

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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Christ, the Son of the Father, conquered the power of death and opened for us the way to eternal life.

EASTER

A few months ago I took a 6.00 a.m. flight. I had a window seat and as the sun was rising, the air hostess had stopped at the row I was seated in, leant in and looked out the window and marvelled at the sunrise. She said that it was the time of the day that she felt closest to God. She told me that that she had named her daughter Alba, which in Italian and Spanish means 'Sunrise'.

We associate the Resurrection of Jesus with the dawn or sunrise, with new light, with a new birth, a new day, new life and new promise. In *The Joy of Love* (#317), Pope Francis writes about families gathered in 'the light of Easter'. He writes that when 'faith in Christ is part of family life then He will unify and illumine the entire family'. Pope Francis notes that families 'shape with different daily gestures a God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord.'

May this vision and a commitment to live it, be ours this Easter, to shape with words and actions of daily living 'a God-enlightened space'. Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) has a wonderful poem. "The Wreck of the Deutschland" where he uses the phrase 'Let him Easter in us.' In this phrase, he uses the noun *Easter* as a verb. Hopkins writes, 'Let him Easter in us, be a dayspring to the dimness in us.'

We can make the phrase a prayer: 'Let him Easter in us.' Let Easter come and live where we live. Let Easter permeate us. Easter as a verb to transform our present lives, as something that gives new life and new hope now. St. Clement of Alexandria (150-215) reminds us in a memorable phrase that 'Jesus has turned all our sunsets into sunrises.' It is the gift of eternal light, not beyond, in the sense of miles away, but now, close to us, who will 'Easter in us.'

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 22nd April.

10:00 am

Monday: Donal O' Donoghue

Tuesday: Seamus Kiernan

Wednesday: Patrick & Margaret Graham & deceased family

Thursday: Padre Pio Mass for Peace

Friday: Denis, Kathleen, Ollie, Frank & Pat Dennehy

Saturday: Joe & Rosaleen Harte

Sunday:

10:30 am Pat Guickan

(Month's Mind)

12:15 pm Michael Jameson

(Month's Mind)

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 29th April.

Monday:

8:00 am John & Margaret Malynn

10:00 am Paddy & Nancy McCrann

Tuesday:

8:00 am Nancy Treacy

10:00 am John Joe & Annie T Hagan

Wednesday:

8:00 am James Hughes & deceased family

10:00 am Jim & John Connaughton & deceased family

Thursday:

8:00 am Patrick Buckley

10:00 am Ellen Beirne

Friday:

8:00 am Phil Duffy

10:00 am Bridie Clabby

Saturday:

10:00 am John Wynn

Paddy Kearney

Matty & Maureen Dempsey

Mary Comiskey

Sunday:

10:30 am Patricia McCrann

(Month's Mind)



*We also remember
Carmel & Jackie Donnellan whose
anniversaries
occur around this time.*

FEATURE A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

The High Altar (cont)

(A reredos is a large altarpiece/ decoration placed behind the altar) The reredos of the High Altar is formed in two panels, either side of the Tabernacle, deeply recessed and under triple gabled arches. The harrowing scene of Our Lord's scourging at the Pillar is represented in Derbyshire alabaster on the right hand side. It is in high relief with a background inlaid with beautiful gold mosaic. On the left hand side, the panel depicts Our Lord prostrate on the ground, in His agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. An angel is shown, holding the chalice of suffering in his hand and presenting it for Our Lord's acceptance.

May Rosaries: *Holy Rosary will be recited in St. Coman's Cemetery at 4 pm every Sunday during the month of May.*

MAY DEVOTIONS *to Our Lady will be held in the Divine Word Missionaries Chapel, Donamon, at 7,00 pm during the four Sundays of May to celebrate the 80th anniversary of the SVD foundation at Donamon. All are welcome.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY APRIL 28th

2019, Divine Mercy Devotions in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon at 3 pm. Everyone welcome.

Thanksgiving: An ecumenical service of thanksgiving as part of the Opening of the Lamb Festival will take place on Wednesday, 1st May at St. Coman's Church of Ireland, Roscommon at 8 pm. Everyone welcome.

Apostolic News From Elphin Diocesan Apostolic Workers helping to support Missionaries abroad. Many thanks for your continued efforts and support with the sale of Easter Chicks. Due to your hard work we are pleased to support the following Missionaries: 1) Fr, Brendan Foley, Brazil, 2) Sr. Rita Carey, South Africa, 3) Fr. Joseph, Kottar, India. Sincere thanks to the knitters, finishers, distributors & sellers and of course the generous contributions of the faithful in purchasing same. As the Chicken fund is ongoing to the coming days there is still time to purchase at €2 each. More news later.



ROSARY: During the month of April 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 - Workers in War Zones. For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

PERMANENT ADORER REQUIRED: For the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover the following hour Friday 3 - 4 pm. Please phone 086 1990450 if you can help.

**TRÔCAIRE ENVELOPES / BOXES SHOULD BE RETURNED BY
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL:

Blessed Sacrament Chapel will re - open at 11 am on Wednesday 24th April.

May Masses and Devotions at the Shrine at Our Lady of Clonfert Church 2019, Daily Mass (Monday to Saturday) at 8pm with guest preacher, Mass at 12 noon each Friday, Nursing Homes, Schools and Groups welcome, Sunday Mass at 10am and 7pm For the 4 Sundays in May , Special Mass for Exam Students, Anointing of the Sick, Deceased Relatives and Friends, Blessing of Children and Parents, full programme avail at Clonfert Church, Parish Facebook Page Parish of Eyrecourt Meelick and Clonfert, or at Clonfertdiocese.ie or at Parish Office Eyrecourt (090)9675113.

Ark of Divine Mercy will host Divine Mercy Sunday at Cluain Ciaran Clonmacnoise on Sunday 28th of April starting at 2.00pm. With Procession of the Image of Divine Mercy Adoration, Rosary. Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Concluding with Holy Mass. Celebrant Fr Luke. All are most welcome. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on087 7828283 or arkofdivinemercy@gmail.com.

Notre Dame Cathedral: *Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy go to the people of Paris as their Cathedral is ruined by fire. It is dedicated to Our Lady. Construction began in 1163 and completed in 1345. During the French Revolution 1789-1799, the Cathedral was ransacked and sadly re-dedicated to the 'Goddess Reason.' It was returned to the Church in 1801. It survived two world wars and the 1960's riots. Notre Dame Cathedral receives 12 million visitors annually. JC*

YOUTH MASS: *The 7pm Vigil Mass on Sat 27th April 2019 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 priests. **The theme of the Mass will Gratitude.** 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. All are welcome.*

ALTAR SOCIETY: **Group ii is scheduled for the coming week.**
Group iii is scheduled for the week commencing 29th April.

***SPRING STATIONS:** We would welcome invitations from families to have station Masses in their homes. We would especially like to have Masses in those areas where there have not been station Masses for some time. Again, we would like to emphasise that a cup of tea and biscuit is all that is expected. To book a station, please phone Parish Office on 090 66 26298 or contact any of the Clergy.*

Month's Mind Mass of Liam Og (Cag) Treacy will take place in St. Croan's Church, Ballymoe on Saturday 27th April at 8 pm.

Work Matters at the Library Events: **Jobseeking – Success depends on clarity - Be clear about what you really want!** Presented by Evelyn Cormican, Blueprint Coaching and Training Tuesday 30/04/19, 6.15 – 8.15pm Roscommon County Library. Free-of-charge and booking required. Ask at desk or tel.: 090/ 6637277 or e: library@roscommoncoco.ie



ROSCOMMON GARDEN CLUB next meeting is on Monday 29th April at the Abbey Hotel. 7.30PM start with Spring Plant Sale followed with a talk by Kevin Begley of Coolwater Garden Co Limerick whose garden the club will be visiting on the annual day trip which is on Saturday 25th May.

Macra na Feirme celebrates its 75th anniversary this year and to mark the milestone Roscommon Macra will be hosting a commemoration event on Sun May 5th, which will provide a unique opportunity for members, past and present to gather together for a reunion. In anticipation of this event, Roscommon Macra will host a launch night on Thurs April 25th at 9.30pm in Hannon's Hotel. A book will be published nationally to mark the milestone through a series of photographs and Macra is seeking your memorable photos from any era for consideration. Why not bring along your photos and memories to the launch night and meet up with friends from the past. Hope to see you there. Any queries please contact Debbie 086 780 8987.

Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit to visit Roscommon Library:
The Irish Heart Foundation Mobile Health Unit will visit Roscommon Library on Wednesday April 24th from 10am to 5pm. Don't miss out on your chance for a FREE blood pressure check with an Irish Heart Foundation Nurse.

Roscommon Active Retirement Group: Would you like to join Roscommon Active Retirement group on a 6 day coach/ferry trip to Yorkshire from Friday, 2nd - Wednesday, 7th August, 2019 based in Harrogate? Half board hotel accommodation with excursions each day to places of interest - Yorkshire Dales; York city; Haworth and Skipton. Cost £670 pps. Coach pick up in Roscommon town. Booking now at 086 192 5411

Bundoran St Vincent de Paul runs a holiday centre that provides accommodation to anyone that needs a holiday in a relaxing & caring environment at an affordable price. **Bundoran Holiday Centre. 6 Nights Full Board €220.00 per person. Contact Georgina Fox 087 2434528.**

Roscommon Music School will be starting a new term of lessons in Roscommon Town at Rosbowl. Tuesday evenings from 30th April. €15 per half hour for private lesson in any instrument.

PLEASE NOTE : NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON SUNDAY 5th MAY.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,380.00

