

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS CALMS LIFE'S STORMS

Mark 4:35-41

Abraham (*not his real name*) was a Sunday churchgoer in the urban parish, early in his jubilant and peaceful days. When Covid 19 pandemic came he lost his ailing grandma, then shortly after his wife got infected with the dreaded virus. His terrible loss occurred in the span of one and a half years. Sadly, he mistakenly felt that he was abandoned by the Lord, and lost his faith in God. It was only two years after, on a Good Friday leading to the Easter celebrations that Abraham gradually accepted the heartbreaking event of his life. He now truly understands who Jesus is in his life and becomes a courageous believer once more.

St. Mark narrates that “*when evening came,*” Jesus told his disciples, ‘*Let us cross over to the other side.*’ The disciples experienced the dark “*evening,*” when “*the storm and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that it was almost swamped.*” Jesus was sleeping on a cushion when the disciples woke him and said to him, “*Master, do you not care? We are going down!*” Jesus got up, rebuked the wind and the raging sea. Then the wind dropped, and all was calm again.

Life is peaceful in the ‘*comfort zone*’ but not on ‘*the other side*’ where challenges and trials would probably devastate the human spirits. We have our own experience of ‘*dark evenings, storms,*’ and seeming absence of God’s help in life. Sometimes we falsely feel that God has abandoned us and we normally complain that he has apparently forgotten us in troubled times and life-wreaking events. Let us learn to bend our knees and whisper to the Lord in prayer that we too, like the disciples, are afraid in the dark and stormy seas. We beg the Lord to strengthen our faith through the storms until we finally hear his voice to rebuke the wind and the waves of the sea: “*Quiet! Be calm!*”

May God keep us from drowning into life’s mighty waters and may we have undying faith in Jesus who cares and calms the storms in life.

- Fr Raul

Mass Intentions for the coming week

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| MONDAY | 11 am | Deceased members of the Harlow & Dowling families |
| TUESDAY | 8 am | John, Michael, Bridget & Mickie Blighe |
| | 11 am | Mary Ellen McDonagh |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 am | Morning Mass |
| | 11 am | Morning Mass |
| THURSDAY | 8 am | Austin Healy Snr. |
| | 11 am | Frances & Patrick Smyth & deceased family members |
| FRIDAY | 11 am | Morning Mass |
| SATURDAY | 10 am | Marie Raftery Bernie Quigley & deceased family members Thomas Coyle Danny Clancy Kate & John Menton |
| | 7 pm | Vigil Mass |
| SUNDAY | 9 am | Tom Quinn (Months Mind) |
| | 11.30 am | Michael Finan (Months Mind) |

We remember Barbara Ann Cullen whose anniversary occurs around this time.

PAROCHIAL HOUSE/ PARISH OFFICES RENOVATION:

Thanks to the generosity of parishioners over recent years and loan funding from the Elphin Diocesan Building Fund, we have now started necessary renovation works on the Parochial House and Parish Offices. Damien Fallon Construction has been awarded the contract following a tender process, and the work is expected to take 9 months to complete. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Please note the Parish Office remains open.

St. Joseph's Church, Kiltewan - Upcoming Mass

Sunday, June 30th 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: **Monday:** 4 - 5pm; **Thursday:** 2 - 3pm & **Sunday:** 1 - 2pm. Thank you for your support. If you can help out with the above hours, please contact Tom Beirne 0863861954.

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

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 22nd September at 2.30 p.m. in St. Brigid's Church, Four Mile House **or** Sunday 6th 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

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS ROSCOMMON has vacancies on our Community Employment Scheme for Dementia Specific Health Care Support Assistant to join our Community In-Home Respite Service Team. We are looking for friendly, approachable, honest, reliable and committed individuals who can make a connection with our clients in a supportive capacity and assist them to partake in their activities of daily living. Please call Roscommon office on 090 6627816, we'd love to hear from you!!

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE: All are welcome to the National Grandparents Pilgrimage at Knock Shrine on Sunday, July 28th. Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 p.m. Mass at 3 p.m. Principal celebrant Archbishop Luis Mariano Montemayor, Papal Nuncio.

FOSTERING: Roscommon Fostering Service are holding an information morning in Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon on Thursday, 27th June, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fostering is a service for children who, for a variety of reasons, cannot live with their own family. This may be for a short time or can be a long-term requirement. If you are interested in becoming a foster carer, please contact Child and Family Agency in the Roscommon area on 090 6637529 or Tusla on Freephone 1800 226 771. Email tusla.fostering@tusla.ie

ROSCOMMON MEN'S GROUP get together every Friday morning in The Cube, Lanesborough Road, F42 DX61 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Everyone welcome for good conversation, outings, talks and friendship. Don't be shy - drop in! For more information call 087 7516308.

ANNUAL CEMETERY MASSES:

Kilteevan Cemetery - Saturday, 13th July at 7:30 pm

St. Coman's Cemetery - Saturday, 10th August at 7 pm

Weather permitting, otherwise, Mass will be celebrated in the Church.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Week starting Monday 24th June - Group II

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

BUS to Pro Life Rally in Dublin on Saturday, July 6th. Bus departs from Roscommon Church Car Park at 8am. Fare €30. Booking essential. Contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809.

ROSCOMMON DRAMA GROUP proudly presents "It's The Real McCoy", written by Tommy Marren (Midwest Radio) on July 4th, 5th & 6th in Roscommon Arts Centre. Tickets available at the Box Office or online @ roscommonartscentre.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 / 087 3805332 or Teresa MHForumSecretary@outlook.com / 0877554393

LITTLE WING FILMS are developing a documentary about older adult siblings who have lived together their whole lives. The Dublin-based film company is interested in hearing individual and shared stories and exploring the dynamics of this type of family unit, which is now much less prevalent in Ireland than it once was. If you or somebody you know would like to hear more about the project, please call the producer, Maria Horgan, on (086) 236 1861, or researcher, Pauline Dunne, on (085) 739 6369. You can also email pauline@littlewingfilms.com Find out more at <https://www.littlewingfilms.com/>

TULSK SOCIAL INITIATIVE TRIP to Donegal on Saturday, July 20th. Tour includes waterbus tour of Donegal Bay, breakfast and evening meal. Bus leaves Tusk G.A.A. Car Park at 8 a.m. sharp. Cost €80. To book contact Sean 086 8388756; Mary 086 0800197 or Kathleen 087 4122348.

THE ROSCOMMON WOMEN'S NETWORK PROJECT ECCO (Empowering Communities in Circular Opportunities) invites you to an afternoon of Free Demonstrations and Advice to save you money, reduce waste and live more sustainably on Wednesday 26th June from 1pm - 4.30pm at the CycleUp Pop-Up Shop on Harrison Way (beside TESCO) in Roscommon Town. Join us to see how you could do simple Clothing Repairs, Composting/ Mulching/Liquid Feed, Planting for Small Spaces, Bike Maintenance and Repair, Furniture Painting, Upcycled Bird and Bat Boxes. Call 094 9621690 (option 4) for more information.

Sunday's Offertory Collection - 16th June 2024

€3,289.00

Thank You

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