

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



'No one come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too.'



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Spreading the right virus

Since this current pandemic started we have all heard stories of both elderly people thankfully making great recoveries as well as some young people tragically losing their lives. A stark reminder to us all of the 'devious' nature of the coronavirus and the importance for us to keep up our efforts to stay safe and adhere to the government guidelines and restrictions.

However, it seems there is another 'virus' out there that we must also protect ourselves from and be careful not to pass on to others- negativity. This is as big a pandemic as any physical disease and perhaps equally as destructive.

Of course we need to express our negative feelings and emotions to a trusted friend, family member or counsellor in these difficult times, but just as the restrictions set limits to our physical interaction with others through social distancing etc., so too we may need to restrict our exposure to those who may infect us by unhelpful conversation or media posts and in turn discipline ourselves not to infect others in what we say or write. It's interesting in this Sunday's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, almost like a virus the 'word of the Lord continued to spread' at a rapid rate. The Good News of the resurrection of Jesus was infectious.

It's apparent even before Covid 19 arrived on our shores that we have somehow been successful in curbing the spread of the 'good news virus' in the community. Or could we even say the vaccine for the word of God has been availed of by very many people long before now?

The hallmark of being a christian is of course being realistic of the challenges ahead but also being positive and hopeful despite the difficulties. That's why as highlighted on RTE news this week, it's encouraging to see in our own parish and locality good news and hope being broadcast through local radio and other media outlets.

So during these days let not our fear of coronavirus hinder us from accepting the word of God that wants to make it's way into our lives. A Word that includes Jesus's sentence in this Sunday's gospel: 'Let not your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me'

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Tommy Harlow & deceased of the Harlow & Lee families Elizabeth Mellett
TUESDAY	11 am	Pat & Nora Fullard & deceased of the Fullard family Eamon Holian, Thomas & Kathleen Holian & deceased family
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Kay Gately Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Jim Ryan Bridgie Neilan
FRIDAY	11 am	Michael McPhillips & deceased family
SATURDAY	10 am	Morning Mass
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Mickey Donlon (Month's Mind) <i>(Moher, Ballyleague)</i>

Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2020

It is with great disappointment that we convey the news about our pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. It is postponed and will be rescheduled for 27th August 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, governments and health authorities (Ireland and France) have placed restrictions on movement and introduced physical distancing as a means of reducing the spread of the virus. It is in the light of these and other measures but above all, the health and safety of our pilgrims that this decision was made. Thank you for your support and understanding. Let us trust in our loving God, seeking our Blessed Lady's protection and the intercession of St. Bernadette.

Prayers at Home

In these extraordinary times when we cannot gather for Mass, we would encourage you to download and print out this prayer booklet for use at home. Perhaps consider printing off some copies to pass on to people who may not have internet access. While you can pray this at any time, a good time to do so would be at the time Mass is normally celebrated in your local parish. <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/prayers-at-home-when-gathering-for-mass-is-not-possible/>



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.

They will also be broadcast on weekdays (Mon-Fri) on Ros FM 94.6 FM and live streamed on rosfm.ie

Sunday Mass at 12.15pm will be broadcast on Facebook LiveVideo: <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/>

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*Please pray for all Brazilian mothers who celebrate their national Mother's Day today  
Sunday 10th May.*