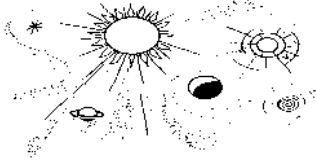


# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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*'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves.'*

## WISDOM for a bruised Church and a divided World...

Irish rugby player **Jacob Stockdale**, who scored the winning try to secure an historic victory for Ireland over New Zealand All Blacks featured on the front page of 'The Irish Catholic' paper last week. The photo shows him in deep concentration and in full flight as he held the green and white Gilbert Rugby Ball that perfectly matches (pardon the pun!!) the green and white of his rugby kit. A native of Co. Tyrone, Jacob is a devout Christian and he shares openly about the centrality of his faith and prayer in his life every day.

**Anne Hegerty** who is the Chaser on the ITV game show The Chaser is one of the participants in the new series of I'm a Celebrity - Get Me Out of Here. She talks openly about her faith, shares her resilience in living with Asperger's and she carries her Rosary Beads always - even in the Australian jungle!

**Fr. Thomas Keating** is an American Cistercian Monk who died recently aged 95 at the St. Joseph's Monastery in Spencer, USA. He introduced millions of people to Centering Prayer in 1970 and it has spread across the world. This prayer format involves sitting in silence and gently letting go of all thoughts and sensations, while repeating a sacred word or a phrase from the Psalms or the scriptures. The focus is God's constant presence of love which is gentle, safe and trustworthy.

As we begin Advent perhaps we could learn from the three very different people mentioned here. They help us to fill the void left when traditional religion focussed too much on ideas and authority structures. Let us use Advent to **listen, wait and trust**. This way of silent contemplation will help us to become agents of healing in our bruised Church and reduce the harsh, toxic tone of public discourse that hurts and harms so many people.

Advent calls us to become present to the gentleness and goodness within each one of us. Keep returning to silence. It is God's first language and everything else is a poor translation.

*John Cullen.*

## **Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	8 am	Kathleen & Paddy Shaughnessy
	10 am	Frank Lannon
TUESDAY	8 am	Robert & Kathleen Derby
	10 am	Frank & Mary Lynch
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Special Intention
	10 am	Mary & Patrick Spellman
THURSDAY	8 am	Jim & Kathleen Byrne
	10 am	Brian Neilan
FRIDAY	8 am	No 8 am Mass
	10 am	Jim McDermott, James & Ellie McDermott
(Vigil Mass)	7 pm	James Gleeson
SATURDAY <i>(The Immaculate Conception)</i>	8.30 am	Mai, John & Maureen Merriman
	10.30 am	Thomas Egan
	7 pm	Ellen Molloy (1st Anniversary) & James Molloy
SUNDAY	10.30 am	Brian Quigley (Month's Mind)
	12.15 pm	Tom Lynch (Month's Mind)



*We also remember Declan Harrington  
whose anniversary occurs around this time.*



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -

**Mary Creavin**, Kilrooskey mother of Mary Rose Young, Lisadurn.

**Molly Curley**, Thomastown, Fuerty sister-in-law of Charlie Curley, Abbey Place, Circular Road. **Eileen Shiel**, Carniska, Strokestown mother of Mary Kelly, 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: **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 - dervinmaura@gmail.com

**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 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.*

**GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION:** Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4th December at 10:30 am in St. Coman's Club. New members always welcome.



**A WORD OF THANKS:** THANK YOU to the Servant Sisters for their impressive work in refurbishing the ADORATION CHAPEL. Sincere THANKS also to the many people who gave donations for this project. Míle Búiochas.

**All-Night Vigil at Knock Shrine:** The annual All-Night Vigil will take place at Knock Shrine on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

**ROSARY RALLY:** A Rosary Rally "Bringing your Family back to Jesus through the Immaculate heart of Mary" will take place Saturday next 8th of December 2018 starting at 2.00pm in the Fair Green Car park Athlone. All are most welcome. Details from Paul on 087 7828283. Kathleen on 087 6600190 or Dave on 085 7746763.

**The Diocese of Elphin Safeguarding Newsletter 2018 is available in the church porch.**

**MEDJUGORJE MASS:** Monthly Mass for Peace will be held in St. Coman's Club on Tuesday 4th December. Rosary will be recited at 8 pm, followed by Holy Mass. Refreshments served afterwards. All are welcome!

**COMMITMENT CEREMONY:**

For boys and girls who hope to receive the sacrament of Confirmation next year will take place at 7 pm Wednesday 5th December in the church. (Parents/Guardians should also attend).

**Advent Resource for Busy People:** Short reflections by Fr. Niall Ahern available to listen / podcast @ [www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/advent-reflections). A great way to enter Advent season. All welcome to use.

**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 & Crubhyll	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 ii is scheduled for the coming week.**

**YOUTH MASS:** THANK YOU to all who were involved in planning and preparing the YOUTH MASS. A special word of THANKS to the readers and those involved in providing the music, songs, images and graphics to highlight the theme of RESILIENCE during the Mass. Google the story about Mark Pollock that was shared during the Mass. The next YOUTH MASS will be on **Saturday, 26th January 2019 at 7.00p.m.**

**MOLL:** *Well done to Roscommon Drama Group in staging MOLL. It was a sell-out each night in the Roscommon Arts Centre. Perhaps the brief reference to the poor in Peru in the second half of the play was J B. Keane's light-hearted way of making a serious point: that there were so few priests in this part of the world at the time, while there were three in a Kerry presbytery whose lives had become dominated by a housekeeper, who even teaches the curates how to preach!! Another subtle point deftly expressed!! John Cullen*

**Annual Ladies Night** Monday December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8 p.m. (Mart Canteen) Flower arranging by Anne Harlow, Signature Flowers, Women's Health & Wellbeing by Martina Geraghty, Molloy's Pharmacy Roscommon, Up Cycling by Catia, Rummage, Castle Street, Roscommon Skincare by Catherine Geraghty, Director of Simone Mahler Dermo-Cosmetics, Free Admission- Raffle on the Night- proceeds to Diabetes Ireland.

**VITA HOUSE ART GROUP:** The members of the Vita House Art Group will hold the first ever exhibition of their work at Vita House Family Centre next week. The official opening will take place on December 3rd at 7.30 pm - come join us for a cuppa and a mince pie. The exhibition will also be on view daily from Tuesday 4th to Friday 7th from 10 am to 12 (noon) and from 2 pm to 4 pm.

**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.*



**Roscommon Cancer Support Centre** are holding their Christmas market this Sunday December 2nd in the Abbey Hotel from 1pm - 5pm. With over 30 tables all the sights, sounds and aromas of the festive season will be there. The market will provide an opportunity to sample and purchase locally produced artisan food, as well as being a showcase for local arts and crafts, an excellent opportunity to purchase a unique Christmas gift. Santie & Mrs. Claus will also be there.

**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](http://www.hospice.ie). Please support. Tree lighting ceremony Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 6pm in Knock outdoor plaza.

**Table Quiz:** A Table Quiz will be held in Cattigan's, Castle St., Roscommon on Friday 7th December at 9pm in aid of St. Coman's Church of Ireland (Roscommon) Restoration Fund. All are welcome.

**Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,503.00**

Thank You