

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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KINDNESS IN A PANDEMIC

Though air travel seems a distance memory for many at this point in time, we all are familiar with the instructions of air stewards during their emergency drill advising us not to attempt to place a life vest on another passenger until we have attached one to ourselves first. This could be a metaphor for our lives in general, as often unless we look after ourselves initially, it's difficult to attend to others.

We ought to bear this in mind as we try to obey one of the key commandments placed before us by Jesus in today's gospel: Love your neighbour as yourself.

We sometimes notice that at the times we are most self critical, suffering from guilt or undergoing some kind of inner conflict or dilemma we can snap at others and treat them badly. Hence the importance of self love. This self love is also linked to the other commandment presented to us today: Love of God.

Whilst St. Matthew pens this as the first commandment, maybe it should come in second place as it comes more naturally to love God only after our awareness of God's love for us, which indeed precipitates love of oneself.

Since the beginning of this pandemic we have heard it mentioned so many times that we must be kind to one another. This is so true as very few have escaped some kind of hardship since Covid 19 came to our shores

However, as we have started our second 'lock down', let us see kindness as the name of the game on all fronts.. Yes, let us be kind to others but let us also be kind to ourselves, fully aware that God is kind and gentle towards us right now no matter what turmoil or conflict we may be going through.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Kieran & Enda Kelly
TUESDAY	11 am	Bernie Ward (10th Anniversary) Michael Mulhern (Jnr) & William Mulhern
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Brian Quigley Special Intention
THURSDAY	11 am	Bridget King Winifred & Charles Kilcline
FRIDAY	11 am	Paddy, Kitty, John, Georgie & Doreen Walsh & deceased family
SATURDAY	11 am	Ray Whelehan
	7 pm	Rita Walsh (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9:00 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Morning Mass



We also remember Alan Fitzmaurice, Mary Sheeran, Brian Dervin, Pdraig McDonnell, Peter & Kate Kelly & P.J Kelly whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -
Bridie Quigley, Ballybride. We offer sincere sympathy to her
bereaved family and friends.

NOVEMBER ENVELOPES & CHURCH OFFERING BOXES

Sincere thanks to all our volunteers for collecting boxes of parish envelopes over the last couple of weeks. Thank you again to everyone as you continue dropping in your envelopes into the parish office and the special boxes in our church, as well as those who make their contributions online. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

N.B. As the boxes from some parish areas have yet to be collected, we will be making boxes available in the church at the main altar rail for parishioners from these areas in the event they visit the church over the next couple of weeks for private prayer etc.

Thank you

MASS SCHEDULE:

As you know, despite our best efforts public Masses must be suspended for the next six weeks due to the current level 5 restrictions.

Our Mass schedule will be broadcast in the meantime on the webcam churchtv.ie/roscommon and on parish radio 109.5 FM as follows:

Monday to Friday: 11.00am

Saturday: 11.00am and 7pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 11.30am

Sacred Heart Church will remain open for private prayer Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 10.30am and 12pm - 5pm and Sunday 12pm - 5pm.

Please take care and stay safe and see you back in church soon.

HOLY SOULS

Please note November lists of deceased need to be returned before 1st November in order to be placed on the Altar for the month of the Holy Souls.

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.

FIRST CONFESSION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the boys and girls from St. Coman's Wood Primary School who made their First Confession recently in the school.

Parents and parishioners are welcome to pray for them at our two Zacchaeus trees that are placed in the Sacred Heart Church. The trees include names and photographs of all the pupils who received the sacrament.

We pray also for the pupils of Gaelscoil de hÍde who made their First Confession earlier this year.

Unfortunately, due to Government restrictions, it is necessary to postpone the Sacrament of First Eucharist for the pupils of both schools. These were to take place on 8th and 15th November.

Parents and young people will be contacted in due course with new dates.

Sincere thanks to everyone for their support and understanding at this time.

ALTAR SOCIETY: Group v is scheduled for the coming week.

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.

Star of The Sea Centre Mullaghmore

Due to the introduction of Level -5 Restrictions, all events scheduled to take place in Star Of The Sea Centre, Mullaghmore, from Wednesday 21st October to Wednesday 2nd December, inclusive, have being postponed until further notice. Please contact Louise or Frank for more information on 071 9176722.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €1,475.00



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**NOVEMBER PRAYER OF BLESSING IN A CEMETERY**

**May God's perpetual light shine upon the faces of all laid to rest here.**

**May the lives they lived in our homes continue to inspire and guide us on our way.**

**May the memories we carry and share in stories, keep them alive in the love and hearth of our family.**

**May the gentle Summer rains fall like tears from the skies of heaven in a downpour of blessings on them.**

**May the wild flowers and the Summer meadows whisper their prayer in the gentle breeze of silence.**

**May the birds of the dawn chorus sing their prayer of the beauty and the joy of heaven.**

**May we always reverence this sacred clay as the holy ground that embraces new seeds of hope.**

**May each time we visit, walk, sit, kneel, pray and listen here, bring us closer to the heart of God's kind love.**

**May the Angels guide them, the Saints protect them and the prayer of Mary caress them to God's eternal presence.**

**May God raise them up on eagles wings, bear them on the breath of dawn, make them shine like the sun, and forever hold them safe and free in the palm of his hand.**

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