

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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Jesus said to his disciples: 'Give them something to eat yourselves.'

REAL PRESENCE

Today, we celebrate the gift of the Lord's presence to us. God sent us Jesus to be with us. He was born into this life. He laughed with those who were happy. He mourned with those who were sad. He wept over the closed hearts of the people of Jerusalem. He healed the sick. He welcomed the outcast. He hugged lepers. He welcomed sinners. He ate with them. He called people back to God's love. He never tired of inviting people to God's forgiveness as a gift. He challenged those who were in power.

On the night before he died, he was betrayed and denied. He washed the feet of the disciples as an example of love and service. He gathered them for a meal of special remembrance. He took bread, asked a blessing upon it, broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: *"Take this all of you and eat it. This is my body given up for you."* He then took a cup filled with wine and asked a blessing upon it and gave it to his disciples saying: *"Take this all of you and drink it. This is my promise in my life's blood poured out for you and for the world. Do this in memory of me."*

Altars know the prayer of centuries. Year after year, decade after decade, in hope and in trouble, prayers are poured out, blessed and broken, in presence and absence. Altars locate wordless mysteries. We gather in consecration and Holy Communion at the table of the earth. The Lord gently tip toes into our lives. Think about it in a grateful prayer. He comes as a wafer-thin sensation, light, dissolving, almost air. The Lord's presence is a miraculous, wondrous mystery in our midst. Yet, this is how he comes through wine and bread, hiding low, down here below, where even in darkness, a real presence shines in bread and wine.

John Cullen

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	8 am	Michael, Bridget, John & Mickey Blighe
	10 am	Eileen Haughey
TUESDAY	8 am	Seamus & Tessie Hunt, & Treasa Connolly
	10 am	Paddy, Margaret & Seamus O'Donovan, Sarah & Laura Cuttle
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Kathleen Leonard
	10 am	James & Mary Kate Kearns
THURSDAY	8 am	Kitty, Sean, Mick & Breege Ruane
	10 am	Frances & Paddy Smyth & deceased family
FRIDAY	8 am	Austin Healy (Snr)
	10 am	Kathleen Folliard & deceased family
SATURDAY	10 am	Thomas Coyle
	7 pm	Denis Nagle (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	10:30 am	Peggy Finn (Month's Mind)



We also remember Ann Marie (Nan) Kelly, Tom & Mary Mongan, Baby Eamon Mongan, Mary Ellen McDonagh & Martin Mongan whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of - **Geraldine Connaughton**, New York formerly of Weekfield and Lanesboro Street. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends

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.



PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Please note the special envelope called *PETER'S PENCE* in your box. This collection expresses our attachment to Pope Francis and gives him the means to exercise his ministry of unity in the Church. This special collection contributes to the worldwide charitable work of the Pope. Your generosity will assist him in helping the poor and the many people in the world who face difficulties and disasters, leaving them bereft and with nothing. This collection takes place throughout the Catholic Church all over the world.

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SUMMER DAY TRIP - to Cistercian Abbey, Roscrea and Birr Castle gardens on Tuesday 9th July. Bus departing at 9 am from Sacred Heart Church car-park, Roscommon Town. All welcome. For more information contact 086 3861954.

FEATURE A WEEK IN OUR CHURCH

The Clock

On the 25th June 1915, 104 years ago this weekend, the people of Roscommon and Kiltewan presented over £600.00 to Rev. Canon Cummins, who said that with their kind permission he would use the money exclusively for the installation of a clock. The clock mechanism was made by Mr. John Smith and Sons, of the Midland Clock Works of Derby, England, and is dated 1915. Canon Cummins said "*This clock will be a work of public utility. It will tell the time to us, to those who come after us and at every stroke will bring us nearer to eternity*"

Ark of Divine Mercy will host a one day Pilgrimage to God's Cottage Glendalough with Fr Thady Doyle (Curates Diary) on Saturday 27th of July 2019. Bus will be leaving the Church car park Roscommon at 7.20am Stopping at B& Q Athlone. Bus stop: Moate & Kilbeggan Church. Cost €20 Deposit of €10 secures your seat. Details from Kathleen O'Connor 087 6600190 or Paul Woods in 087 7828283 or Arkofdivinemeracy@gmail.com

Novena to the Sacred Heart will continue to Friday, June 28th during the daily Masses. There are eleven windows above the high altar in our church. From left to right facing the altar, the sixth window depicts the Sacred Heart appearing to St. Margaret Mary. It is an exquisite work of art. Sean O' Casey (1880-1964) wrote a play in 1922 called: *Juno and the Paycock*. It is set during the Irish civil war. There is a memorable line in the play: "*O God have pity on us all. Holy Mary, where are you when my darling son was riddled with bullets? Sacred Heart of Jesus, take away our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh. Take away this murdering hate and give us your own love.*" It is one of Sean O' Casey's many contradictions that he called on God so often in his plays. Devotion to the Sacred Heart has inspired people because it is an expression of God's love. The words of the 1913 hymn *Sweet Heart of Jesus* asks that the Lord would '*unfold the treasures of thy grace, so that when we fall, sweet heart, O love us still.*' It is reminder of God's love for us.

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Roscommon serve up a feast of football.....and win, win, win.

Roscommon produced a breathtaking display of attacking football in the second half of a thrilling Connacht Final to bring home the Nestor Cup. Roscommon seemed to concede in the first half as they battled to win possession. But in the second half, the Rossies broke the deadlock and released the grip that Galway presumed they had on the game. It was a commanding display from Roscommon whose manoeuvrability was tactical, strategic and skilful. The Roscommon supporters were as they say around here '*slightly previous*' in their understandable eagerness to celebrate before the final whistle. They rushed off the pitch like the rapid exits you witness in a Church after Mass!!

Pearse Stadium was opened on the 16th June 1957, when on that day, Galway beat Tipperary in hurling and Kerry in football. Bishop Michael Browne blessed the grounds. He was Bishop of Galway from 1937 to 1976! Roscommon made history on the 16th June 2019 by winning the Connacht Final against all odds and predictions. The score for parish records: **Galway 0 -12; Roscommon 1-13**. It was a unique birthday present for the Roscommon Manager, Anthony Cunningham.

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Tobernalt Holy Well Sligo: Rosary in honour of Our Lady of Fatima at the Holy Well on the 13th of each month until October, beginning at 8.00pm. The statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on display for the Rosary. All welcome to come along.

"The Mass explained". A video lecture from Bishop Robert Barron as he walks us through the Liturgy. In St.Coman's Club Monday 24th June at 8pm. The Liturgy of the Word .Lesson 3 "God speaks our story" .Lesson 4 " Responding to God". All welcome

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

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2019: The annual Church Gate collection in aid of the assisted pilgrims section will be taken up on 29th/30th June. This year 59 assisted pilgrims from the diocese will travel to Lourdes as part of the annual pilgrimage and money collected at church gates will be used to defray the costs of this section of the pilgrimage.

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.



Rally for Life, Saturday, 6th July, 2.00pm, Parnell Sq. Dublin City centre. Come along and show your support for the right to life of every human person, especially the smallest and most vulnerable of all - unborn babies. Bus leaving Roscommon Church car-park at 8.00am. Cost £18. Mass at 12md celebrated by Bishop Doran prior to the Rally. Booking now 086 846 2284

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.

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

Irish Wheelchair Associations Coastal Camino 2019: Are you looking for your next big adventure? If so, why not sign up for Irish Wheelchair Association's **Coastal Camino Walk**. This exciting walk is suitable for people of all age groups and all levels of fitness, following a beautiful trail of 103km from the maritime city of Vigo to wonderful Santiago de Compostela next October. All funds raised will go directly towards helping us to continue to deliver vital services to people with disabilities in your community. Check out this link for more information: www.iwa.ie/camino or contact *Suzanne Costello* on 087 6562877

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

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,953.22

Thank You