

SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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FEAST OF BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)



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UNPRECEDENTED STRENGTH

The word 'unprecedented', so often used in recent weeks, has generally been linked to the negative things that have happened in our world in terms of illness, deaths, restrictions and lock downs.

However, as we begin to please God to slowly emerge from this Covid crisis, we acknowledge also a lot of positive things have happened in the last while that have also been 'unprecedented' This of course includes the response from government, health officials and the front-line workers. Whilst we may have lost many to the coronavirus, health workers have remarkably contained the infection in very difficult circumstances.

On 23rd April a room mate of my aunt in a nursing home tested positive for Covid 19. Today, after being separated for a few weeks, they have been reunited in that same room, both in great health. Thankfully there have been many other good news stories.

It seems very many of us in our own individual situations have also had to 'dig deep' to try and find strength and sustenance outside of the normal resources we have been accustomed to.

We are very similar to the Israelites in our first reading this Sunday, whom Moses described as eating manna that their fathers had not known.

Our own parents and grandparents had their own share of hardships but they have never known the particular difficulties we have had to face in recent times. Equally though perhaps they maybe haven't noticed some of the things that can keep us going through our own 'dreadful wilderness'.

Moses says today 'Man doesn't live on bread alone' and we have learned we don't live only on haircuts, meals out and Sunday Game Live

So though we are unable to gather on this feast of Corpus Christi we still celebrate that Christ has been bread for our lives during this crisis and we look forward to many other 'unprecedented' sources of support from Him and others in the days and weeks ahead.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Owen & Sarah Corcoran Katie & Martin Hoare & deceased family
TUESDAY	11 am	Patrick & Mary Moriarty
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Padre Pio Mass for Peace
FRIDAY	11 am	Anne Browne Eileen Haughey (Birthday Remembrance)
SATURDAY	10 am	May, John & Maureen Merriman
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Eddie Mullen (Month's Mind)



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -
Fr. Martin Mulvaney P.P. Rooskey/Kilglass who died suddenly at the weekend.
Fr. Martin served as a curate in Roscommon parish from 2001 to 2002.
Mac (Immacula) Crean (née Moran), Ardsallaghmore, Roscommon Town.
Laurence Fallon, Dysart, Ballinasloe, brother of Sr. Mary Fallon, Cruby Hill, Roscommon Town.
We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

MESSAGE FROM FR KEVIN

Now that I have returned 'physically' to the parish, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr Pravin, Fr. Sean and all the ancillary staff for their help over the last couple of months.

We also welcome back Fr. Joe who also has been 'laying low' since the beginning of Covid restrictions.

A special thanks too to all of you, our parishioners, for your support, prayers and kindness since curtailment of Masses began in Mid March.

It is hoped that we will be able to reintroduce Mass safely in Roscommon with a limited congregation by mid July. Further details will be announced later. Thank you again for your patience and support.

- Fr Kevin

Lough Derg Online

During the month of June, Lough Derg is offering opportunities to have an experience of retreat and pilgrimage from wherever you are. Online Retreat Days continue on 13 and 18 June. From 27th – 29th June people can do the Three Day Pilgrimage from afar, along with the Prior and team. To register for this historic event and for full details of what is happening during June go to www.loughderg.live Tel. 071 9861518 or Email info@loughderg.org

Elphin Diocesan Online Conversation: Care For Our Common Home - Moving From Words To

Action? 8 - 9 pm Tues 23rd & Thurs 25th June. All welcome to participate. See www.elphindiocese.ie/common-home for more info.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE national support line supports 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.

UPDATE

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/roscommonandkiltteevanparish/>

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 Kiltteevan 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/roscommonandkiltteevanparish/>