

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



'The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock.... One by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out.'



## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Kevin Fallon P.P	66 26298
Fr. Joe Fitzgerald C.C.	087 2903310
Fr. Pravin Dhason C.C	66 26189
Fr. Séan Beirne C.C ( <i>Kilteevan</i> )	66 26374

Email: Parish.Office: - [roscommonparish3@gmail.com](mailto:roscommonparish3@gmail.com)

Website: [www.sacredheartroscommon.com](http://www.sacredheartroscommon.com)

Church Radio: = 105.9 fm

Facebook Page :<https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

## Searching for the Good News

12<sup>th</sup> March, 27<sup>th</sup> March and 10<sup>th</sup> April are dates in 2020 I think that will be etched on peoples minds for many years to come. Whether it was from Washington or Government buildings these are the days our Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, stood up to address the nation on the Coronavirus. It's fair to say each and every one of these speeches, whilst not intentional and for various reasons, brought shock, upset, fear and concern to almost every citizen on this land. As this newsletter goes to print it appears that another such speech is imminent as we greet the month of May, where again there is little or no good news on the immediate lifting of restrictions.

Whilst we acknowledge the illness and death the virus has caused and the great work of the front-line workers we can't deny how hard it has been for the public to be hit by these four 'sucker punch' speeches. Our hair indeed is growing thick but also our patience is running thin.

This is in sharp contrast to those in our first reading this Sunday who in a different time listened to Peter stand up to give a speech. On this occasion the listeners received joy, comfort and hope. We are told they were 'cut to the heart' by his words and responded with enthusiasm to take action.

During these difficult days we so badly need a 'good news' speech to bring us peace and not discomfort. Thankfully we are taking heart from words from various sources. It may be in a verse on Whats App or whether it is from Roscommon, Knock or Maynooth, radio and online Masses have brought us some solace during these stormy times. Also on this Vocations Sunday it is worth pointing out that one of the greatest joys and privileges of ministry is to bring the Good News of Christ to peoples' lives, particularly when they are at their most difficult.

This current pandemic has reminded us more than ever that we can't always rely on earthly supports and comforts but can trust in the loving care of the Good Shepherd who, despite appearances to the contrary, is looking after each and every one of us these difficult days and weeks.

*Fr Kevin*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Bernie Hoare
TUESDAY	11 am	Deceased of the Hill family Bridie clabby
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Ellen Beirne Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Alice Forde, John, Michael & James Forde Phill Duffy
FRIDAY	11 am	James Quinn & deceased family members
SATURDAY	10 am	Morning Mass
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Tommy Hynes (1st Anniversary)



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 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/>

**Stay with us Lord; for it is almost Evening – Short Online Reflections.** The six Western Dioceses (the Tuam Province) have planned a new initiative as part of the ongoing response to the pastoral challenge presented by COVID-19. One of the important Gospel stories of these Easter days is the account of how the two disciples met the Risen Jesus on the road to Emmaus and how they asked him: "Stay With Us Lord ; it is almost Evening". With this in mind, we are inviting you to join us for a short (20 min.) Reflection, each Sunday evening at 6.30 pm between now and Pentecost. Each reflection will be given by a different guest presenter and will be broadcast on webcam from a different location in the West. This Sunday, Deacon Frank McGuinness will give the reflection live from St Patrick's Church, Strandhill [www.churchservices.tv/strandhill](http://www.churchservices.tv/strandhill)

**THANK YOU** - *Sincere thank you to all who dropped their parish envelopes into the parish office letter box and our special box in the church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please keep safe and well.*

**A Deed of Kindness.**

What can I do to brighten  
this sad old world today?  
Perhaps a deed of kindness  
to someone on the way,  
a moment spent in listening,  
a friendly spoken word,  
the time to stop and be there  
and tend the cry that's heard.

*Source: Celtic Prayers & Reflections by Jenny Child*