

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

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*Jesus said: 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch,' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.*

#### **ABUNDANCE BEYOND IMAGINING: A Tribute to Fr. Pat Burke: 1979-2018**

*"Master, we worked hard all night long and caught nothing. But if you say so, I will pay out the nets."*

These are the words of an exhausted, weary and disheartened Simon Peter to Jesus. Peter, feeling at rock bottom, was worn out by the seeming futility of his labours. It is only when he takes the words of Jesus to heart that everything changes. Look what happens: *"They netted such a large number of fish that their nets began to tear"* and *"they filled the two boats to sinking point."*

Nine months ago Fr. Pat Burke (38) died suddenly. He was a curate in Westport and previously was a curate in Knock. He did a good turn for me that I will never forget. On a Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock a few years ago, some priest took my coat by mistake with the keys of my car. I met Pat and explained my dilemma. Without thinking, Pat decided to drive me to Kiltoom to collect my spare key and drove me back to Knock. His last words to me on that evening were: *'Ná habair focal.'* It sums up Pat's decency, genuine sincerity, priestly fraternity and the gospel quality of going the extra mile. In my case it was an 80 mile journey each way!! Abundance beyond imagining. Pat once did football match commentaries *as gaeilge* for Radio na Gaeltachta at sixteen years of age! *Maith thú Pádraig!!*

Pat was at the Ordination of John Regan on the Feast of the Birth of John the Baptist. It was his last Mass, where he placed the Stole on the new priest, a symbol of his Liturgical and Pastoral ministry of service to God's people. Times are lean and unpromising for vocations to the priesthood today and Pat's sudden, untimely death is inexplicable. Pat's funeral Mass was on the feast of SS. Peter and Paul. Both of them followed Christ with a tested faith that was tried.

Pat was a gentle, below-the-radar witness to the Joy of the Gospel. He proclaimed it pastorally and prayerfully with an unassuming ease and in his own relaxed way of encountering and accompanying people by his kind words and his generous expression of selfless love and service.

*John Cullen*

## Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	Gerard McGrath
	10 am	Caroline Noone
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	10 am	Pat McDermott
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Special Intention
	10 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Deceased of the Burgoyne family
	10 am	John & J J Kosecki
FRIDAY	8 am	Bill, Jackie & Michael Finn
	10 am	Julia, Joe & Teresa Hoare
SATURDAY	10 am	Patrick Cunningham
SATURDAY	7 pm	Padraic Dunne (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	10:30 am	Margaret (Peggy) Fagan (1st Anniversary) & Vincent Fagan
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Eileen Haughey (1st Anniversary)



*We also remember Sr. Raphael Wynn & Kathleen McSharry  
whose anniversaries occur around this time.*



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Kathleen Dayton**, sister of Pauline Dayton, Hawthorn Drive, who died recently in California. **Joanne Hewitt**, England daughter-in-law of Angela & Paddy Hewitt, Slevinagee. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** Please note new Rota commencing Sunday February 17th is completed. Copies are available in the Sacristy. You can collect your copy this week-end in the Sacristy. Many thanks for your continued service to this Ministry.

### **FEATURE A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH**

#### **The Saints in the Apse.**

Behind and above the high altar, the entire surface of the apse (semi-circular recess) is decorated in mosaic. In the spaces between the stained glass windows are life size figures of the following Saints; **1) St. Alphonsus**, founder of the Redemptorists; **2) St. Francis**, founder of the Franciscans; **3) St. Ignatius**, founder of the Jesuits; **4) St. Paul of the Cross**, founder of the Passionists; **5) St. Dominic** founder of the Dominicans; and **6) St. Augustine**, whose rule was followed by the Augustinians.



**ROSARY:** During the month of February fifteen decades of the Most Holy Rosary will be recited on Wednesday mornings at 8.50 am for the Pope's Intention. Pope Francis's Intention. Universal - Victims: For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, enforced prostitution and violence.

## Valentine's Day.....

Viktor Frankl (1905-1997) writes about one of his most excruciating moments at Auschwitz as a Holocaust survivor. He chose to go on living when dying felt easier because he held in his mind and heart the vision of his beloved wife, Eleonore Katharina. That is true love.

In Romeo and Juliet, Shakespeare (1564-1616), writes about two battling families who meet the defiance of true love. He expresses this in language which is fresh, beautiful and immortal.

Singers, poets, composers, artists, film makers and writers continue to express the simplicity and complexity of this most common and glorious emotion of love and the unaccountable human passion and pain that seeps into the mundane reality of everyday ordinariness.

In the Bible, the Song of Songs is a daring book that advocates love as a divine gift to us. The familiar line: "*Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death and many waters cannot quench love*" reminds us that nothing brings us closer to God than love. All around our parish are the signs of love, dedication and being for others in the daily routine of living and loving. Celebrate everyday as Valentine's Day..... John Cullen.

**NEW LOCAL FAITH YOUTH GROUPS:** A new faith formation for young adults has been established in Roscommon Town. We meet on Saturday evenings for scripture study and fellowship. It is a place for young people in all stages of their faith journey to come together get to know one another. Contact Ruth on 0863654324 for more details. All Welcome!

**RECENT BAPTISMS:** *We welcome into the Christian family:*

*Fraya Ella Walsh-Rogerson*



**Catechism classes** for children ages 5-12, on Saturdays in St. Coman's Club from 11-12:30, join up for catechism lessons, games, and prayer. If there are any teens or young adults interested in faith formation meetings, please don't hesitate to contact Sr. Ruth at [roscommonshm@homeofthemothor.org](mailto:roscommonshm@homeofthemothor.org) or 0906625897.

The Servant Sisters, would like to thank everyone who has contributed in some way to the renovation of the Adoration chapel. In the near future we can get together to see a short video of the work during the renovation from start to finish.

Every Thursday evening the Servant Sisters have a Holy Hour in the Adoration chapel from 7-8pm, prayed especially for the priests in our diocese and in the whole Church. Please join them for prayer, songs, silence, and reflection.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED** for Sunday Mass rota in Roscommon University Hospital, Athlone Road. Please contact Sr. Gabriel on 090 662600 if you can help out.

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK. MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY**

Lead us, like St. Bernadette to the Lady of the smile.  
St. Bernadette released the spring as a flowing stream  
of your healing love for all people.  
Since 1858. Lourdes water gushes with the  
grace of forgiveness and compassion.  
Bless us this day in the Springtime of the Lady's smile.  
Fill the 'grotto' of our cluttered hearts with true peace.  
We ask this prayer through Christ our Lord ....Amen.



**We ask you to pray this weekend with the Brazilian community for the 300 people who died in the mining accident in Brazil.**



**ALTAR SOCIETY: Group 11 is scheduled for the coming week.**

**CUISLE'S ANNUAL QUIZ** will take place in Cuisle, Donamon, Roscommon on Friday 15th February @9 pm. Table of 4 is €40. Refreshments on the night. All welcome. For enquiries please contact Cuisle on 090 6662277.

**ROSCOMMON LOCAL FORUM:** The next Roscommon Local Forum will be held on Monday 11th February from 6 - 8 pm at Regairi Recovery College (Former Lodge Building) adjacent to the Roscommon University Hospital, Athlone Rd. A forum is a regular monthly meeting. The purpose of a local forum is to gather the views and experiences of people using mental health services, their family members and carers to bring about positive change within the mental health service. All are welcome. If interested please contact Colette on 087 4148743 or Colette.tuohy1@hse.ie

**The AGM for Roscommon Drama Group** will take place on Tuesday 12th February at 8pm in Hannons Hotel. Everyone is asked to attend please. Apologies to Steve Gregory please. Nominations for Chairperson, treasurer secretary, p.r.o., and committee also to be sent to stevegregers@gmail.com.

**RHS Home Care** – is a non Commercial Home Care Provider bringing professional home care services to those who need assistance to remain living in their own homes. RHS Home Care are now recruiting new Healthcare Assistants in your area. Potential applicants must have the required Fetac/QQI Level 5 (two modules completed care skills and care of the older person). Please email your CV to [jobs@rhshomecare.ie](mailto:jobs@rhshomecare.ie) or call Aoife on 090 6625988.

**Rossie Readers Parent and Toddler Group** meet every Monday 10.00 am -12.00pm in Roscommon County Library, Abbeystown. All are welcome.

**ROSCOMMON TOWN ACTIVE RETIREMENT** *weekly meetings have resumed on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm in the Sacred Heart Hospital Education Room.*

**NATIONAL LEARNING NETWORK:** Looking to gain a qualification or retrain to help you get a job or go onto further education? Have you experienced a personal setback, long-term illness or injury, or have a disability? National Learning Network has a range of courses that can help. Call or drop in between 2 - 6 pm on Wednesday 9th March. Find out more at 0949 620374 / [castlere@nlm.ie](mailto:castlere@nlm.ie) / National Learning Network, Williamstown Rd, Castlereah.

**Sean Nós Dancing Classes** (for all ages and levels of ability) have just started on Fridays at 8pm in Hannon's Hotel, Roscommon. For more info call Rian Biesty on 0862124423

### **Prayer for St. Valentine's Day**

God of Compassion and love,  
On this Valentine's Day I thank You for the gift of love that has blessed my life.  
Thank You for all the people young, old and in between whose love has made a difference in my life.

Continue to fill my heart to overflowing with Your love.  
Allow me to share Your love with the whole world -  
Especially with those on the margins and with all those who have never known the hug of God's Love,  
We make this our Valentine Prayer.  
Amen.

**Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,248.80**

**Family Circle: Receipts: €278.00 Prizes: €200**

