

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

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*Jesus said to his disciples: 'This poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury.'*

### "Do this in memory of me" ..... REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

We hear these words of Jesus so often. As we go through November we realise that these words are more than a simple invitation to remember. Our memory forms us. It has an impact on who we are as individuals, as a family, as a parish community and as a society. Memory was always referred to in the early Church as being '*a power of the soul*'. Aristotle, who lived three hundred years before Christ, referred to memory as being the '*scribe of the soul*.' Memory informs and impacts our decisions and shapes our outlook and attitude.

The month of the Holy Souls is a particular time when we recall with an act of memory all those who have gone from this earthly life and whose presence and influence accompanies us. The Church has settled ALL SOULS feast at a time in the turning of the year when our Celtic ancestors marked this time called SAMHAIN and saw sacredness and depth in all people and places by showing a reverence for what we call today: OUR COMMON HOME.

*May Samhain bring you the endings you need and the beginnings you desire.*

*Lord God, we remember with gratitude the faces of all those who are still very much present in our living memory.*

*We ask you as heirs of a wounded humanity for the peace that passes all understanding and the faith that trusts in your unfailing love.*

*Holy Spirit who stirs our hearts to compassion, ignite the sparks of our inadequacy and kindle the dying embers of bitter regrets into a fervent prayer of your love.*

*Work in us to restore the knowledge that silence contains the fruit of your kingdom come and the hopeful; promise of eternal life.*

On this Remembrance Day, 'Google' GASED by John Sargent - an artist who shows the horror of war and conflict - that still persists today. It is a disturbing picture.

*John Cullen.*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	Deceased Member of The Legion of Mary
TUESDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	All Souls
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	Nicholas Smyth
THURSDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	Deceased members of the Connor family
SATURDAY	10 am	Sonny & Lilly O' Keeffe, & Christy Lunt
	7 pm	James (Jimmy) P O'Kelly (1st Anniversary) & Mary O' Kelly
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Michéal & James Igoe (Month's Mind)



*We also remember Paul Johnson  
whose anniversary occurs around this time.*



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Anne McConn**, Wilson Close, Galway Road. **Brian Quigley**, formerly of Lisnamult who died in London. **Michael Hanley**, Castlestrange, Fuerty brother of Andrew Hanley, Hawthorn Drive. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

**PERMANENT ADORERS REQUIRED:** For the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover following hours: **Wednesday 6 - 7 am**, **Wednesday 11 - 12 midnight**, **Thursday 4 - 5 pm**, **Friday 9 - 10 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.

**MASS:** For deceased members of staff of ESB Lanesborough will be held in ESB Sports and Social Clubhouse on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm.

### **THE HOLY FAMILY ICON**

**NAME OF FAMILY** - Benny & Mary Mulhern **WEEK:** 10<sup>th</sup> November - 17<sup>th</sup> November.



### **Remembrance Mass:**

A Mass for deceased Roscommon County Council staff & members has been arranged for **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018** at **6.00 p.m.** in the **Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon**. All welcome.

**Family Day - Knock:** Feast of families in Knock Shrine! Come to Knock on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November for a day filled with faith, food & fun! The celebration will include mass, individual talks for parents, young adults and children, games, adoration and individual blessing for each family. Knock is important for families as it is the place that Our Lady brought her family to bless the people of Ireland. The celebrant of the mass is Fr Shane Sullivan & the speakers on the day are Fr Mark Byrne (SOLT) & Pure in Heart. Bring a packed lunch. For more info contact Michelle on 0852032711 or michelletherese3@gmail.com

 **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be no 8 am Mass during the coming week as the priests of the diocese will be attending their annual assembly.

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

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.*

### **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 commence on the 18th November and finish on the 26th November. The Chapel will remain closed during this period. Envelopes for donation towards the work are in the porch of the church and can be returned to the sacristy or parish office.**

**County Roscommon Disability Support Group CLG** is celebrating their Annual Memorial Mass for all Service Users, Families, Friends, Board of Management & staff members in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Derrane at 12 noon 21st November 2018. **May they Rest in Peace.** Families and friends of the deceased are welcome to attend this mass. Refreshments will be served at the Resource Centre Derrane immediately afterwards. All welcome.



**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** Nora Grimes Group, accompanied by Fr. Christy McHugh & Fr. Nigel Gallagher. **12 September 2019.** 7 nights Half Board in Pansion Dubrovnik (or similar). €735.00 per person, inclusive of Group Travel Insurance. **Early Booking offer: \* €100 off if paid in full by 10th Dec 2018.** Includes full religious programme. Flights ex - Knock Airport. Including return airport transfers to Medjugorje. For information please contact: Patricia on 090 6627853 / Maura 087 2981891 - dervinmaura@gmail.com

**Mass for Deceased Nurses** in Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon, Wednesday, November 21st @ 10.00 am. Mass will be followed by refreshments in Hannon's Hotel.

**WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES NATIONAL COLLECTION:** *This week-end sees a special collection in Ireland to meet the final cost of hosting the recent World Meeting of Families. By his words and deeds Pope Francis lived the Gospel message in our midst in the gentle and sincere way that he met and personally engaged with many varied groups of people in Ireland. His visit to Brother Kevin's Shelter for poor people and going as a pilgrim to Knock Shrine and leading the Irish Church in prayer through the Mass in the Phoenix Park was a powerful witness of his faith and the centrality of his own prayer life. While I am acutely conscious of the many financial demands facing families and our parish at this time, any help or support that you offer will be genuinely appreciated. Please contact any of the priests with your contribution. **Míle Buíochas.** Thank you.*

**ALTAR SOCIETY: Group v is scheduled for the coming week.**

**CONCERT:** A concert will be held in Rooskey Church on November 24th at 8pm featuring Andy Cooney, Eimear Reynolds, The Conquerors, and Roscommon Solstice Choir. An excellent night of entertainment guaranteed. Tickets €20 on sale now. Proceeds on the night in aid of Adi Roches Chernobly Children's Project.

**"LIFE EXPRESSIONS"** - an exhibition of work by artists from Roscommon and Athlone will take place in the Harrison Coffee House, Harrison Centre, Roscommon Town from 10am to 6pm on Thursday 15th, Friday 16th and Saturday 17th November. Official opening by Cllr. Orla Leyden at 6pm on Thursday 15th November. Mote Park Artists look forward to welcoming everyone.



**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.*

**RUNNAMOATE NATIONAL SCHOOL** - wishes to appoint a school secretary. The position will be for one day a week. Applicants are required to forward Curriculum Vitae with accompaniment letter to The Principal, Runnamoate NS, Ballinaheglish Co. Roscommon by the 16th November 2018.

**Roscommon Tidy Towns** will hold its AGM on Tuesday 13th November in Gleeson's at 7.30 pm. This year Roscommon town retained its Gold Medal status in the National Tidy Towns Competition and the group are working on new projects to enhance the town for next year's competition. New members are always welcome to join the group.

**INDOOR MARKET: Place:** Greenfields Creche, Lisnamult.

**Date:** Sunday 11th November. **Time:** 11 am - 4 pm. A wide range of goods for sale. Come along and browse the market stalls.

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**A NOVEMBER PRAYER:**

As we journey through the days of November, we pray and we remember all those who have died and those who are grieving the death of someone close and dear to them. Let us ask God for the grace to treasure and cherish the gift of life and love that blesses us every day. We pray for all our loved ones, knowing that they are not absent from our lives, but forever present to us in a newer and closer bond. *(Please call their names as part of this prayer...)* We pray for those who died and did not have a last word, a final hug and a loving embrace with us. We believe that we will meet again in the plan of God, who has a kind purpose for each one of us. For those who are on a journey of grief: May they know the comforting and healing presence of the Lord, who drew close to Martha and Mary in their tears, sadness and loss. For all who are lonely and for those afraid of the future: May we be aware, that all of us, living and dead are now in God's presence - who shares with us a lavish love that is full of promise and peace. (John Cullen)

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**Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,587.00**

Thank You