

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart.... And you must love your neighbour as yourself.'

ALL: A small word with a huge meaning.

November ushers in a pair of feasts that the Church and other faith traditions celebrate for two days. ALL Saints and ALL Souls, each of which begins with that wonderfully Biblical and inclusive little word ALL. This little word can have a huge effect on us if we embrace and accept it. In Psalm 145 we see how the word ALL widens the circle of God's love to include ALL people, living and dead.

"The Lord is faithful in *all* his words and loving in *all* his deeds.

The Lord supports *all* who fall and raises up *all* who are bowed down.

The eyes of *all* creatures look to you O Lord and you give them their food.

The Lord is great in *all* his ways and loving in *all* his deeds.

The Lord is close to *all* who call on him. The Lord guards *all* who love him."

It is very easy for us to be partial and selective, where God is generous and inclusive, and when we think of the great saints and the holy souls, we tend immediately to think of prominent or famous people: the writers, teachers, mystics, visionaries of the Church, the impressive historical figures, people who have the spotlight, people whom the world admires.

Blessed are ALL the people we overlook; the quiet classroom assistant; the ones who faithfully fragrance our altars with flowers; the adorer who does an early morning holy hour; the nurse who is a kindly light all through the night; the nun who was a doorkeeper all her life - who may open heaven's gate; the ones we all know, who feel invisible and without a voice; the shy, the quiet and the kind. *All* are beatitudes of presence that grace us and touch the holy and the human in us all. God holds a candle to them as they reflect his love to us.....

God knows the depths that so often go unnoticed and unspoken.

ALL Saints and ALL Souls
in heaven their angels sing, dance, glory and rejoice.

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	Deceased members of the Harney family
TUESDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	Jack Leavey
WEDNESDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	Peter & Mary Comiskey
THURSDAY	8 am	Mary Hanley
	10 am	Billy & Anna Neilan
FRIDAY	8 am	All Souls
	10 am	Jim. Mai & Seamus Connolly
SATURDAY	10 am	Gerry Casey & deceased family
	7 pm	Angela McHugh (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	10:30 am	Annual Bereavement Mass
	12:15 pm	Philomena O' Keeffe (1st Anniversary) & Martin O' Keeffe



We also remember John Kelly, Winifred King, William & Nora Siggins, & Michael McNiff whose anniversaries occur around this time.

SPECIAL MASS FOR THE DEAD

On **Sunday 11th November @ 10: 30 am**, there will be a Mass for all deceased Parishioners whose funeral Mass took place in the Sacred Heart Church from November 2017 to the end of October 2018. A special candle will be provided and will be lit for the deceased family member. The candles will burn during Mass and can be brought home afterwards.

PERMANENT ADORERS REQUIRED: For the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover following hours: **Wednesday 6 - 7 am, Wednesday 11 - 12 midnight, 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.

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

THE HOLY FAMILY ICON

NAME OF FAMILY - Mary Fallon **WEEK:** 3rd November - 10th November.



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.

THE KNOT PRAYER

Dear God,

Please untie the knots that are in my mind, my heart and my life.

Remove the have nots, cannots, and the do nots.

Erase the will not, may nots, might nots that may find a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots, would nots, and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all, dear God, I ask that you remove from my mind, my heart and my life all of the "am nots" that I have allowed to hold me back. Especially the thought that I am not good enough

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.

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 and may be left into the Parish office.

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.

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.

SPECIAL REQUEST FOR YOUR PRAYERS FROM THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

On the 17th September last, Father Pierluigi (Gigi) Maccalli SMA (from Italy) was kidnapped from Bomoanga parish in the Niger Republic, Fr Gigi (57 years old) was ordained in 1985. He was first assigned to the Ivory Coast and, ten years ago, accepted an appointment in Niger Republic, one of our most difficult missions. Christians number less than 1% of the population there. As a result there is little 'priestly work' in terms of celebrating Mass and the other sacraments. It is much more a mission of 'silent witness' to the Nigerien people of all creeds. Until now we have no news of his whereabouts. **Please remember him and pray for his speedy and safe return.**

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

INDULGE OUR DEAD WITH OUR PRAYERS

From the 1st November to the 8th November, we can 'indulge' our dead by visiting a Church or a cemetery and praying for each one of them by name to God. The Sacrament of Confession and receiving of Holy Communion is recommended as part of our prayer. Please pray for the intentions of Pope Francis by reciting one Our Father and the Apostles Creed. The prayer of God's people links us with the Universal Church to help the Holy Souls.

CBS Roscommon Open Day: You and your son are invited to attend our Open Day which takes place on Saturday November 10th from 9.30am - 1pm. Further details available from the school office. Looking forward to seeing you there.



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.



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.*

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



CASTLECOOTE HOUSE - Myth & History lecture Programme. Next talk by Fr. John Cullen on Thursday November 8th @10:45 am. Topic 'Harry Clarke Stain Glass Windows'.

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 **Strokestown 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.

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.

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,769.29

Thank You