

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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'If my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews.'

Describing today's world....

I came across a new word 'VUCA' – used to describe today's world. This acronym captures the volatility, uncertainty, complexity and ambiguity that we all encounter and negotiate each day. The recent news from Leicester of a helicopter crashing and claiming the lives of five people including the chairman and owner of Leicester Football Club is an example of the volatile uncertainty in our world. Other examples are the shooting of eleven people in a Synagogue called the Tree of Life or the twelve deaths from gun violence in California, including the fires in a town called Paradise that have claimed so many lives, with hundreds of people missing. These examples remind us of the perilous fragility that is the gift of life.

Christ is interrogated before Pilate in the Gospel for Christ the King feast. It is a real paradox. In Christ is shown the suffering of all who are subjected to violence, all the downtrodden of our brutalised world and wounded Church. Here is God in disguise before Pilate, vilified, mocked and subjected to violence. The suffering Christ is an image of a God who stays firmly on the side of those who suffer. In today's Gospel, Christ asks us to LISTEN TO HIS VOICE.

Whatever is dark within me, illumine.
Paradise Lost by John Milton. Published in 1667.

We may live eternally in his heavenly kingdom.

Prayer after Communion.

John Cullen.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	Mary Wilson
	10 am	Fr. Sean Creaton
TUESDAY	8 am	P J Hannon
	10 am	Lena & James Igoe, Helen O' Sullivan, Michael John Igoe & deceased family
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Corry Quinn & deceased of the Quinn & Wilson Families
	10 am	John Joe & Annie T Hagan
THURSDAY	8 am	Joseph Martin
	10 am	Mary Kenny
FRIDAY	8 am	Micheal & Jim Gordon & deceased family
	10 am	Lelia Fallon
SATURDAY (Shared Mass)	10 am	Oliver & Enda Gannon, Matt Hennigan Delia Dolan & Joe Gallagher
	7 pm	Vigil Mass



*We also remember John Carter, Patrick (Paddy) Kelly
whose anniversaries occur around this time.*



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -
Simon McGuinness, Church Street: **Mary Kelly**, Ballybride:
Mary O'Carroll, Eagle Lodge, Convent Road: **Kathleen Farrell**, Ballygar, sister-in-law of Chrissie Farrell, Antogher Road & Tommy Farrell, Ballybride:
Winnie Mongan, Athlone. **Edward Kilmartin**, England, formerly of The Square.
 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: **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.

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 - dervinformaura@gmail.com



RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Christian family: -*
Oisín John Bracken; Grace Charlotte Danaher;
Ryan Thomas Egan; Seanán Rí Kiernan & Rosanna Lee McDonagh.

ROSARY FOR HOLY SOULS WILL BE RECITED IN ST. COMAN'S CEMETERY THIS SUNDAY 25TH — THE LAST SUNDAY OF NOVEMBER @ 4 PM. All welcome!



NEW CONFESSION TIME: 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.

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

PERPETUAL ADORATION: For the past thirty years, 24-hour Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament has operated in Roscommon Parish. Our sincerest thanks to all those people from Roscommon and adjoining Parishes who made this possible. May the Lord reward them all abundantly for their continued generosity. At the moment, the Adoration Chapel in St. Coman's Club is undergoing extensive renovations and refurbishing and is due to **re-open on TUESDAY 27th NOVEMBER at 1 pm.** We are appealing to anybody who is free and willing to spend one designated hour weekly with Jesus in Adoration to please contact the Parish Office on 090 66 26298.



STATION MASSES:

James & Martina Donnellan, Sliabh Ban View **Friday 30th November @ 7 p.m.**

Owen & Jacinta Hoare Racecourse Road **Saturday 1st December @ 11 a.m.**



Elphin Diocesan In-service Evening for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Ministers of the Word (Readers) and Sacristans in St. Coman's Wood Primary School Hall, Roscommon, 8 – 9.20 pm, Tuesday Nov. 27th. Presenter: Dr. Anne Francis, Galilee Spirituality Centre, Boyle. Parking available at Sacred Heart Church and entrance to hall from this side of school. All welcome.

Preparing for Christmas: Small groups of people are meeting during Advent to pray and to reflect on the following Sunday's Gospel. If you would like to be part of one of these groups, please phone any of the following. A welcome will await you!

Lisnamult & Crubhill	66 25844/0878251122	Please contact for day and time.
Henry Street	66 25069	Wednesday 11 am—12 noon
Convent Court	66 28917	Tuesday 8—9 pm
Goff Street	66 25880	Thursday 8 p.m.
Lanesboro Street	66 26790	Thursday 7 p.m.
St. Coman's Club	66 26649	Wednesday 10.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
Ard-Na-Greine	66 26087	Friday 8 p.m.
Celtic Avenue	66 26569	Tuesday 7—8 p.m.
St. Coman's Club	66 26570	Thursday 8 p.m.
Carrowmore	087 221 2010	Sunday 7 p.m.



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

A public awareness meeting will be held in relation to the proposed development of Wind Turbines in the Derrane / Roxoboro area on Monday November 26th in the Derrane Community Centre (Pre- School) at 83.0 pm. All welcome, please support.

ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB: *Christmas Charity Gala Night will be held on Thursday 06 December at 8 pm in The Abbey Hotel. A floral demonstration by Ethel Mitchell from Moat and this will be followed by a finger buffet. After the buffet there will be a huge raffle including the floral arrangements and all the proceeds will go to The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul here in Roscommon. The Club thank you are so grateful for all your help and support. Tickets for the Gala Night can be bought from the Abbey Hotel or from Pat O'Rourke on 6625694 or 0860774017.*



The Roscommon Branch of Western Alzheimers is hosting its Annual Coffee morning on Saturday 1st December from 10:30am in Roscommon Golf Club. Come along, meet up with friends and enjoy a cuppa. Christmas Cards will be on sale and our annual St. Stephen's Day Charity Walk will be launched. All proceeds in support of Western Alzheimers services in County Roscommon.

Athlone Choral Society Concert in Roscommon : The Athlone Choral Society is performing in St. Coman's Church of Ireland, Roscommon on Sunday 25th November at 6pm, with special guest Daren Lane. It promises to be a very enjoyable event. All welcome.

Ark of Divine Mercy will host *Leading your Family to Jesus at St Ronan's Parish Church Taughmaconnell on Saturday 1st December starting at 2.00pm with Adoration, Rosary, Talk to be given by Fr Thady. concluding with Holy Mass . Celebrant Fr Thady Doyle. All are most welcome. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087 7828283 or arkofdivinemercury@gmail.com.*

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 decease. 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.

CASTLECOOTE HOUSE: *Lecture on the Book of Genesis by Kevin Finnerty, Thursday 29th November starting at 10 am. For more information contact Castlecoote House on 090 6663794.*

BUSY NEEDLES KNITTING GROUP: *Knit & Bake sale day in aid of Cancer Care West & Jacinta's Smile, Friday 30th November at 10:30 am - 2 pm in the Melting Pot Community Space, Roscommon. Monster Raffle & lots of great prizes to be won on the day.*

INDOOR MARKET: Place: Greenfields Creche, Lisnamult.

Date: Sunday 25th November. **Time:** 11 am - 4 pm. A wide range of goods for sale. Come along and browse the market stalls.

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,160.00

Thank You