

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER



### THE PEACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOU ALWAYS

On the first appearance of the risen Lord to the disciples as a group, His initial words to them were, 'Peace be with you'. The disciples were in the state of alarm and fright, having abandoned Jesus during His Passion, but the Lord wanted them to know that they are forgiven. Jesus asked them, why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? It is this forgiveness and this peace that He sent them to preach to all the nations.

If there is one more gift that people ask of the Lord, it would be peace here on earth for there are so much troubles in the world today. Like the first disciples of Jesus, many people are overwhelmed with troubled minds and hearts due to wrong decisions, bad actions, and omissions. But the Lord will never abandon His own people in difficult times for the Lord Himself offers His peace. "Peace I leave with you... not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled..." (John 14:27).

The risen Lord was offering His imperfect disciples the gift of his peace. He was making peace with them who fell asleep on the mountain when He had asked them to pray with him on his trying times. It was a moment of grace which the disciples resisted to receive due to doubts and troubled conscience.

Our past failures do not make God's mercy less powerful or His offer of peace any less generous. Let us allow ourselves to receive the peace of God He is offering and let us take the challenge that Jesus is sending us out, as He sends out his first disciples, as His peacemakers, as messengers of God's love and mercy to the world that has a profound thirst for peace.

- Fr. Raul

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Paul Woods
TUESDAY	8 am	Margaret & Frank Fallon & deceased family members
	11 am	Seamus Kiernan
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Mary Hayes (1st Anniversary)
	11 am	Sr. Rose Thérèse Corcoran
THURSDAY	8 am	Private Intention
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	John & Margaret Malynn Tom Judge
SATURDAY	10 am	Joe & Rosealeen Harte, Gerry Casey, Bernie Harte & deceased family members Phil & John Connaughton
	7 pm	Tony McCrann (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Seamus Dolan (1st Anniversary)



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

**MARCELLA KEAVENEY**, Riverside Avenue, Roscommon Town.

**SR. MAURA REDDINGTON**, McAuley House & Cruby Hill, Roscommon Town.

**ANTHONY CURLEY**, Fuerty, brother of Charlie Curley, Abbey Place, Roscommon.

**PATSY IGOE**, Naas, sister-in-law of Tom Igoe & Geraldine Fallon, The Walk, Roscommon

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

*We also remember Tony Kearney whose anniversary occurs 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.

**POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS BISHOP KEVIN as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Achonry.** This week, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Kevin as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Achonry, in addition to being Bishop of Elphin. This means that, along with his role in Elphin, Bishop Kevin will be carrying out the responsibilities of a bishop in Achonry and exploring, both in Elphin and in Achonry, how we might work towards a closer union between the two Dioceses. We wish Bishop Paul Dempsey every blessing as he moves from the Diocese of Achonry to the Archdiocese of Dublin as Auxiliary Bishop.

**MISSION AWARENESS PROGRAMME:** Fr. Paddy Moran from The Holy Ghost Missions will speak at our Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20th and also at our two Masses on Sunday, April 21st.

**CONFIRMATION:** Congratulations to the young people who celebrated Confirmation this weekend. A special word of thanks to the staff from all the schools for preparing the children for the Ceremony. Also thanks to the staff and children involved in the choirs.

**LOUGH DERG 2024 PILGRIMAGE SEASON RE-OPENS:** One Day Retreats in May, August & September. Three Day Pilgrimages in June, July & August. Contact 071 9861518 / [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) / [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). See poster in the Church porch.

**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)

**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 April 17th at 2.00pm and will include music, song, advice and a chat. If you would like to attend please visit [www.roscommondementia.ie](http://www.roscommondementia.ie) or contact Teresa Keegan on 0877061183 for more information.

**SAMARITANS:** Day or Night. We're here when life's difficult. If life's hard right now, we're here to listen so you don't have to face it alone. Call Samaritans free - day or night, 365 days a year. Call free on 116 123. Email: [jo@samaritans.ie](mailto:jo@samaritans.ie)

**JACK AND JILL:** The Jack and Jill Children's Foundation charity boutique is now open in Roscommon Retail Park, at the back of SuperValu, selling a selection of pre-loved clothes, accessories, toys, books, lego & household items. The shop is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. and is looking to recruit volunteers who can spare a few hours a week to help make a difference to local families. For more info drop into the store, call 087 4865406 or email [roscommon@jackandjill.ie](mailto:roscommon@jackandjill.ie)

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

Sunday, April 21st at 10 a.m.

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 15th April - Group II

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

**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 [MHERForumSeretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHERForumSeretary@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)

**CHAIR YOGA AT ROSCOMMON LIBRARY:** Join our Chair-based Yoga programme at Roscommon Library starting Friday, April 26th, from 10 am – 11 am, running for 4 weeks. Chair Yoga aims to enhance flexibility, balance, and strength while enjoying a sense of calm. Ideal for those with mobility concerns, this low-impact exercise fosters joint health and reduces stiffness. All welcome, €5 drop-in session. For further information and registration please call 090 6630853.

**BEGINNERS/GENTLE YOGA:** Join our 6-week Beginners/Gentle Yoga at Roscommon Community Sports Park, starting Wednesday, April 24th from 11am – 12pm. Participants will explore basic Yoga poses and experience relaxation of body and mind. Ideal for individuals seeking to improve strength, flexibility, and overall well-being. For further information and registration please call 090 6630853.

**HEALTHY IRELAND:** Professor Anne-Marie O'Dwyer will visit Roscommon Library on Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm **as part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme.** Her recently published book, The Cancer Guide, is designed to help those affected by cancer and their families. She highlights the person at the heart of every treatment, providing helpful advice and shared experiences **that are able to destigmatize the shame, fear and denial faced by those affected by cancer.** Contact Roscommon Library to book your place – email [library@roscommoncoco.ie](mailto:library@roscommoncoco.ie) or phone 090 6637277.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 7th April 2024**

**€3,710.00**

Thank You

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