

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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A LENIENT GOD

'A week is a long time in politics' is something we need little reminding of in the last few days as a newly appointment government minister is sacked after 17 days in office. Whilst there are perhaps political reasons for this decision as well as some media pressure, it is often puzzling how the selection or deselection of cabinet ministers operates.

Of course, nobody condones drinking and driving but one must ask the question is the quest for a perfect senior government official the best way forward either.

We note from our scripture this Sunday that ruthlessness and discipline are replaced by words like leniency, forgiveness, and repentance.

Whilst a week may be certainly a long time in political life ,with Jesus a month or even a year is very short in his kingdom as He wants to give everyone a chance to bring goodness to fruition even if it runs parallel to selfishness and sin, in the same way as a farmer doesn't pluck up the weeds straight away lest he pull up the good crop with it.

When Jesus picked his 'cabinet' of apostles very few, if any, had squeaky clean records with no skeletons in the cupboard. The Lord called them and calls us not in spite of our weakness but because of it.

Each of us is a mixed bag of good and bad, weeds and wheat and we are not to despair at our failures. Rather we should realise that our own experience of weakness will help us show Christlike compassion to those we meet in daily life who are burdened too by their own humanity and shortcomings.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Betty Connaughton
TUESDAY	8 am	Jim & Jenny Banahan
	11 am	Morning Mass
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Morning Mass
FRIDAY	11 am	Morning Mass
SATURDAY	11 am	Catherine & John Carr, Nonie & Pat Scanlon
	7 pm	Vigil Mass
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



We also remember Mary, Peter & Katie McDermott, Eddie McGuinn whose anniversaries occur around this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of - **Teresa (Tess) Jones (née Costello)**, England and formerly of Abbey Street, Roscommon Town sister of Tom & Pauric Roscommon & Willie Co. Wicklow.

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to her bereaved family and friends.

WEBCAM

We are pleased to announce that thanks to the generosity of parishioners in recent weeks we have been able to purchase and install a permanent webcam in Sacred Heart Church to video live stream church services on the internet.

You can view our Masses on www.churchtv.ie and select 'Roscommon'

We will continue to broadcast also on parish radio 105.9FM.

Thanks again for your support

UPDATE ON THE REOPENING OF THE SACRED HEART CHURCH

Thanks to the hard work of Roscommon Parish Covid 19 Support Team and the generosity of those who have volunteered for stewarding and cleaning, we are looking forward to reopening the Sacred Heart Church to public Mass on next Tuesday July 21st. at 8.00am.

Our new Mass schedule is as follows:

Monday: 11.00am

Tuesday: 8.00am & 11.00am

Wednesday: 8.00am and 11.00am

Thursday 8.00am and 11.00am

Friday, 11.00am

Saturday 11.00am and 7pm (Vigil)

Sunday 9.00am and 11.30am

Please note given the large population of our parish along with the social distancing capacity of 100 approx. in Roscommon church, weekend Masses will be arranged on a station area basis until further notice.

As we reopen, parishioners are kindly requested (A) Not to attend church if they suffer from flu like symptoms or have tested positive for Covid 19 (B) Follow the directions of stewards when they attend Mass (C) Bring their own hand sanitiser if possible as an added safeguard against coronavirus (Church will be sanitised by volunteers between Masses).

Thank you for your continued prayers and support and we look forward to meeting you over the coming days and weeks.

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**Weekend Masses for the 25th/26th July arranged on a station area basis are as follows:** 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Abbey Street & Church Street

9 am Boher & Gallowstown

11.30 am Ardkeel/Ballybride

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### MASS INTENTIONS FOR MONDAY OR FRIDAY

As there is a change in Mass schedule for Mondays and Fridays, Mass intentions booked for the 8.00am on those days will transfer to the 11.00am . Thank you for your cooperation.

### **BAPTISMS**

Bookings for baptisms have resumed, please ring the parish office on 090 6626298 for more information.

## **CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

We are pleased to announce the following rescheduled dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion in the parish:

### **CONFIRMATION:**

Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August – Gaelscoil de hÍde & Kiltewan N.S.

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September- St Comán's Wood Primary School

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – St Comán's Wood

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November– Gaelscoil de hÍde

Parents and young people will be contacted in the coming days with specific times etc. We ask God's blessing on all our candidates at this special time in their lives of faith.

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### **Lough Derg Pilgrim Walk**

Lough Derg Lakeshore and Ancient Pilgrim Path reopens for visitors. Walk & Pray the Ancient Pilgrim Path with the Prior on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org) or email [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

### **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.

### **The Sacred Heart** **A Reflection by Noel Davis**

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?