

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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TREASURES OF THE HEART

Someone was asked recently 'How did you get over the lockdown?' to which they replied, 'I loved it!'

A truly shocking and selfish response it would seem considering all the physical and psychological suffering there has been since the pandemic began in March. I would hazard a guess though to suggest this same person would not 'love' or relish a second wave or lockdown if God forbid either were to come our way.

However, it would appear what the pandemic has taught many of us is that the things we envisage as essential ingredients for a happy life e.g. the usual trappings and pleasures, turn out to be not that necessary at all. We have gained perhaps the wisdom of Solomon in our first reading in that our priorities in life should not be wealth or success but rather a discerning heart.

In other words, a heart that is at peace is our greatest treasure and as Jesus points out in his parable, this is a pearl of great price only attained sometimes by forfeiting many other things. It will be interesting for example in the coming weeks and months, health advice allowing, will the simpler celebrations of baptisms, weddings, First Communions and Confirmations be less special and joyful despite they being perhaps less lavish?

We continue our prayers at this time for a vaccine for this terrible virus, but we also discern the 'good' things arising from it that we should hold onto when we emerge eventually from this global pandemic.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Kitty, Sean, Mick & Breege Ruane
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	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	Kathleen Beeston
SATURDAY	11 am	John & Mary Hannon
	7 pm	Mary Fallon (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass

Weekend Masses for the 1st/2nd August arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

- 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Ardsallagh
- 9 am Ballygalda/ Stonepark south
- 11.30 am Ard-na-Greine & Athlone Rd

Weekend Masses for the 8th/9th August arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

- 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Ardsallagh Beg
- 9 am Cloonbrackna/Boyle Rd/Essex Grove/EssexLawn
- 11.30 am Ballybohan

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.

FR PRAVIN- THANK YOU.

Whilst we will miss him in Roscommon we thank Fr. Pravin for his dedicated service to the parish over the past 4 years. We wish him every blessing as he takes up his new appointment as Administrator in Oran Parish.

Mass Intentions for the week commencing 2nd August:

MONDAY	11 am	Kathleen, Frank & Paddy Donnelly
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Anne Sharkey
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Roger Killeen
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Gary & Bride Lindwurm
	11 am	Maureen Mulryan
FRIDAY	11 am	Tomas O' Donnchadha
SATURDAY	11 am	David Fallon
	7 pm	Danny Clancy (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	

SACRED HEART CHURCH MASS SCHEDULE

It has been a pleasure welcoming back parishioners the past few days. Thank you for your support. Weekend Masses for this weekend 25th/26th July arranged on a station area basis are as follows:

Our new Mass schedule for next week is as follows: Monday 11.00am, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8.00am and 11.00am, Friday, 11.00am, Saturday 11.00am and 7pm (Vigil), Sunday 9.00am and 11.30am.

You can also view our Masses online at churchtv.ie/roscommon or tune into them on parish radio 105.9FM.N.B. Weekday Masses are open to anyone however there may be restrictions in the event of a funeral taking place at the 11.00am Mass. Mass also continues to be celebrated in Kiltreevan Church at 10.00am on Sundays.

FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM FR. PRAVIN

As I embark on my fourth year here in this parish, I think about all the wonderful people who have taken such good care of me and who have made my transition to life in Ireland so seamless. I have been blessed to have worked with such wonderful priests of the parish who helped me so much while I was in this parish.

At this time, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the parishioners of Roscommon- Kiltreevan who shared such love, kindness and support to me particularly during the lockdown when it was a trying time for everyone.

I am now moving away but not far away as I take up my ministry as the Parochial Administrator in the parish of Oran. I would be very grateful to you if you could keep me in your prayer at this time of transition as I too will keep you in my prayers. You are most welcome to call out to me at any time in Cloverhill.

I will be leaving the parish with very fond memories.

Missing you all in the ministry of Jesus Christ,

Fr. Pravin Dhason.

CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

CONFIRMATION:

Saturday 29th August – Gaelscoil de hÍde & Kiltveevan N.S.

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th September- St Comán's Wood Primary School

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 8th November – St Comán's Wood

Sunday 15th 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.

BAPTISMS

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

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

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 18th & Sunday 19th July. Guided Contemplative Walk begins at noon. Approx. 4hr, 12k moderate loop. Booking essential, full details www.loughderg.org or email 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.

**PLEASE NOTE : NEXT ISSUE OF NEWSLETTER WILL BE ON
SUNDAY 9th AUGUST.**