

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened; the moon will lose its brightness.'

ETERNAL LIFE.....

'Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord...' is a prayer that we often hear and say. We all ponder and wonder about the meaning of eternal life or put another way: Is there a life after death? People are given distorted and misleading answers to this profound question.

Eternal life is a belief in a living God who has breathed his life into us, who always regards us as alive and who will never let go of what he has made. Our God is one who never takes his eyes off us for a second -like a doting parent or grandparent!! It is a relationship that will never disappear. The question about life after death is really a question about what I believe in God. The Bible can help us here in the stories of people who stayed in touch with God, often through suffering and difficult trials. In the Gospels we see how Jesus lived, loved, prayed, stood by the poor, the suffering and the forgotten. He was alive to God, full of forgiveness and a reckless, inclusive love for all creation. He shows us what eternal life is. When our lives reflect what Christ has done - is then we have a glimpse of eternal life.

We live in the present and we entrust our future to God... We are not the sole authors of our own stories. Our hope is anchored in God's eternal future. In marriage women and men give their word of love in the present, as a 'present' (*gift*) of their future together!! We all hand our future to God - only to receive it back as his providence and love. Those whose future is anchored in God's eternal present are people of hope, as witnessed in the Bible. And we see this in the lives of the saints, but also in the everyday witness of mothers, fathers and children in our parish community. We live in hope as God puts his touches to the mysterious manuscripts of our lives with the beautiful and delightful '*gold*' of his Love.

John Cullen.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	Elizabeth Gillooly
TUESDAY	8 am	Nora & William Siggins, & Michael McNiff
	10 am	Marcella & William Nally
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Betty & Harry Jameson
	10 am	Deceased Nurses
THURSDAY	8 am	Hugh Bracken
	10 am	Special Intention
FRIDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	James Flanagan
SATURDAY	10 am	Paddy & Molly Walsh & deceased family
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Robert Hill (1st Anniversary)



*We also remember Michael & Ellen Mongan & deceased family
whose anniversaries occur around this time.*



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Tom Lynch**, The Walk. **Frances Kelly**, Ardsallagh More. 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, 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.



THE HOLY FAMILY ICON

NAME OF FAMILY - Seamus & Catherine Mulryan

WEEK: 17th November - 24th November.

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.

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

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 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.

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.



 **YOUTH MASS:** *The 7pm Vigil Mass on Sat. 24th Nov. 2018 has been especially designed for our young people, by the young people of our parish, in conjunction with the three secondary schools in the town, and the Parish Clergy . While this Mass has been designed for young people it is hoped that people of all ages will attend and benefit from the huge amount of work our young people have put into this community initiative.*

Ark of Divine Mercy Athlone: *Pilgrimage to Medjugorje will take place from May 21st - 28th 2019. With (A Priest name to be confirmed) as Spiritual Director. Cost from €530 flying from Dublin with Aer Lingus including full board & travel insurance and airport transfers. €250 payable before mid December and the final amount before mid March. Details available from Kathleen O’Connor on 087 6600190. Paul Woods 087 7828283 or e-mail arkofdivinemercury@gmail.com*

ROSCOMMON MENTAL HEALTH LOCAL FORUM: Service Users, Carers, Family Members - Do you want to make a change to improve local Mental Health Service? Make it your cup of tea! Information session/coffee morning in Gleeson's Townhouse, Roscommon on Thursday 22 November 11.00 am - 1.00 pm. All welcome. For more information contact: Colette.tuohy1@hse or text 087 4148743 to register.

All-Night Vigil at Knock Shrine: The annual All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Friday 7th - Saturday 8th December. The Vigil Ceremonies will commence with Confessions from 10pm in the Chapel of Reconciliation and Vigil at 12 Midnight in the Basilica with Rosary, Stations of the Cross and Holy Hour with Fr Brendan Walsh SCA. Concelebrated Mass will take place at 4am with His Excellency Archbishop Okolo, Papal Nuncio. Concelebrants are Fr Brendan Walsh, Pallotine, Thurles and Fr Lawrence CFR, Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Information on organised coaches travelling to the vigil can be found at www.knockshrine.ie

SHINE A LIGHT FOR HOSPICE: Mayo Roscommon hospice invite you to sponsor a light on the Tree of Light in Knock for family & friends, living and deceased. Special cards are available at local pharmacies, hospice shops in Mayo & Roscommon, local hospice support groups, Knock Shrine & online at www.hospice.ie. Please support. Tree lighting ceremony Sunday 2nd December at 6pm in Knock outdoor plaza.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Group vi 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.



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.*

HEALTHY IRELAND: As part of the Healthy Ireland at Your Library programme, a free **Oral Health Promotion** workshop for primary school children will be run in Roscommon Library by Eileen Mannion of Keaveney Dental Care on Sat 24th Nov at 2:30pm. This 45 minute workshop will cover oral hygiene, brushing techniques, diet advice and sugar awareness. The event is free however – booking is essential by phone 090 6637277 or by email lkeane@roscommoncoco.ie.

BIRDWATCH: Are having a walk in Portrun on Sunday 25th November, meeting at 12 noon in Portrun to see water birds. For more information contact Padraig 087/9078849.

Grinds: Maths, Business, Accounting , LCVP & Ag. Science. Contact: 087-6222147

Glenamaddy Christmas Food and Craft Fair on Sunday 25th of November from 11am to 4pm (Glenamaddy Community Centre)! **FREE admission Family Event!** Over 35 food & craft local producers, Face Painting and Craft activities for Kids (12pm to 3pm), Raffle with fantastic spot prizes and Music performed by Craobh Tom Morrison CCE (1pm to 2pm)! This Christmas, Support your locals Artists, Designers and Craft Peoples. Buy Local, Buy handmade!

Athlone Choral Society Table Quiz: The Athlone Choral Society are holding a fundraising Table Quiz on Thursday 22nd of November at 8pm in The Bounty, Athlone. Tables of 4 for €40. Fabulous Spot Prizes!! All welcome.

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)

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,950.15

Thank You