

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Jesus said to Thomas: "Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe."



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UPDATE

Sincere thanks to all involved in the celebration of the Easter ceremonies in Roscommon Church last weekend and a Happy Easter to all.

Parish Radio Masses will continue to be broadcast from Roscommon Church on 105.9 FM Monday – Friday at 11.00 am, Saturday 10.00 am and 7pm (Vigil) and Sunday 12.15 pm. Weekend Masses will be also broadcast on Facebook Live Video <https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

The Parish Office is open for telephone calls (090-6626298), texts (0877903324) and emails (roscommonparish3@gmail.com) from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Roscommon Church will remain open for individual prayer for those who may be on their daily exercise from 12pm to 5pm Monday- Saturday and 2pm -5 pm on Sunday, but please observe all HSE guidelines on Covid 19.

Likewise Kilteevan Church will be open everyday from 10.30am to 7.30pm for private prayer.

Any parish updates can be found on parish facebookpage: <https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

Thank you again for your prayers and generosity. Please keep safe and well.

-Fr Kevin and the priests of the parish.

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Fionán Raftery Patrick & Margaret Graham
TUESDAY	11 am	John & Margaret Maylynn Elizabeth & Christy Quinn
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Mick Hoare Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Nancy Treacy Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Denis, Kathleen, Pat, Frank & Ollie Dennehy Pat Patterson, Kathleen & Owen Patterson
SATURDAY	10 am	Joe & Rosealeen Harte & deceased family
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Morning Mass



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Canon Peadar Lavin**, Sleaveen, Roscommon. **Tara Noone**, Ballyleague & formerly of Carrownabrickna, Roscommon. We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

COVID-19 Community Outreach (CCO) is a new national initiative set up to link and support the work of thousands of community and voluntary organisations who are responding to meet the needs of the most vulnerable people in our communities, including people who are advised to ‘cocoon’. CCO is coordinated by The Wheel and Irish Rural Link, and is funded by the Department of Rural and Community Development. There is a CCO Local Champion in every Local Authority area who are working as part of the Local Authority Community Call programme who will help to identify gaps in much needed services in communities to ensure that no person is left behind at this time. Your Champion for Roscommon is Niamh Nolan and she can be contacted on 085-1265195. The Roscommon Local Authority helpline is 1800 200 727 and is open from 8am to 8pm 7 days a week.

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to all who dropped in their parish envelopes in the Parish Office letterbox and our special box in the church over the last couple of weeks. It is greatly appreciated.



Unlocking our Lock-down

As you read this reflection the chances are that somewhere in the background you can hear the welcome or unwelcome sound of the ticking of a clock. It's a noise perhaps we hardly noticed in our busy pre Covid -19 world. Whilst many of us hear the tick of a modern battery operated device, others hear it powered by the more conventional swinging pendulum. A swinging pendulum is maybe symbolic of how many peoples lives feel at this moment in time.

Very few of us are escaping mood swings and very few escaping fear. We can swing from fear of catching the virus, serious illness or even death (our own or our loved ones) to fear of financial loss, permanent job loss and fears for the future economy. The good thing thankfully for many of us is that between these two fears, whether it is because of our faith or the support of others, we pass through the ‘pendulum centre’ where fear eludes us and we are hopeful and relaxed amidst all the uncertainty. The problem, however, is when we get stuck, let it be on the far left or the far right of the pendulum and become paralysed by our fear.

This Sunday's Gospel though gives us heart, as we meet Jesus' closest followers, in their own ‘lock-down’ after his execution as they refuse to move out for ‘fear of the Jews’. When the Risen Christ breaks through however and appears to them, all is transformed and they receive peace and hope. They also are given courage to move out and spread the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Whilst many of us are not permitted to move out or urged to stay at home, for the time being at least, we must look out though for the Risen Christ who is trying to move into our isolation and confusion and give us hope and peace these days and weeks.