

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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Third Sunday of Lent



Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

REMEMBER THE LORD OF THE WORK

Someone once said that a good businessman would make a great priest. There is some truth in that since, unfortunately, a lot of parish priests' week is taken up by church repairs, property maintenance, balancing income and expenditure, following protocols and procedures, and all kinds of other administration.

While many of these tasks are essential, there is a danger that the values of the market-place replace the values of the gospel. Jesus demonstrates this risk in this Sunday's gospel by scattering the money changers' coins and turning over their tables in the Temple, which they use as a livestock mart.

All of us are tempted to judge our lives based on achieving tasks, success, and meeting targets. Many of these things can be ingrained into our routine, so much so we are taken by surprise when the routine is challenged, much like the Jews in the Temple who are taken aback when Jesus clears out the Temple. The Temple was meant to be a place of prayer not a hive of activity. In our busy lives, prayer can be easily pushed to one side. In the work of the Lord, we can easily forget the Lord of the work.

During this Lent, we need to re-examine our lives and see what habits are unhelpful. We must try to serve Christ and his Kingdom, and not just a set of rituals that may be blocking our growth as prayerful followers of Jesus.

- Fr. Kevin

Trócaire Boxes are available in the Church porch

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	Margaret O'Toole
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Peter & Mai Kelly & deceased family members
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Paddy & Rita Walsh & deceased members of the Walsh & Folliard families
SATURDAY	10 am	Colm & May Delaney Pat Guckian Ger Michael Grogan
	7 pm	Brigid Quinn (1st Anniversary) & her husband Jim
SUNDAY	9 am	Christy Noone (Months Mind) & his wife Rose
	11.30 am	Ida Walker (1st Anniversary)



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

JOHN KERRIGAN, Circular Road, Roscommon Town

EUGENE QUINN, Perth & formerly Goff St., Roscommon

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

We also remember Peter & Maureen Hanly, Kiltewan and Myra O'Brien whose anniversaries occur around this time.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Masses

Sunday, March 10th 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.

MEDJUGORJE MASS: There will be no Medjugorje Mass for the first Tuesday of March and also no Mass the 1st Tuesday of April.

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.

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.

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.

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 Homeshare-roscommon@bocsi.ie or phone Catherine on 090 6628500 / 087 2126607.

ROSCOMMON TOWN ICA GUILD will hold their AGM on Tuesday, March 5th, at 8 p.m. in Hannons Hotel. Looking forward to seeing members there and as always new members are welcome to join and enjoy the many activities offered throughout the year.

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 MHForumSecretary@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 gildea@southmayo.com

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 25th February 2024
€4,025.00

Thank You

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