

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

28th October 2018



Jesus asked the blind beggar: 'What do you want me to do for you?' He said: 'Master, let me see again.'

NOVEMBER PRAYER OF BLESSING IN A CEMETERY

May God's perpetual light shine upon the faces of all laid to rest here.

May the lives they lived in our homes continue to inspire and guide us on our way.

May the memories we carry and share in stories, keep them alive in the love and hearth of our family.

May the gentle Summer rains fall like tears from the skies of heaven in a downpour of blessings on them.

May the wild flowers and the Summer meadows whisper their prayer in the gentle breeze of silence.

May the birds of the dawn chorus sing their prayer of the beauty and the joy of heaven.

May we always reverence this sacred clay as the holy ground that embraces new seeds of hope.

May each time we visit, walk, sit, kneel, pray and listen here, bring us closer to the heart of God's kind love.

May the Angels guide them, the Saints protect them and the prayer of Mary caress them to God's eternal presence.

May God raise them up on eagles wings, bear them on the breath of dawn, make them shine like the sun, and forever hold them safe and free in the palm of his hand.

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	No 8am Morning Mass
	10 am	Sarah, Todd & John O' Connor
TUESDAY	8 am	No 8 am Morning Mass
	10 am	John McHugh
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No 8 am Morning Mass
	10 am	John O' Shea & deceased of the O' Shea & McCauley families
	7 pm	Kiernan & Enda Kelly
THURSDAY (All Saints Day)	8:30 am	Jim, Annie & Ronan Morris
	10:30 am	Jimmy & Gerry Kelly & deceased family
FRIDAY (All Souls Day)	8 am	Mass for The Holy Souls
	10 am	Mass for The Holy Souls
SATURDAY	10 am	Tom & Eileen Gorman Oliver & Bernadette Farrell Mickcie & Maura Farrell
	7 pm	Madge Farrell (Nee Nevin) (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	10:30 am	John Scally (Month's Mind)
	12:15 pm	Tom Croghan (Month's Mind)



We also remember Michael John Mannion & Ann Henry whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -
Ann Murtagh, Castlereagh, sister of Kathleen Padden, Celtic Ave, Aunt of Aisling Stephens, Church Rd, Bernadette Mullen, Abbey town & Paula Murphy, The Walk.
Martin Cunningham, Portlaoise brother-in-law of Mary Cunningham, Galway Road and uncle of Orla & Cora Cunningham.
 We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends.

PERMANENT ADORERS REQUIRED: For the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover following hours: **Thursday 4—5 pm, Sat. 4 - 5 pm, Sun 4 - 5 am** . **Any assistance** would be greatly appreciated, please phone Parish Office 090 66 26298 or contact any of the Clergy.



ROSARY: During the month of October fifteen decades of the Most Holy Rosary will be recited on Wednesday mornings at 8.50 am for the Pope's Intention. Pope Francis's Intention - Evangelization: The Mission of Religion. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves and be present among the poor, the marginalised and those who have no voice.

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

Lochlann Paul McNamara



PARISH REGISTER: *We are currently preparing our Parish Register for the New Church Year, starting on 2nd December. If anyone would like to be included and receive a weekly Box of Church Offering Envelopes for the coming year, please let us know as soon as possible by phoning Parish Office 090 66 26298.*

Church Calendar, 2019: *Is being prepared for next year. If there are any voluntary Groups or Organisations who would like to be included or change their existing contact details, please phone Parish Office as soon as possible. Tel: 090 66 26298.*

Mission 2018: Athleague / Fuerty parish starting 3rd November to Saturday 10th November. A wholehearted and warm invitation is extended to you and your family to the Parish Mission. Each and every parishioner is most welcome to attend all or some of the Mission ceremonies. Details of the ceremonies are in the leaflets placed in the church porch.

ROSARY FOR HOLY SOULS WILL BE RECITED IN ST. COMAN'S CEMETERY EACH SUNDAY DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER @ 4 PM. All welcome!

ALL SOULS' ENVELOPES Should be returned as soon as possible. Box located inside altar rails for this purpose. All names of deceased will be placed in front of the Altar and remembered in our Masses during the month of November.

ALL SAINT DAY: *Thursday 1st November is All Saint's Day and a Holyday of obligation. Masses at 8:30 & 10:30 am with a vigil Mass at 7 pm Wednesday evening.*

Ark of Divine Mercy - will host a special day of remembrance for souls who died going back to Famine times, also those who died by Traumatic death or Suicide. Will take place at St Ronan's Parish Church, Taughmaconnell on Saturday 3rd of November 2018 starting at 2.00 pm with Adoration & Rosary concluding with Holy Mass. All are most welcome. Details from Kathleen O'Connor on 087 6600190 or Paul on 087 7828283 or arkofdivinemercy@gmail.com .



RECENT WEDDINGS: *Congratulations to Dominic Gillooly & Corina Harlow, James O' Connor & Kayleigh De Jonge who were married recently in our Church.*

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

The Chapel is in need of re-decorating and refurbishment. Contributions and donations towards this work to help defray the cost will be greatly appreciated. It is hoped to replace the floor and paint the premises to make it a worthy space of welcome for the Lord's Presence in our parish.

The work will begin soon.

HOLY HOUR for Priests and Vocations with the Servant Sisters of the Home of The Mother. **Place:** Adoration Chapel, Roscommon. **Time:** 7 pm -8 pm on Thursdays.

NEW CONFESSION TIME

⇒ **Confession** – The sacrament of God's forgiveness will be celebrated after the 10.00 a.m., morning Mass on Saturdays from 10.30 - 11.00 am and before the vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. There will be no confessions on Saturdays from 2 - 3 pm. This change will take effect on **Saturday 1st December** – which leads us into Advent.

The grace that leads us to confess our sins is a gift from God to us. In this sacrament, we are renewed, restored, re-born and rekindled in God's merciful love.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Group iii is scheduled for the coming week.

CONSCIENCE

I listened to a doctor trying to defend her right to follow her conscience. It seems in some sections of Irish society today that conscience is reduced to a superficial awareness that has to slavishly follow prevailing opinions and rationalisations that conform to poll ratings. Religious freedom ensures that everyone is immune from coercion by individuals or groups who attempt to restrain them from acting in accordance with their religious convictions. Fifty years ago in 1968, Dr. Martin Luther King reminded us in his last speech before he died at a civil rights march:

“There come s a time when one must take a position that is neither safe nor popular, but he must take it because his conscience tells him it is right.” John Cullen.



ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: The next meeting of the Roscommon Garden Club is on Monday 5th November at 8pm. Guest speaker will be Dominica Mckevitt from Ardgillan Castle in North County Dublin.

INDOOR MARKET: Fundraiser for Lisnamult Community. **Place:** Greenfields Creche, Lisnamult. **Date:** Sunday 28th October. **Time:** 10 am - 2 pm. A wide range of goods for sale. Come along and browse the market stalls.

ROSCOMMON DRAMA GROUP: *J. B Keane's "Moll" will be staged at the Roscommon Arts Centre on the 22, 23 & 24 November. Booking has now commenced and the group look forward to seeing you and thank you for your continued support.*



RSG - are holding their annual Christmas Fair on Sunday 25th November from 11am – 4pm in the DALE Centre, Derrane, Roscommon. To book a stall for just €15, go to www.rsg.ie/xmas or email Jenni: jtoal@rsg.ie For more information call 090 66 25852

ROSCOMMON LIGHTS COMMITTEE - will start commencing the process of erecting the Christmas lights around the town from the 4th November. Please note this may cause some slight disruption of traffic.



HAEMOCHROMATOSIS. Information evening in the Sheraton Hotel, Athlone, on Wednesday, 7th November 2018, at 8 pm. Guest speaker - Professor Gerard Clarke, Gastroenterologist in Portiuncula Hospital, Ballinasloe. There will be a question and answer session following the talk. All welcome.

Free iPad Computer Classes at Roscommon County Library

Basic IT skills - Wednesday 31/10/18, Thursday 01/11/18, Friday 02/11/18, Wednesday 07/11/18 and Friday 09/11/18. Class times: 10.00am to 12.00pm or 2.30 to 4.30pm You are welcome to use ipad provided or to bring your own tablet. For more information and to reserve a place ask at desk, tel. 090/ 6637277 or e-mail library@roscommoncoco.ie

A Healthy Greener You. A part time community education course starts in **Stroketown Park House on Wednesday 7th November from 10.30 to 1.30** and runs for the following six Wednesday mornings. There is no charge. Please contact Roscommon Women’s Network (RWN) on 094 9621690, text Nora on 086 8099154, or email nfahy@rwn.ie for more info. GRETB funded course in association with RWN and other local community groups, Local Agenda 21 Environmental partnership Fund 2018 and the Department of Communications, Action & Environment.

Last Sunday’s Offertory Collection: €2,714.15
Mission Collection: €1,920.00

