

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



### GOD'S LOVE- THERE FOR THE TAKING

A behavioural scientist called James Dawson once experimented by placing a fish called wall eyed pike into an aquarium along with some minnows as food. This bait was devoured very quickly. A glass panel was then placed between the fish and the food. As the pike approached the bait, it smashed against the glass, repeatedly hurting itself. Eventually, the dividing panel was removed, but the damage was done. Even though the minnows swam around the pike, it made no effort to eat them at this stage. Going after the minnows was associated with hurt and failure. Eventually, the pike died of starvation despite the food being there for the taking.

In Scripture this Sunday, we learn that the food of God's love is there for the taking; 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.' However, sometimes, our own experiences of hurt and failure can prevent us from coming forward and receiving its nourishment. Passing it on to others can equally be as challenging if we don't partake in love ourselves. The sad thing is that many people who have childhood starved of love can sometimes tragically cause a lot of pain and hurt themselves to the most vulnerable.

Our regular dose of God's love can be found in the Eucharist, prayer, scripture, and rest - as well as in family, friends and sometimes a professional counsellor or director. So let us this week not allow past hurts to prevent us from accepting the love of God in whatever way it is being gifted to us in our daily lives. May we also feed others with His love as we try to bring light and not darkness to other people.

- Fr. Kevin

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all the children from St. Coman's Wood Primary School who received their First Holy Communion last weekend. May their trusting faith in welcoming the gift that is the Lord's Real Presence bless them with his friendship and abiding love.

## Mass Intentions for the coming week

MONDAY	11 am	Alice Forde & her sons John, Michael & James
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Thomas & Bridget Dowd, John, Neil & Susan Dowd & deceased family members
THURSDAY	8 am	Martin & Annie Mannion & deceased family members
	11 am	Jack, Rose, Delia & Nora Flanagan
FRIDAY	11 am	Thomas & Josephine Connor & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Gerry Lunt & deceased members of the Lunt & Feeney families
	7 pm	Willie Collins (Months Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Maura Loftus (Months Mind)
	11.30 am	Sr. Maura Reddington (Months Mind)



*We remember Margaret Kosecki whose first anniversary occurs around this time.*

### AREA DISTRIBUTORS:

Pentecost Envelopes are ready for distribution. They are available in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this weekend or from the Parish Office during the week. Please collect as soon as possible, Pentecost Sunday is Sunday 19th May this year.

*Many thanks for your assistance.*

**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.

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into the Christian family:

*Dara Michael O'Rourke, Sarah Teresa Aquino Araujo, Hanna Pazio,  
Oliver Martin Gannon, Daniel Sousa Alves Da Silva, Roy Emeasoba,  
Donagh Ross Gibbins, Mae Aisling Mulheir, Cillian Walshe, Saoirse Gallagher,  
Daithí Gearóid Kelly, Cecilia Maria Sousa Moraes, Iarla McCartin,  
Oscar Anthony McGrath, Páidi Owen Doonan & Caoimhe McDonnell.*

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

Sunday, May 12th 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: **Thursday:** 4 pm - 5 pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hour, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday, May 7th at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

**ELPHIN DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** will take place from 30<sup>th</sup> August to the 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 inclusive. Nominations from parishes throughout the Diocese are being sought for young people to participate in the Youth Section. For more information please contact Parish Office at 090 6626298 before May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**ROSARY RALLY** in honour of Our Lady of Fatima will be held on The Square, Roscommon Town on Saturday, 11th May at 4 p.m. All are welcome.

**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 and many beautiful apostolates available on the day to chat with you. It will finish up with holy Mass at 3pm in the Basilica. For more details about the event please contact Lisa on 087-6274621 or Corina on 087-7602977.

**HOSPICE AGM:** The AGM of Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation takes place at Knock House Hotel, Knock on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 8pm. All are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the office on 0949388666 or email [info@hospice.ie](mailto:info@hospice.ie) by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**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)

**CONFERENCE:** All are welcome to our Flame of Love of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Movement All-Ireland Conference: *Ignite Our Youth and Unite Families* to be held in **Knock 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (Pentecost Weekend)**. Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May is a free Information Day from 9am to 6pm in St John's Welcome Centre. Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May is a Flame of Love Formation Day in Knock House Hotel from 9am to 4pm. Registration is Required on **Saturday** due to *limited* space and the cost is €30 per person (discounts for families). To Register or for more information: email [info@flameoflove.ie](mailto:info@flameoflove.ie) or visit [www.flameoflove.ie](http://www.flameoflove.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)

**ALTAR SOCIETY:** Week starting Monday 6th May - Group V

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

**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 [campaspraioiros@gmail.com](mailto:campaspraioiros@gmail.com) or text 086 3827523.

**ROSCOMMON TOWN ICA GUILD** will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 7th May at 8 p.m. in Hannon's Hotel. New members are always welcome.

**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@mscmissions.ie](mailto:mary.morrish@mscmissions.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) or 087 3805332 or Teresa [MHForumSeretary@outlook.com](mailto:MHForumSeretary@outlook.com) or 0877554393

**RWN:** Join us for the official unveiling of the RWN women's intercultural textile art piece on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 11-1pm at The Abbey Hotel, Roscommon. As well as the official unveiling, this morning event will include songs and stories by the women involved in the project, and will be followed by a light lunch. Please register by emailing us at [atreanor@rwn.ie](mailto:atreanor@rwn.ie), or call/text us at 0868099154

**DARKNESS INTO LIGHT 2024:** Join us for the most important sunrise of the year. On **Saturday May 11th at 4.15am** communities from across Ireland and the world will come together to raise vital funds for Pieta's services. These vital services help people impacted by suicide and self-harm. They provide supports to those bereaved by suicide. Roscommon Town Venue: Convent of Mercy Gym. Date: 11th May. Time: 4.15AM. If you are interested in volunteering to help out on the night we would love to hear from you. Contact Jacqui on 0861721181. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection - 28th April 2024**

**€2,953.00**

Thank You

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