

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING - OFFERING SINCERE SERVICE

During this month of November as we remember our loved ones who have died, we sometimes think back to the early days of our loss and bereavement. Often two things stand out as we reflect on those dark and difficult days.

Firstly, there are thankfully the very many acts of kindness shown by many people. For example, I can distinctly remember a pub/restaurant owner not charging for a few plates of sandwiches and finger food as a small group of us gathered after a Month's Mind Mass. However, unfortunately we also don't forget the small minority who may smother us with many words and big handshakes but have total disregard for our loss by expecting us, whether it's in work or otherwise, to bounce back to business as usual and just get on with it.

All of this comes to mind as I reflect on this Sunday's gospel on the feast of Christ the King. We are told that it is in the small ordinary things that we serve Christ: 'In far as you did it to the least of these brothers of mine you did it to me'. Jesus who called himself a king didn't serve God his Father by seeking the adulation and glory of earthly kings. Rather he wanted to meet people where they were at with their real needs, whether it be illness, poverty, bereavement, or other human turmoil.

It seems that when we ourselves encounter people from time to time who are carrying huge crosses, it's not the big things or big list of words that matter, but rather simple human touches. It may be a short text, a card, a phone call or in these days of level 5 restrictions just dropping off an apple tart or cooked dinner.

There's no doubt that in this parish and beyond many unsung heroes have come to the surface amid this pandemic. Let us keep it up, let us choose our words carefully and like Christ meet people with their real needs and respond with love and generosity in a sincere and concrete way

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	James Flanagan
TUESDAY	11 am	Annie T & John Joe Hagan Special Intention
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Mary Wilson Holy Souls
THURSDAY	11 am	Paddy & Tess Hughes James, Lena, Michael John, Michéal & James (Jnr) Igoe, & Helen O' Sullivan
FRIDAY	11 am	Fr. Sean Creaton
SATURDAY	11 am	Ellen & James Molloy & deceased family
	7 pm	Bridie Quigley (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	11:30 am	Morning Mass



We also remember Mary O'Carroll and Mary (Maura) McCormack whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of -
Sr. Nora Somers, Presentation Sisters, Lusaka, Zambia
formerly of Hollygrove, Athleague, sister of Anna Geraghty, Goff
Street.

We offer sincere sympathy to her bereaved family and friends.

MASS SCHEDULE:

Our Mass schedule is broadcast on the webcam churchtv.ie/roscommon and on parish radio 105.9 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.

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you again to all our parishioners for dropping in their parish envelopes into the parish office and the special boxes in the church. Thanks also to those continue who contribute online.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated during these difficult times.

Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation is asking people to #ShineALightforHospice this November to help raise funds for vital palliative care services. This year because the Foundation can't hold its usual gathering for its tree-lighting ceremony, people are being asked to light a candle in their own home on Sunday November 29th at 6.30pm to remember a loved one, living or deceased and share in the Shine A Light ceremony from afar. During the virtual ceremony, loved ones who have passed away or indeed those who have been going through a tough time will be remembered. You can light your own candle or purchase a special Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation candle for the evening.

The #ShineALightforHospice campaign was launched recently at Knock Shrine by CEO of the Foundation Martina Jennings and Parish Priest of Knock Fr Richard Gibbons, who will help officiate at the ceremony on November 29th.

The ceremony will be live streamed on Sunday November 29th at 6.30pm on the Mayo Roscommon Hospice Facebook page so people to join in from the safety of their own homes.

You can purchase your special Mayo Roscommon Hospice Foundation candle for the evening, priced at €10, by logging onto www.hospice.ie/shop or by calling us on 094-9388666.'

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.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen

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

MASS BOOKINGS:

We are currently taking 11 am Mass bookings for 2021. Bookings can only be made by phone 090 6626298 or email: roscommonparish3@gmail.com . Please note all 11 am Masses next year will be shared intention Masses if the need is required. Funeral Masses will also still be celebrated at the 11 am Masses should they occur with any booked intentions prayed for at that Mass. A private Mass will then be celebrated for the given intention at a later time.

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.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €3,587.50

Thank You

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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.