

# **SACRED HEART CHURCH**

## **ROSCOMMON**

### **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

*2nd June 2024*

**CORPUS CHRISTI**



#### **LETTING GO OF SORROWS**

Departures are never easy. Even today, families still bid farewell to their sons or daughters as they embark on new pastures in a new country. However, it is good to remember that departures are less acute compared to previous generations. We often hear about people leaving for places like America by boat, which took three weeks or a month. It's a known fact that many of these young people never returned.

Of course, there is also the sadness of losing someone in death amongst our friends and families- especially if the person dies suddenly or is very young.

Did you ever notice, though, that even at a time of departure, people often gather for a meal - almost like a celebration? However, what is celebrated is what the person leaving means to us rather than the fact they are leaving or have left us.

In our Gospel this Sunday, we hear how Jesus was leaving his friends; he would die the following day. This was to be his last meal, yet it was termed a celebration. They held the Jewish Passover celebratory meal that remembered that many years before, with the help of Moses, the people of Israel celebrated leaving Egypt, an unhappy place where they were mistreated. The reason why Jesus wanted his friends to be happy at this new meal is because following his death would be the resurrection. The disciples would move on to a different space.

This weekend in Roscommon church, and many other churches, we also are celebrating Jesus' death in the last supper. Again, Jesus promises a departure - not a sad departure but a happy one where we leave sadness and unhappiness behind us. We celebrate our departure from fear, and in the resurrection particularly we celebrate our delivery from the fear of death.

We pray that on this Corpus Christi Sunday, we say goodbye to sorrow and embrace the joys and blessings the Lord is offering us in His Eucharistic meal.

**- Fr. Kevin**

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	11 am	Mary & Pat McLoughlin
FRIDAY	11 am	Myra Lindsay
SATURDAY	10 am	Thomas & Mary McDonagh & sons Tommy & Frank Michael & Mary Owens
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Morning Mass



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

**MICHAEL FINAN**, Celtic Avenue, Roscommon.

**TOMMY CAWLEY**, Devon, England. Brother of Mary Lohan, Racecourse Rd.  
Roscommon.

**GERRY YOUNG**, Lisadurn, Roscommon.

*We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to his  
bereaved family & friends*

*We also remember Paddy Sheeran, Mary Ward, Brian Gerard & Patrick Mongan &  
deceased members of the Mongan family whose anniversaries occur around this time.*

*Please note there is no 8 a.m. Mass for the coming week*

### **THANK YOU – PENTECOST COLLECTION**

Sincere thank you to parishioners for their generosity towards the recent Pentecost collection for the support of parish clergy. It is much appreciated.

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

Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. & Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m.

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

**BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL** - Adorers for the following hours are urgently required: **Thursday:** 2 - 3pm; **Thursday:** 3 - 4pm & **Friday:** 6 - 7pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hours, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday, June 4th at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

**FIRST FRIDAY CALLS:** Communion calls to the sick and housebound will take place this Friday, June 7th, at the usual times.

**APOSTOLIC WORK:** Apostolic Work in the Diocese of Elphin are having their display day in Four Mile House Community Centre, F42 N277, on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June. Doors open 12.30p.m. Mass celebrated by Bishop Kevin at 2p.m. Refreshments follow. All welcome.

**ELPHIN DIOCESE'S 3 Day Pilgrimage to Lough Derg** takes place from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Pilgrim bus will pass through Athlone, Knockcroghery, Roscommon, Tulsk, Boyle, Sligo, Drumcliffe, Grange and Cliffoey. See [www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg) or contact Justin on 087 6171526 for more info.

**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)

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION. (30<sup>th</sup> August - 4<sup>th</sup> 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 (Call: 090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is June 10<sup>th</sup>

**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 contact Edel Crehan on [edel.crehan@bocsi.ie](mailto:edel.crehan@bocsi.ie) or 0874887314 for more details.

**JUBILEE OF MARRIAGES:** Couples celebrating their Silver, Ruby, Golden or Diamond wedding anniversaries are invited to attend a Jubilee Mass, along with their families and friends, on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30 p.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Four Mile House or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 p.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. Light refreshments will be served after both Masses for all in attendance. As each couple celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Kevin, they are asked to register their details at [www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2024](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/jubilee2024)

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Group IV

**SUMMER BRIDGE** will commence on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. in Hannons Hotel, Roscommon. Proceeds to local charities. All Bridge Members welcome.

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

**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 19<sup>th</sup> of June at 2 p.m. in Lough Key Forest Park 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 087 7061183 for more information.

**VAKS PROGRAMME:** Applications are now open for VAKS (Volunteer at Knock Shrine) programme. It is an opportunity for young people in TY, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:youthministry@knockshrine.ie)

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

**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 15<sup>th</sup> or Croagh Patrick on June 16<sup>th</sup>. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh 087 489 1974 or email [events@focusireland.ie](mailto: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](mailto:fiona.dodd@hse.ie) / 087 3805332 or Teresa [MHERForumSeretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHERForumSeretary@outlook.com) / 0877554393

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**€3,354.00**

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