

# SACRED HEART CHURCH ROSCOMMON

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**



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## **Fear to forgiveness**

Fear is something to a certain extent can serve us well in our daily lives. If we see or hear an oncoming car we jump out of the way for fear we will get hurt. Only for there was fear amongst our health officials and general public in March this year, the chances are Covid 19 would be spiralling out of control at this stage. Yet as we celebrate Pentecost Sunday this weekend it seems courage, the opposite of fear is equally as important. Being a gift of the Holy Spirit it was courage that enabled the disciples to overcome their fear of the Jews and move out and spread the good news of the resurrection.

Courage, one could say, has been the hallmark of our essential and front-line workers this last while and it is something maybe many more of us need in the coming weeks as we move out from closed doors and open up our shops, churches and other amenities in a safe way.

Leaving our present situation aside, sadly lack of courage for some people in the past has led to great darkness in their lives.

Those who have had to endure abuse, insults and oppression and have failed to speak up for themselves have made bad situations worse and enabled perpetrators to continue their evil ways. Yet whilst we also acknowledge all this, we see another surprising twist happening in our Pentecost gospel which applies to us too. It seems we must also couple courage in our lives with forgiveness for those who hurt us.

This forgiveness is not just an essential part of being Christian but it is often the only way to experience true peace and healing.

Nelson Mandela put it well as he referred to the day of his release from jail on February 11<sup>th</sup> 1990: 'As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison.'

So in these days and weeks, let us escape our self built prisons, leave behind our hurts and enjoy the peace both courage and forgiveness can bring.

*Fr Kevin*

## **Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Donal O' Donoghue
TUESDAY	11 am	Dan & Thomas Dolan
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Deceased members of the Gannon & Stone families
FRIDAY	11 am	Gary & Bride Lindwurm Olivia McCormack
SATURDAY	10 am	Paul Mulryan
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	12:15 pm	Morning Mass



**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -  
**Tommy Casey**, London formerly of Circular Road, Roscommon Town.  
**John (Jack) Kelly**, "Avondale", Ballyleague, Lanesboro father of Mary Tully, Hawthorn Drive.  
We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

### **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](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.

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

### **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)

### **PENTECOST ENVELOPES**

As Covid 19 restrictions have made usual deliveries difficult, Pentecost envelopes are currently available for collection in the church and can be returned in the Parish Office letterbox. In Kiltveevan Pentecost envelopes are also available in the parish church and can be returned to the Parochial House, Kiltveevan. Sincere thanks for your continued support and generosity during this pandemic. It is greatly appreciated.

### **The Sacred Heart**

Love is the Heart of God  
the Heart of Jesus  
the heart of you and me  
All that is of love  
is of You, O God.

'Tis love that takes us beyond ourselves  
to the world of each other  
across our fears  
touches our unbelieving  
softens our unforgiving  
heals our wounding.

O why is it we resist You so?

*Noel Davis*