

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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'The apostles had all met in one room..... And something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit.'

Promise. Presence. Power. Peace

In Angela's Ashes by Frank Mc Court he describes a scene from school during religion class: "*The Master tells us we have to know the catechism backwards, forwards and sideways. But as sure as God made little apples, he'll make Catholics out of us, he'll beat the idler out of us and the Sanctifying Grace into us.*" While the scene is both tragic and semi-comical, it is a reminder to us of a danger that is always lurking: to impose instead of proposing faith. We need to propose and put into practice our faith vision with clarity and charity in our actions and words. Love for one another should be the hallmark of all our initiatives and projects.

Pentecost is an invitation to see all God's people on a journey towards the future, striving to be better, more tender, more loving, more respectful. Our church, local, diocesan, national, universal is a place where people of all ages are cherished, valued and safeguarded. This is the sing of the Spirit's gifts and fruits at work among all of God's people.

It is often said that very few are atheists when confronted with a storm at sea. The sheer force and might of the waves leave people open to the idea of a power greater than themselves. Pentecost celebrates the presence, promise and power of the Spirit in our lives. We celebrated Confirmation here at the end of March. It was the day to accept from God the gifts of joy, generosity, peace, wisdom and an understanding heart. I often think that many people will wrangle for religion; they will write for it; they will fight for it; they will discuss it and even die for it – anything but live it.

There is a thirteenth century hymn COME HOLY SPIRIT, in Latin, VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS, we ask the Holy Spirit to '*pour out dew on our dryness, to melt the frozen and warm the chill*'. As we ask the Holy Spirit to '*renew the face of the earth*', we pray to be generous in the work of conservation and to have a deep respect for the planet that God has given to us, so as to hand it on the next generation, especially to the 84 newly Confirmed in our parish.

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY (Bank Holiday)	8 am	No Morning Mass
	10 am	Mary & Patrick Moriarty & deceased family
TUESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	10 am	Mike Quigley
WEDNESDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	10 am	Margaret & Joseph Hoare & deceased family
THURSDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	10 am	Maureen, John & May Merriman
FRIDAY	8 am	No Morning Mass
	10 am	Owen & Sarah Corcoran
SATURDAY	10 am	Peggy Kelly
	7 pm	Vigil Mass



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of - **Frances Burke**, Knocknacarra, Galway and formerly of Ardsallagh, Roscommon. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends.



CEMETERY SUNDAY: WILL BE HELD IN ST. COMAN'S CEMETERY TODAY, SUNDAY 9th JUNE. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED THERE **AT 7 P.M.**

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.

REMINDER: **THERE WILL BE NO 8 AM WEEK DAY MASS DURING THE COMING WEEK.**

ADORER REQUIRED in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to cover the hour **Wednesday** 4 - 5 am. If you can help please phone 086 8068259. **Any assistance** would be greatly appreciated.

Pilgrimage to Fatima 9th - 16th September 2019. Spiritual Director: Rev. Tony Gavin, P.P. 7 nights full board Santo Amaro Hotel. Cost €779 p.p.s. Single supplement €175 (limited availability). A pilgrimage with a comprehensive itinerary. Booking deposit €200 payable to Joe Walsh Tours. Bookings now open. Further details & bookings contact Anna Condrón on 090 6482228 or 085 7700198.

FEATURE A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

The Ceiling of the Sanctuary

The incredible decoration of the cupola (the dome-like, tall structure over the Sanctuary) is the work of Craftworkers Ltd., Dublin. This is a representation of the dedication of Ireland to the Sacred Heart. In the centre, the Sacred heart is enthroned and before it, St. Patrick kneels with a scroll on which a map of Ireland is traced. Around him are the Archbishops of the Irish Provinces. Behind are bishops, priests and laity, all making an offering of Ireland to the Sacred Heart. On the ceiling angels are portrayed holding scrolls. The remaining portion of the Sanctuary is conventionally decorated with the vine, the lamb, the sealed book, the cross, the chalice and a variety of Eucharistic emblems.

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:



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 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.

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.



LOUGH DERG DAY RETREAT. A day retreat to Lough Derg on Saturday 14th September - bus leaving church car park at 6:30 am sharp. Contact Noreen Treacy on 090 6625209 / 086 3529916 or Teresa Hand 090 6661188 / 087 1206343.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED wish to thank all who supported and contributed to their mission. A total of €1,963.21 was raised.

D – DAY

Thousands of Irish men & women fought with the British, American and Canadian armies against the expansion of the Nazis under a ruthless Hitler who set the benchmark for human depravity at Auschwitz, Birkenau, Treblinka and other death camps. D- Day celebrates at this time its 75th anniversary. Troops landed on Normandy to rescue countries that had been enslaved by tyrants. Two world wars wreaked havoc on Europe, sending millions of soldiers and civilians to their deaths. The European Union and NATO were formed in response to the world wars. Sadly, Europe is fragmenting because a narrow populism is on the rise. Britain wants to leave Europe. Negative voices are strident about the issue of refugees and displaced people. Recent EU elections saw nationalistic politicians stride forward. Pope Francis referred to the two world wars on his return from Romania and he warned of the dangers of not learning from history. He added: *'Pray for Europe...for unity.'* John Cullen

Relic of St Padre Pio: The first class relic of St Padre Pio is coming to the Carmelite Abbey, Loughrea, on Saturday June 22nd at 12pm. The life size statue of St Pio will also be present. There will be Mass and Confession. Michael O Connor, Killarney, will give testimonies of the healings that have taken place recently . Afterwards, there will be blessings with the relic.

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

Elphin Diocese's annual 3 day pilgrimage to Lough Derg takes place Friday June 21st to Sunday June 23rd. All persons over 16 in good health welcome to participate. For more details, including bus travel option, see www.elphindiocese.ie/lough-derg or contact Justin on 087 6171526.

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 Solstice Choir performing in the Kilbride Community Centre on Friday 14th June at 8pm, Also singing on the night will be the children of Roxboro N.S. Tickets costing €10 are available from Roxboro N.S (0906625703). Proceeds will go to the funding of an astro pitch at Roxboro N.S. It promises to be a great night's entertainment, your support would be much appreciated.

Roscommon Town Comhaltas Branch will hold its next music session in Doorly's Pub from 6pm to about 8.15pm on this Sunday 9th. June.

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.roscommon@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...

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,729.13

Thank You