

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

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### NEVER GIVING UP

Sporting enthusiasts will never forget the Champions league final of 1999 when Manchester United losing 1-0 to Bayern Munich in injury time, remarkably scored 2 goals to lift the trophy.

A story then emerged of the legendary George Best, who attended the game, leaving in despair as the match entered its final minutes, therefore missing out on the joy of witnessing an incredible comeback.

It seems that the disciples of Jesus, including Peter, when looking on at the game of Jesus' life also regrettably left before the final whistle. His suffering and sentence to death was enough for them and hence they couldn't wait around any longer.

This scattering of disciples, however, during that first Holy Week came as no surprise as we see Peter in today's Gospel hearing about the suffering of Jesus but any mention of Him being raised from the dead went totally over his head.

For us when proposals or plans are put to us, we too can remonstrate because all we think of is the short-term hardship and upheaval and fail to see the bigger picture of the long term which includes reward and joy. Like Peter all we can see is the cross and fail to notice the crown.

Jesus reiterates today that if we are to be his followers, we must take up our crosses daily.

It means hanging in there when all looks bleak and the odds are against us.

It means making sure we wait around for that final whistle.

*Fr Kevin*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

MONDAY	11 am	Patrick & Elizabeth Costello & deceased family
TUESDAY	8 am	John Joe & Kathleen Ward
	11 am	Patrick, Margaret & Pat Sherlock
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Jack & Mary McDermott
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Austin Healy Jr.
	11 am	Carmel & Billy Molloy and deceased family
FRIDAY	11 am	Mary Kate & John Leydon
SATURDAY <i>(Shared Mass)</i>	11 am	Peter, Daisy & Hugh Sreenan: Gerry Karla, Josie & Paddy Murphy: Oliver & Bernadette Farrell
	7 pm	Maddie Hannon (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Confirmation Ceremony



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

**Seamus Dillon**, Oaklawn Drive and formerly Ballygalda:

**Mary Murray**, Gallowstown.

**Margaret Ward**, Cornamart, Knockcroghery.

We offer sincere sympathy to their bereaved families and friends.

**Weekend Masses for the 5th / 6th September arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:**

7 pm (Vigil Mass) Lough Road / Quarry View / Quarry Springs

9 am Crubhill / Galway Road

11.30 am Confirmation Ceremony

**(No station area is arranged for this Mass.)**

## **CONFIRMATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Please note the following dates (subject to Government guidelines) :-

### **CONFIRMATION:**

Next week-end 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

We ask God's blessing on all our candidates at this special time in their lives of faith.



### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*To the recent pupils of Gaelscoil de hÍde & Kiltewan N.S. who celebrated Confirmation on Saturday. A special word of thanks to the teachers from the schools for preparing the children and those involved in providing the music. Thank you to our Sacristan, Stewards, Eucharist Ministers and all our volunteers who helped on the day.*

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

*Aoibhinn Walsh; Alannah Sadie Casey &*

*Ciarán Joseph Quinn*



**Church Attendance / Covid 19:** In our churches, parish teams and hundreds of volunteers work hard to ensure your safety and we thank them most sincerely for that. Because of their commitment and hard work, we are able to continue our liturgies safely – weekday and Sunday Masses, Baptisms, Weddings, First Holy Communions, Confirmations and Funerals. However, each one of us must continue to play our own part and take personal responsibility. We must continue practising good hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette and physical distancing, make ourselves aware of the symptoms of Covid-19 and keep up to date with public health advice. Please sanitise your hands as you enter and exit the church. You may wish to bring your own hand sanitiser with you and sanitise your hands before you receive Holy Communion. We encourage you to wear a face covering and keep 2 metres apart from anyone who is not from your household. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, please stay at home and follow Mass online or parish radio. It is understandable that we are all growing weary of this virus but it is now part of our daily lives and will remain so for the foreseeable future. We are all vulnerable to Covid19. Stay safe and keep each other safe.

### **Return to School**

As our young people and teachers return to school we wish them every blessing as they start a new academic year. We thank all who have been working very hard over recent weeks to make this safe return possible.

**THANK YOU** *Sincere thank you to all our parishioners for dropping in their parish envelopes into the boxes in the church and into the parish office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

**Free Living Well Programme - next programme commences on Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> of September from 10.30 am to 1pm**

If you are living with a long term health condition you may be interested in doing the "Living Well" formally known as the 'Self Care to Wellness Programme'. This is a six week programme delivered in 2.5 hour weekly sessions where you will learn new skills to manage your health condition on a day to day basis. This Programme will commence on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of September. You must register in advance as places are limited to 10/12 participants. Please note you do not have to disclose your health condition on the programme. Please contact Olga on 086 6078950 or email: [olga.maguire@mayocil.ie](mailto:olga.maguire@mayocil.ie) You can find out more information on the programme on our website: [www.hse.ie/livingwell](http://www.hse.ie/livingwell)

**The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line**

Have you been impacted by a bereavement during COVID-19? Are you finding it more difficult to cope with a pre-Covid bereavement at this time? Would it help to talk to someone in confidence about your loss? The Irish Hospice Foundation Bereavement Support Line is a national freephone service 1800 80 70 77 which is available from 10am to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The line aims to provide comfort and emotional support.

**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.

**FREE COURSES (T&C) – Healthcare/Childcare/Gardening** starting in various locations. Healthcare Code 300456 and 274835, Childcare Code 293589, Gardening Code 293076. Use the codes listed to find out more information on [www.fetchcourses.ie](http://www.fetchcourses.ie) or contact Stephanie at Galway & Roscommon Education & Training Board on 091-874585, [stephanie.oconnorshaw@gretb.ie](mailto:stephanie.oconnorshaw@gretb.ie) or Sabrina on 090-6634189.

**RSG Flexible Learning College, Derrane Co Roscommon**

OPEN DAY 10.00-8.00pm on 3rd Sept. Care of the Older Person 5N2706 commencing Wed 30th September. Care Skills 5N2770 commencing on 28th Oct. Contact Monica Cooney, *Quality and Training Officer*, Tel: +353 (0)90 66 25852 (Ext. 600), County Roscommon Disability Support Group CLG, Derrane, Co. Roscommon F42 WK60