

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

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### *IN GOD'S OWN TIME*

Just over a week ago, on a Thursday evening, the country was shocked to hear the number of daily new cases of Covid 19 had risen sharply to 85. The Acting Chief Medical Officer Dr. Ronan Glynn, however, said in his address that though the jump was concerning, it wasn't the time for knee jerk decisions in relation to advice around restrictions etc. Whilst decisions have been made since about the pausing again of phase 4 of the roadmap, I thought his approach that night was to be highly commended.

It reminds us all that when faced with surprising and upsetting situations, it is important not to panic and to stay calm.

This is the exact advice given to the disciples by Jesus as they found themselves in the eye of a storm on the lake and were tossing about in the waves. They were terrified and just when they thought things couldn't get any worse, what seemed like a ghost appeared to them from the water. As it transpired this was the turning point as they soon realised it was Jesus assuring them everything is fine, and the storm will pass. The message for us is similar in that the time not to be making decisions or assumptions is in the middle of a storm and to rather try and judge things in the cold light of day.

In our first reading, Elijah tries to identify where God is in his life. It's not in the earthquake or the fire or the mighty wind but rather in the gentle breeze. So it is with us the prompting of God is rarely in the dramatic. It is rarely too in the bully who seeks an instant response or a quick answer.

It is far more likely we find Him in the less hurried approaches to us in the events and people who whilst they may suggest we change from our present position, they propose we do it in our own good time and most importantly at a pace God himself would prefer or allow.

*Fr Kevin*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Tommy Nevin
TUESDAY	8 am	Thanksgiving Mass
	11 am	Vera McCarthy
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Tom Kilduff
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Pat & Margaret Burke (Goff St)
FRIDAY	11 am	Frank & Martin Brennan
	7 pm	Michael & Annie banks
SATURDAY <i>(Feast of The Assumption)</i>	11 am	Mons John Naughton
	7 pm	Frances Burke (1st Anniversary) & Sean Burke
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass

**Weekend Masses for the 15th/16th August arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:**

- 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Abbeyville / AbbeyVale / Glenview /  
The Spinney
- 9 am Castle Street / Castle Park / Cherry Drive /  
Brookvale Ave
- 11.30 am Cloonbrackna Ave/ Cloonbrackna Court /  
Fallon Ave

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**RECENT DEATHS:** Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of -

**Maidie (Mary) Hannon** (née Farrell) Abbey Street, Roscommon Town.

**Bertie Brennan**, The Spinney, Roscommon Town.

**Ann Bourke**, Claremorris, mother of Angela Bourke, Convent Court.

**Fr. Gerard O'Rourke**, San Francisco and formerly of Abbey St.

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

### **Mass of Chrism**

Bishop Kevin will celebrate the Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 4.00pm in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Sligo. As this is the Mass at which the priests of the diocese renew their commitment to their priestly ministry, the majority of places available under the Covid-19 restrictions will already be taken. We do wish to invite as many people as possible to join us in prayer as we bless the Oils which will be used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick over the coming months. You can join the Mass online at [www.sligocathedral.ie](http://www.sligocathedral.ie)

### **A new pilgrimage on Lough Derg's lakeshore.**

*Walk and Pray* in the Lough Derg tradition on 16, 18, 22, 26 & 30 August. At times in the 1600s and 1700s when Station Island was closed by the Penal Laws, pilgrims undertook a form of pilgrimage on the lough shore. Walk in their footsteps. Contact 0 (0353) 71 9861518 or [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org) for details. Numbers are limited. Advance booking essential.

### **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](http://www.churchtv.ie) and select 'Roscommon'

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

Thanks again for your support

### **RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Christian family***

*Theodore Jezuit & Tom Noel Beattie*



### **PARISH AREAS- WEEKEND MASSES**

It is heartening to see the number of people enquiring about when their area is invited to attend a weekend Mass. The list is usually published the previous weekend in the newsletter and announced at weekday Masses. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Fr. Kevin.*

## **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 & Kiltveevan 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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### **BAPTISMS**

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

### **Online Book Club: Theology and Ecology in Dialogue with the Wisdom of *Laudato Si***

Would you like to know more about the Christian response to climate change? Join us for this 6 week book club with author and theologian Fr Dermot Lane.

Beginning August 12th, 7.30pm. To register email [info@macfd.ie](mailto:info@macfd.ie) . No previous knowledge required, and you can just listen if you want to. Why not give it a try?

### **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.

### **A DAY TO REMEMBER**

Each day presents new awareness.

Each day's treasure unfolds before you.

Look for the wealth that is present.

Admire each adventure as it is given to you.

Capture its benefits.

Enjoy its fruits.

Do not expect wrongdoing,

as this will depress you.

See only My hand at work.

Let it encourage you.

Let it become your goal.

Let it belong to you.