

# SACRED HEART CHURCH

## ROSCOMMON

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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### HELPING OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Whether it's in churches, supermarkets, or private homes many people by and large are continuing their efforts to try and keep Covid 19 at bay in our community. It would also seem that the mandatory wearing of face coverings in many indoor settings has a dual role. On the one hand it offers physical protection to all of us and on the other they are a visual reminder to those we meet that the virus has not gone away.

For those in positions of responsibility the pandemic has its own unique challenges. They try to strike the balance between avoiding over stringent enforcement of guidelines with the irresponsible strategy of turning a blind eye to potentially unsafe behaviour.

Irresponsibility for those in authority is alluded to in today's Scripture. In both Ezekiel and in St. Matthews Gospel it is pointed out that those with responsibility will be held accountable if they allow erring behaviour to go unchecked.

In our own recent past not only have many people been incredibly angry with the curse of child sexual abuse across society, but also with the way those in authority often failed to act and allowed further abuse to take place.

Maybe similar challenges to act decisively are before many of us, not only in the light of the current pandemic but also in relation to other types of behaviour that may be harmful to both individuals we know and those they encounter in their daily lives.

*Fr Kevin*

**Mass Intentions for the coming week:**

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| MONDAY    | 11 am    | Frank & Johanna McManus                                     |
| TUESDAY   | 8 am     | Stephen & Maddie Hannon                                     |
|           | 11 am    | Niall McDermott, Kay & Leo Finnemore and Leo Garvey         |
| WEDNESDAY | 8 am     | Morning Mass  |
|           | 11 am    | Special Intention   |
| THURSDAY  | 8 am     | Roseanna O'Brien.   |
|           | 11 am    | Eddie McGuinn   |
| FRIDAY    | 11 am    | Mary & Dan Fullard and Margaret Connor (Nee Fullard)        |
| SATURDAY  | 11 am    | Bernadette & Michael Bergin                                 |
|           | 7 pm     | Pauline Collins (1st Anniversary)                           |
| SUNDAY    | 9 am     | Victims of suicide,<br>people suffering from mental illness |
|           | 11:30 am | Joan Comiskey (1st Anniversary)                             |

We also remember Mary, Peter & Katie McDermott whose anniversaries occur at this time.



**RECENT DEATH:** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -  
**Margaret Geoghegan**, sister of Eva Moran, The Spinney.  
We offer sincere sympathy to her bereaved family and friends.

**Weekend Masses for the 12th / 13th September arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:**

- 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Henry Street / Circular Road / Riverside Avenue
- 9 am Ard Aoibhinn / Cluain Ard / Carrowroe
- 11.30 am Goff Street / Sleaveen (includes Golf Links Road & Woodberry Court)

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

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

### **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 pupils of St. Coman’s Wood who celebrated Confirmation this week-end. A special word of thanks to the teachers from the school 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 both days.*

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

*Killian Luke O’Rourke &  
Anthony Jose Oliveira Flores*



**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 Communion, 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.

### **HOP ON FOR HOSPICE—With your local Postman Joe -**

*There is a new Palliative Care Facility planned for 2021, currently being constructed in Roscommon Town by Mayo Roscommon Hospice. This facility will provide Day Care, Community Care and an 8 Bed in-Patient Unit providing respite and end of life services.*

*Many of our lives are touched by illness and I want to do my small bit to ensure that patients and their families are given every support possible at the most difficult time. That is why I’ve decided to park up my post-van and “Hop on for Hospice” to cycle my rural Post Run which is approximately 80km (depending on how many letters I have to deliver that day!!!) to fundraise for the New Roscommon Hospice House.*

*I would be really grateful if you could support this cause by donating online at <https://gf.me/u/yk5xsb> or you can just pop whatever you can in an envelope with your name on it and my An Post colleagues will make sure we get it. All donations will be entered for a spot prize draw so make sure to include your details on the back of the envelope.*

### **NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK:**

SUNDAY 13th September at 3 pm from Knock Basilica. This year, due to covid-19 restrictions, the grandparents pilgrimage will be streamed online. Grandparents and their families everywhere are invited to join online at [www.knockshrine.ie/watch](http://www.knockshrine.ie/watch). Further details are available at [www.knockshrine.ie](http://www.knockshrine.ie)

***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**

Care of the Older Person 5N2706 commencing Wednesday 30th Sept. Care Skills 5N2770 commencing on 28th Oct. Contact Monica Cooney, *Quality and Training Officer*, Tel: +353 (0)90 66 25852 (Ext. 600), Co. Roscommon Disability Support Group CLG, Derrane, Co. Roscommon F42 WK60.