

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

21st April 2024

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



#### CALLED BY GOD IN WEAKNESS

There is often a certain amount of hesitancy when it comes to medical intervention. We resist medication, treatments, or lifestyle changes for fear of side effects or inconvenience. Accepting medical advice can often mean a trade-off as it dawns on us that a perfect situation is no longer a reality.

This is also reflected in all aspects of our lives. We seek the perfect partner, friend, house, or job. However, we must sometimes cut our losses and accept a particular situation since the benefits may far outweigh the drawbacks. It could also be suggested priests seek the perfect parish, but equally, parishioners can sometimes seek the perfect priest!

On this Vocations Sunday, however, it's very encouraging to be reminded that, like the first followers of Jesus in the first reading, to be instruments of Christ doesn't necessitate us being perfect but rather committed despite our shortcomings. The disciples tell the rulers of the people and the elders that the healing of the cripple is achieved not through their own power but in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene. The encounter also suggests that these same disciples and we mustn't take rejection personally since it could be the grace of Christ others may be rejecting in us - 'The stone rejected by the builders has become the keystone.'

So, let us not let our human frailties hinder us from answering God's call, whatever it may be. Let us also be grateful for those who support us and whatever work we do in the name of Jesus the Nazarene.

- Fr. Kevin

#### YOUTH MASS:

The next Roscommon Parish's Youth Mass will be at 7pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 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 "FAMILY".

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Pat Patterson & his parents Kathleen & Owen
TUESDAY	8 am	Tommie McKeon & deceased family members
	11 am	Eamon Keane & deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Nancy Treacy
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Michael Quinn
FRIDAY	11 am	Richard Canny
SATURDAY	10 am	Jackie & Carmel Donnellan Frances Penny P.J. Kiline James Hughes & deceased family members
	7 pm	Rita Kenny (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	John Kerrigan (Months Mind)



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

**MAURA LOFTUS**, (nee Mullarkey), Antogher Rd, Roscommon Town.

**FR. WILLIAM (BILLY) MOLLOY**, Convent Court, Roscommon Town, Castlerea & Manchester.

**JOSEPHINE REGAN**, U.S.A., wife of Cyril, daughter-in-law of Mary Teresa Regan, Convent Court, Roscommon.

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

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

Sunday, April 28th 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.

**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 / 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)

**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)

**DAFFODIL DAY 2024:** With the results of Daffodil Day 2024 in Roscommon Town, Ballyforan Community and Kiltewan now finalised, the local voluntary organisers wish to thank the public for their generous financial support, and for their donation of fresh daffodils, which no doubt adds greatly to the spirit and colour of the day. A total of €19,549.33 was raised. Thanks to J.J. Harlows Pub and Kiltewan Community Development Group, for holding coffee mornings. Thanks to Sean Doyle, Owencrest Properties and Gleesons for the use of their premises to operate from. Thanks to local businesses for allowing counter boxes in their premises or volunteers selling daffodils inside or outside their shops. Thanks to the Roscommon Herald, Roscommon People and the Parish Newsletter for their publicity. Without our dedicated volunteers Daffodil Day would not be possible, so sincere thanks to all for their involvement in the week to Daffodil Day and thanks to all our friends who come out every year, regardless of the weather, on Daffodil Day to sell daffodils. Your co-operation and assistance is much appreciated. We hope we will all be in a position to participate again next year in order to support the Irish Cancer Society in providing vital services to cancer patients and their families.

**WALKING THE CAMINO:** Have you ever dreamed of walking the Camino? Join the MSC Missions as we walk the shaded lanes and valleys of the **Camino Ingles** walking from Ferrol to Santiago in Northern Spain from the 29<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The temperature in this part of northern Spain in July is perfect for walking, like a balmy summer day in Ireland. For more details of this fundraising pilgrimage call Mary at 021 454 6691 or email [mary.morrish@mscmisions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmisions.ie)

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 22nd April - Group III

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

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE:** Bus to National Pilgrimage for Life in Knock on Saturday, May 4th, picking up from Roscommon Church at 11am. Cost €20. Booking essential. Contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809 before 9pm on Saturday 27th April.

**BUS TO** Pro Life Campaign March for Life in Dublin on Bank Holiday Monday, May 6th, leaving Roscommon Church at 8am. Cost €30. Booking essential. Contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809 before 9pm on Monday 29th April.

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

**WHAT WOMEN..Need – a Conversation with Local Election Candidates and the Women of Roscommon.** Join us on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 19.00 – 21.00 at the Abby Hotel, as Roscommon Women's Network and the Roscommon County Council host a political hustings ahead of the local elections in June. All candidates will be invited along where they will hear about, and respond to issues important to women. Tea/coffee available from 18.30pm. Please register by emailing us at [atreanor@rwn.ie](mailto:atreanor@rwn.ie), or call/text us at 0868099154.

## **Sunday's Offertory Collection - 14th April 2024**

**€4,014.00**

Thank You

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