

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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PENTECOST SUNDAY



THE VARIED PACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

We have all had the experience of spending many weeks, months, or years deliberating over a decision, e.g., to purchase a car, a piece of furniture or an item of clothing. Then, somehow, out of the blue, we make that phone call, send that email, or walk into an unknown shop, and suddenly, everything seems to fall into place for us, and we are the proud owners of whatever it is we are looking for.

Like our purchasing tasks, when decision time comes around in other areas of life, things can gather pace in a sometimes-dramatic fashion. I often think this is how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. He's not found in impulse decision-making or knee-jerk reactions but in slow, gentle, and subtle prompts, usually over a certain period.

We notice this in our scripture this Pentecost Sunday, where the disciples arrive in a particular room bursting at the seams with enthusiasm to get out and do the Lord's work far and wide, but they have patiently remained in Jerusalem as instructed until the Holy Spirit comes. The reading from the Acts of the Apostles tells us when it did arrive; it couldn't be mistaken.

The Holy Spirit was found in sudden wind and fire and the disciples were gifted with the ability to speak foreign languages. After weeks of waiting, they received clarity, direction and encouragement from the Lord as they embarked on their mission.

Dramatic experiences of God are maybe rare in our lives as we face the humdrum tasks of every day, but we too must be patient and not give up on the Holy Spirit's direction in life decisions. As people of Christian faith, we believe that everything will eventually fall into place despite life's frustrations, setbacks, and disappointments, quicker than we think and at a time we least expect.

- Fr. Kevin

YOUTH MASS

The last Roscommon Parish youth mass for this term will be at 7pm on this Saturday 25th May 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 "RESILIENCE", and has been designed for all facing exams, or any challenges at this time in one's life.

Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Eugene, Paddy & Kathleen McNamara Michael Francis McDonagh
TUESDAY	8 am	Mary, Hubert & Kathleen Quigley
	11 am	Tom & Eileen Gorman
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Deceased members of the Harte family
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace Walter Hally
FRIDAY	11 am	Eddie Mullen
SATURDAY	10 am	Thomas & Nora Hannon Peggy & Jack Finn Conor Dempsey Mary MacGuigan
	7 pm	Youth Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of

MARY HUGHES, (nee Neilan), Boyle Rd., Roscommon.

JAMES WALSH, Bostontubber, Co. Clare. Father of Dympna Hegarty, Killeenboy, Kiltewan.

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

We also remember Paula Leddy whose anniversary occurs around this time.

ROSARY: During the month of May, the **Legion of Mary** will recite the Rosary every Sunday in **St. Coman's Cemetery** at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

Recitation of the Rosary in honour of Our Lady will take place at **Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto** on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. during the month of May. All are welcome.

ACIES: The Acies Ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 26th 2024, at 4 p.m. in The Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon Town. Refreshments afterwards in The Abbey Hotel.

MAY PROCESSION: A May Procession in honour of Our Lady, Mother of God, will take place in the Sacred Heart Church and grounds on Monday evening, May 20th at 7 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 10.30am - 11am & 6.30pm - 7pm.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers for the following hour are urgently required: **Monday:** 4 pm - 5 pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hour, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY: We are delighted to announce the return of the **Annual Rosary Rally** which takes place on **Saturday 1st June 2024 in Knock Shrine** commencing at 9.30am. We have many amazing speakers for the day. It will finish up with holy Mass at 3pm in the Basilica. For more details please contact Lisa 087-6274621/Corina 087-7602977.

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.

MASS: A Special Healing Mass will take place in Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy, Athlone, on Friday, 24th May at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. Oisín Martin CFR Limerick. All are most welcome. For more details call 086 4054489.

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

ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION. (30th August - 4th September) Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated beside the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, P.P., Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (Telephone: 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is the 10th June, 2024.

BROTHERS OF CHARITY: Are you interested in supporting someone with an intellectual disability, to be part of the community in which they live? If you are interested in volunteering in the Brothers of Charity Services in Roscommon please contact Edel Crehan on edel.crehan@bocsi.ie or 0874887314 for more details. Or come along to an information table which will be allocated in Harrison Centre, Roscommon Town on Friday 24th May from 11am - 2pm.

EXAM MASS June 3rd at 7:30pm in Knock Basilica. For all students and their families preparing for exams. Take some time out from your studies for a quiet moment to ask for God's strength and guidance as you move through your exam period. Bring your pencil case to have it blessed!

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, May 26th at 10 a.m.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 20th May - Group II

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

VAKS PROGRAMME: Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5th and 6th year to come to Knock to volunteer for a weekend in either July or August. This is a great way to meet new friends, serve others, express your faith and have fun! For further information please contact Knock Youth Ministry on 094 9375321 or youthministry@knockshrine.ie

ST. COMAN'S WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL are holding a clothing collection on **Friday 24th May**. If you have any unwanted clothing, footwear, handbags, hats, scarves, ties, belts, soft toys. (Also clean folded bedding/curtains in a separate bag) etc please bag them and bring to the school on the morning of May 24th where we will have collection points at both sites. All donations greatly appreciated. Funds raised will go to the school. Thank You!

CAMPA SPRAOI 2024: Summer Camp as Gaeilge for children aged 4 - 11 years takes place in Gaelscoil de hÍde from 8th July - 12th July, 9.30 am - 2 pm. Various activities including Art, Music, Dance, Singing, Science, Sport as Gaeilge. For further details contact campaspraorios@gmail.com or text 086 3827523.

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 29th July - 5th August 2024. For more details call Mary at 0214546691/ mary.morrish@mscomissions.ie

ON THE MOVE: A Higher Calling. Join Focus Ireland's iconic climbs and help us to raise vital funds to support those experiencing homelessness in our communities. Our Carrauntoohil hike takes place on June 15th or Croagh Patrick on June 16th. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh 087 489 1974 or email events@focusireland.ie

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

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 12th May 2024

€3,419.50

Thank You

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