, at the usual times.

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

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.

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.

SHORT BREAKS SCHEME: Would you be interested in providing home from home short breaks for children and adults who have an intellectual disability? Brothers of Charity Services Ireland, Homeshare Roscommon are recruiting host carers. Training and support provided. Tax exempt / Allowances paid. For further information email Homeshareroscommon@bocsi.ie or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

ROSCOMMON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone for their generous contribution at their collections towards the town's life size crib which was situated in The Square, Roscommon, beside Eight til Late over the Christmas period.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Masses
Friday, March 1st at 7 p.m. & Sunday, March 3rd at 10 a.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 26th February - Group I

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

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB will hold its next meeting on Monday 26th February, 2024 at 8pm in Hannons Hotel. Guest speaker for the night is Conall O’Caoimh who will give a talk on the history of Ardan Garden. All are welcome.

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.

ROSCOMMON WOMEN'S NETWORK invite you to join us to celebrate International Women’s day on Friday, 8th March, 11am – 1pm in Hannons Hotel, Athlone Rd, Roscommon. Enjoy a light lunch and hear from some interesting guest speakers. No admission charge, everyone welcome, booking essential on 086 8099154 or info@rwn.ie Check out RWN FB page for more info.

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 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

Sunday’s Offertory Collection - 18th February 2024

€2,835.00



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