

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

*31st March 2024*

*EASTER SUNDAY*



## **EASTER – A REASON TO SMILE**

So many people in both the UK and Ireland were upset to hear that the Princess of Wales Kate Middleton is dealing with a cancer diagnosis. However, it was good to see in the video she produced that Kate turned a bad news story into something good as she encouraged people all over the world struggling with the disease to be brave and to know that ‘they are not alone.’

Also, despite the shock a cancer diagnosis may bring, it is encouraging to realise that even though statistics tell us 45,000 people in Ireland will receive a diagnosis this year, 4 out of 5 children and 3 out of 5 adults will survive. This is good news.

Of course, we know that recovery from any illness is never instant but may take time. Indeed, whatever challenges we overcome; we never emerge from any crisis quickly. For example, we never get over a bereavement overnight. It can take a long time to accept any unwelcome news when it arrives at our door.

We must also say that, equally, believe it or not, it can take a long time to accept good news when we are lucky enough to receive it.

It took the disciples quite a while to believe the report that Jesus had risen from the dead—in our Gospel this Easter Sunday. Would you blame them?

For all human beings, our default position can be that if we don’t feel miserable, there must be something wrong. It’s like if you come into a church and suddenly think of something earlier that morning or the day before that made you laugh and smile. Then you say to yourself, I better stop. I’m at Mass! I ought to look more solemn or grumpy! That’s where we get it wrong.

Yes, there are days when it is almost impossible to smile, but at Easter, there is enough to put a smile on our faces. The resurrection is meant to make us happy.

So, let us all not be afraid. Let us come to the Lord with our troubles, and God knows we can have many of them. We are not on our own. We pray we will have the faith to help us trust and believe in the good news of the resurrection and the courage to be joyful in a world that would sometimes prefer to see us sorrowful and in despair.

*Fr. Kevin*

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING 2 WEEKS

### Monday 1st April - Sunday 7th April 2024 (No 8 am Mass this week)

<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Funeral Mass - Willie Collins R.I.P.</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Bridie Kelly</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Fionan Raftery</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Margaret &amp; Patrick Greham</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Patricia McCrann</b> <b>Moira Gilleran</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Phil Shannon</b> <b>George, Maureen &amp; Patsy Kelly</b> <b>Seamus &amp; Eileen Duke</b>
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Joan McCourt (1st Anniversary) &amp; her husband George</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Ben Balfe (Months Mind)</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Patrick Hewitt (1st Anniversary)</b>

### Monday 8th April – Sunday 14th April 2024 (No 8 am Mass this week)

<b>MONDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Eilish &amp; Owen Sullivan (1st Anniversary)</b>
<b>TUESDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Eileen &amp; Leo Hicks</b>
<b>THURSDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Helen Harrington</b>
<b>FRIDAY:</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Val Johnston</b>
<b>SATURDAY:</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Michael (Mick) Hoare</b> <b>Thomas &amp; Ellen Curley</b> <b>Joan Kenny</b>
<i>Vigil Mass</i>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Ron Pitman (1st Anniversary)</b>
<b>SUNDAY:</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Morning Mass</b>
	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Matthew (Mattie) Mannion (1st Anniversary)</b>



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

**Willie Collins**, Circular Road, Roscommon Town

**Mrs. Ambrozina Leo**, Brazil. Mother of Edilaine Araujo, Roscommon.

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

**THANK YOU:**

To all, for your support and participation, in the Easter Ceremonies in the Parish over the past few days. May the celebration of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus bring peace to all our lives both now and in the future.

***Happy Easter to all!***

**PLEASE NOTE MASS TIME:**

There will be **NO** 8 a.m. Mass for the next two weeks. 8 a.m. Mass will resume on **Tuesday, 16th April.**

**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.

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

**EASTER ARRANGEMENTS FOR BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:**

*Chapel will re-open at 12 noon on Tuesday 2nd April.*

**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.

**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.

**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)

**YOUTH PIONEER RETREAT DAY:** Open to enjoying a retreat day with a family member, 10 – 15 years of age on Saturday, 6th April? Check out Young Pioneer Retreat Day @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/youth-retreat](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/youth-retreat) Come join us for a day of reflection and fun. Times for talks, reflections and games. We'll look at what it means to live in the joy of the risen Jesus, and from his Sacred Heart'.

***NEXT ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER - SUNDAY, APRIL 14th***

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILTEEVAN - Upcoming Masses**

**Sunday, April 7th & 14th at 10 a.m.**

**Altar Society** - Week starting Mon. 1st April - Group IV; Mon. 8th April - Group V

**MENTAL HEALTH ROSCOMMON** are having their AGM on Thursday, April 4th, from 7 - 9 p.m. at Hannons Hotel. All welcome, new members especially. More information can be found on [www.mentalhealthroscommon.ie](http://www.mentalhealthroscommon.ie)

**ROSCOMMON TOWN ICA GUILD** will hold it's monthly meeting in Hannons Hotel on Tuesday 2nd April at 8 p.m. New members always welcome.

**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.

**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)

**M-PACT** is a free service that offers support to all family members affected by parental substance misuse. M-PACT supports the whole family, helping to improve relationships, communication and recovery. A FREE eight-week programme will begin on Tuesday 9th April 2024. If interested or would like further information. Please contact 071 9150578 / 085 875 9319 or email [sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com](mailto:sligoleitrim@alcoholforum.com)

**Offertory Collection 24th March 2024:**

**€3,254.10**

Thank You

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