

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



**'I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth.'**



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## **We are not abandoned**

Most of us are familiar with the RTE series 'At Your Service' where Sligo brothers John and Francis Brennan are invited by new or existing entrepreneurs to make their hotel or restaurant more successful and attract more customers. It is noticeable though, in addition to the lead up to the fan fare of the official opening, another crucial part of the venture is the follow up visit 3, 6, or 12 months later to support these business people with teething problems and encourage them to persevere despite initial disappointments.

Scripture in our liturgy in these days of Eastertide detail the initial 'setting up' as it were of the community of Jesus' believers – the church. As baptised christians we too have been invited to be part of this community which doesn't promise an altogether easy life but does include joy and hope as a central tenet of it's faith.

It would seem very natural therefore, in this present time of pandemic, where there have been widespread cancellations across the whole of society and many feeling sad or afraid, to think that we have in a way been abandoned by Jesus and that his 'follow up visit' too has been cancelled.

This feeling is further compounded by the fact we can't even gather to worship despite Jesus' words of instruction in scripture: 'Wherever two or three are gather in my name, I am there in the midst of them' (Matthew 18:20) We are reassured though in this Sunday's gospel, that the Lord has 'not left us orphans' and that his spirit is breathing more than ever in the midst of this present crisis, to help us and to invite us to new ways of looking at things and to new unexpected joys.

So as May 18<sup>th</sup> draws near, we ask the Lord's blessing on all workers and businesses who please God will return, with our present essential workers, to be 'at our service' over the coming weeks. We pray that they will be safe and well as they help to gradually reopen our country and restore some joy and hope to our lives.

*Fr Kevin*

### Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Harte family Mairead O' Connor (formerly Cloonbrackna)
TUESDAY	11 am	Mary, Hubert & Kathleen Quigley Mary & Joseph McNamara & deceased family
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace Jack, Rose, Delia & Nora Flanagan
FRIDAY	11 am	Conor Dempsey Tom & Eileen Gorman
SATURDAY	10 am	Gerry Lunt & deceased members of the Lunt & Feeney families
	7 pm	Walter Hally (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Mary MacGuigan (1st Anniversary)

**COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:** ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

#### 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.

#### St Vincent de Paul (Roscommon, Galway, Mayo)

We are living in very strange times. Covid 19 has changed our lives in so many ways. At this time we are all encouraged to reach out to our neighbours, to help and to give to others who are in need. But we must also remember that we all need help sometimes. That is what the St. Vincent de Paul is there for, to help and support people through tough times, times like this when we stand on such unsteady ground. We are here for you. Often we can find it so hard to ask for help or admit that we simply can't cope, but now is not a time for that now is the time to ask. Ask for that help that you are so good at giving, ask for that support that you have offered to others. Think of the St. Vincent de Paul as your friend, your neighbour, your someone that you can rely on for friendship and support. We know it can be hard to ask for help, but please know from the minute you make that phone call or send that email you will breathe a sigh of relief because we will listen, we will help and we will be there for you. Please contact SVP on (091) 563 233 or email [info.west@svp.ie](mailto:info.west@svp.ie) or visit our website at [www.svp.ie](http://www.svp.ie)

#### THANK YOU

Sincere thanks again to all have dropped their parish envelopes into the parish office letter box and our special box in the church over recent weeks. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Also Bishop Kevin has arranged you can donate online at [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie) and choose 'Roscommon' parish. Many thanks



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](http://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](mailto: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 Kiltveevan Church will be open everyday from 10.30am to 7.30pm for private prayer.

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