

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Lifting up his hands he blessed them. As he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven.'

THE WONDER OF THE GOSPEL:

Last Sunday was the feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury in the Anglican Church calendar. He was sent to England by Pope Gregory who was pope from 590 to 604. Augustine was the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is known as the '*Apostle to the English*' and was the founder of the English Church. He brought with him a copy of the gospels which is still in use in Canterbury Cathedral. The Canterbury Gospel Book has stood the test of time. It has persisted fresh and beautiful through all the trials of history, wars, political, royal betrayals, wreckage of empires, the making and breaking of governments, the splits between the Christian churches and in timely ways the redeeming Love that comes to us all from beyond time as a gift and blessing.

The gospels unfold for us the story of the life of Jesus. Every time a priest or deacon proclaims the gospel, he kisses the book as a gesture of reverence and respect for God's word. On special occasions the gospel is blessed with incense. The gospel is central to the church as a vital source of hope and inspiration. It is the story of strength made perfect in weakness and of Love triumphing against the odds.

I love the human story told by St. Bede. He tells us that after Pope Gregory sent Saint Augustine to England, he took fright and flight. Bede tells us that he wrote to Pope Gregory asking if he could be allowed to turn back and have an easier posting somewhere else!! Bede quotes a letter from Pope Gregory in which he encourages Augustine's resolve and says: '*Go on in faith, Christ and his gospel will see you through.*' Good advice for today's wounded church. The ancient scrolls of vellum with its first gospel words and images, the Canterbury Gospels, the Book of Kells, the gospel Apps on mobile phones, the streaming of the gospel via the online video networks, using graphics-based internet sites, tell us the unchanging gospel message for today: **the astonishing love of God for each one of us.**

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

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| MONDAY (Bank Holiday) | 8 am | No Morning Mass |
| | 10 am | Kathleen & Frank Donnelly |
| TUESDAY | 8 am | Hal & Maire Doorly & deceased family |
| | 10 am | Deceased members of the Gannon & Stone families |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 am | Special Intention |
| | 10 am | Katie & Martin Hoare & deceased family |
| THURSDAY | 8 am | Morning Mass |
| | 10 am | Deceased members of the Dowling & Harlow families |
| FRIDAY | 8 am | Morning Mass |
| | 10 am | Olivia McCormack |
| SATURDAY | 10 am | Michael O' Donnell |
| | 7 pm | Vigal Mass |
| SUNDAY | 12:15 pm | Thomas (Tommy) Hynes (Month's Mind) |



We also remember Brian Gerard Mongan, Patrick Mongan & deacease family whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Mary MacGuigan**, Sleaveen. **Peggy Finn**, Goff Street.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.



Rest In Peace

CEMETERY SUNDAY: WILL BE HELD IN ST. COMAN'S CEMETERY THIS YEAR ON SUNDAY 9th JUNE. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED THERE AT 7 P.M. We invite families to use this opportunity to tend to their family grave.

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



RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Christian Community — Jack Patrick Dowd & Matthew John Fallon.*

St. Thérèse First Class Relics of St. Thérèse & her parents St. Louis and St. Zélie Martin which were in Knock recently will be in Athleague Church on Sunday June 16th 2019 from 2.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Mass at 3 p.m. Celebrant Fr. George Agger SVD. Followed by veneration of the Relics. All are Welcome.

FEATURE A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

The Pulpit

The 8.5-metre-high pulpit corresponds in style and character to the High Altar and Our Lady's Altar and was also designed by the sculptor Edmund Sharpe. The body of the pulpit is supported on 6 columns of coloured marble and there are steps from both sides. It has 5 sides richly carved and divided by green polished marble pillars. On the face in the centre panel there is a sculptured group "The Sermon on the Mount". In the other four panels are statues of the four Evangelists. There is a richly carved 6.7 metre canopy in the shape of the imposing canopy over the High Altar as a replica over the pulpit. It terminates in a tapering, graceful spire and cross that reaches almost to the apex of the transept arch.

ACCORD PRE-MARRIAGE COURSES - 21st & 22nd June 2019, 23rd & 24th August 2019, & 25th & 26th August 2019. Pre-Marriage courses can be booked on the Accord website: www.accord.ie



AREA DISTRIBUTORS: Pentecost Envelopes are ready for distribution. They are available in the Sacristy before/after all Masses this week-end. Please collect as soon as possible, Pentecost Sunday is Sunday 9th June this year. Many thanks for your assistance.

"The Mass explained". A video lecture from Bishop Robert Barron as he walks us through the Liturgy. In St. Coman's Club Monday 3rd June at 8pm. The Bishop asks "why would anyone want to stay away from the Source and Summit of the Christian Life"? All welcome.

Grandparents' Association—Roscommon Branch: Meeting in St. Coman's Club on next Tuesday 4th June @ 10:30 am. New members very welcome.



ROSARY: During the month of June 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. Evangelization - Priests. That priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are the most poor.

ROSCOMMON MAKE THEIR POINT TO MAYO. A mixture of euphoria and optimism swept through Roscommon town, parish and county last Saturday evening. It still lingers in the air following the win over Mayo after a wait of 33 years. Roscommon know the upheaval of defeats. Mac Hale Park in Castlebar is named after Archbishop John Mac Hale of Tuam. He was born in 1791 and was such a frail baby that he was baptised at home in Tubbernavine, Co. Mayo by Father Andrew Conroy the local curate, who was later hanged during the Irish Rebellion of 1798. Here, just like the game last Saturday are historical instances that no-one could have predicted!! The baby John Mac Hale became an Archbishop against aggressive British objections. He was a bishop for a record 56 years!! Roscommon, as a newly crafted team with edge and a resilient self-belief win against Mayo after a wait of 33 years which was the three decades or so of the earthly life of Jesus! For the parish historical record: **Mayo 0-17 ; Roscommon 2-12** *John Cullen.*

Annual Jubilee of Marriages: The Annual Jubilee of Marriages in the Diocese of Elphin will take place on Sunday 7th July 2019 during 12.30pm Mass in St Anne's Church, Cranmore Road, Sligo. Bishop Kevin extends an invitation to all those celebrating the anniversary of their marriage, especially 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th... There will be a celebratory meal (optional) afterwards in the Sligo Park Hotel. For more information and to book, please contact Sabrina at stannesparish@eircom.net or 071-9145028. Booking is essential.



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

Mayo Roscommon Hospice is looking for volunteers to help with National Sunflower days for hospice 7th & 8th June at stores in Roscommon town. Any time you can give would be most appreciated. Contact 0949388666 or email info@hospice.ie



SUMMER BRIDGE in Hannon's Hotel starting on Wednesday June 12th at 7:45 pm. All bridge players welcome.

Family Carers Ireland is hosting a Public Meeting on the 10th of June in The Bloomfield House Hotel at 10am to end at 1pm with a free lunch. Families caring from counties Laois Offaly Longford Westmeath/Meath Roscommon will be in attendance. All TD's and MEP's are invited from all of these areas are asked to attend to listen to the voice of carers and their challenges. This event is free: A Free Bus will be laid on but it is essential that you contact me immediately at 086 8099494 Please text your name and your phone number if you are attending/ also do you require a seat on a bus. It's vital a large number be in attendance. We are a rural area The Fair Deal is not very fair to The Family Farms or Family Business. Anybody having to go through the A&E system will have some harrowing stories to share I have no doubt. These are the stories that need to be shared. Thank you Bernie Dowling email:- bdowling@familycarers.ie 086 8099494.

Roscommon GAA Kelloggs Cul Camps 2019. The annual Roscommon GAA Kelloggs Cul camp will take place in Dr Hyde Park from **Monday July 1st to Friday July 5th** from 10am to 2.30pm daily for boys and girls aged between 6 & 13 years. Each child who attends the camp will receive a Jersey, half-zip training top and backpack. Cost of the camp is 60 Euro per child, 115 Euro for two, 160 for three, and 45 euro per child thereafter. **Please note It is essential Booking is done online at kelloggsculcamps.ie to guarantee your child a place at the camp due to camp capacities.** For further information please contact Willie Hegarty Roscommon GAA Games Manager on 086 8356227 or email willie.hegarty.gm@gaa.ie

Befriending Training If any organisation/Community group is interested in setting up a Befriending Telephone calling Service/Befriending Visits in their local area there is training available in the Mayo/ Galway/Roscommon region. This is a new service in the West to support older people living at home. For more information on dates of upcoming training please contact Bernadette Moran, Community Coordinator for **ALONE**, 083 1314046

New weekly social dance for over fifties is coming to Roscommon every Wednesday! Starting from this Wednesday the 5th of June in Hannon's Hotel from 9pm until late. Refreshments and games are supplied, bring your dancing shoes and your friends! See you on the dance floor...

A church-music workshop with the renowned American composer and performer Tom Kendzia will be held in the Sacred Heart Church, Roscommon next Saturday 8th June 2019 from 3.30 pm to 5.30 pm. The workshop will be followed by a light lunch and afterwards Tom and the choir will sing at the vigil Mass at 7 pm in the Church. The workshop is open to all and registration is on the day. The cost is €15. All singers and lovers of choral music welcome. See www.facebook.com/roscommon.solstice.choir/events/327243904615973 for further details.

FOUND - a small sum of money was found in the vicinity of the church car-park. It was handed into the Roscommon Garda Station and can be collected there.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,311.97

Thank You