

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

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WAITING WITH SURE AND CERTAIN HOPE

From the outset of this pandemic, even during the dark days of March and April, as we all struggled in our various ways, we were urged to remember this situation will some day pass. Of course, whilst this certainty gives us great hope, we are still living with the uncertainty as to when, which we all hope will be sooner rather than later.

Added into the mix for all of us is another certainty, though not as enticing, the fact that our life on this earth will one day end. As we remember our loved ones during this month of November, our mortality is perhaps also brought home to us once more. This is coupled with the more welcome uncertainty of when this will take place. Few of us want to know the day we will die.

In Jesus' parable today as the bridesmaids wait for the bridegroom to arrive, they also don't know 'the day or the hour'. What is important though is that they are ready, equipped with lamps and plenty of oil, regardless of the time of arrival. The message for us this Sunday is that we must learn to live with all the certainties and uncertainties of life regardless of how either sit with us. We must be ready for the surprise of joy the Lord will give us in death and be on watch, despite all our troubles, for the many pleasant surprises he will without doubt give us also in life.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	Edward Lalor (Recently Deceased) Johanna & Edward Lalor
TUESDAY	11 am	Seamus, Eveleen & Maura McGrath & deceased family members
WEDNESDAY	11 am	Lelia & P.J Fallon
THURSDAY	11 am	Mary Hanley
FRIDAY	11 am	Holy Souls
SATURDAY	11 am	Gerry Casey & deceased family
	7 pm	Thomas Owens (1st Anniversary)
SUNDAY	9:00 am 11:30 am	Morning Mass Annual Bereavement Mass



We also remember Paul Johnson, Jim, Annie & Ronan Morris, & Margaret (Madge) Farrell whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT DEATHS: Please pray for the happy repose of the souls of - **Bridie Keaney**, Caltra sister of Mary Fallon, Thornfield Drive, Lisnamult. **Teresa Murray**, Castle Street, Roscommon and Ballina. **Damian Balicki**, Ashbrook, Lisnamult and formerly of Poland. We offer sincere sympathy to their bereaved families and friends.

HOLY SOULS

Please return November lists of deceased as soon as possible in order to be placed on the Altar for the month of the Holy Souls.

‘A heavenly welcome and an open door await us. We are alerted to be ready at all times’ (Mt 25: 1-13)

MASS SCHEDULE:

As you know, despite our best efforts public Masses must be suspended 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.

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.

PARISH ANNUAL BEREAVEMENT MASS

Due to Level 5 Covid -19 restrictions, the Mass this year will take place privately at **11.30 am on Sunday 14th November** in the Sacred Heart Church. The Mass can be accessed through the following media channels; -

Church Radio: = 105.9 fm

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/roscommonandkilteevanparish/>

Webcam: churchtv.ie/Roscommon

A special candle will be lit for deceased family members on the day.

As we remember those who have died during the month of November, we pray especially that God may bless the bereaved with His peace at this sad time.

The Lord is Our Hope – A Pastoral Message from Bishop Kevin

“It has been, without doubt a very difficult and stressful year. Many people have lost loved ones and a great many more have been sick. I want you to know that you are always in my prayers and that, all over the Diocese, people are praying for you every day”. Read Bishop Kevin’s message in full on www.elphindiocese.ie

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

Athlone Community College will be accepting enrolment applications for incoming first years from Thursday November, 5th until Thursday December, 3rd. A Virtual Open Event will take place on November 12th. To register for this event, please email enrolment.acc@lwebt.ie

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.

Lough Derg NOVEMBER MEMORIAL SERVICE for deceased pilgrims and benefactors Live via webcam from St. Mary's Church, Pettigo, Sunday 22nd November at 7pm www.churchservices.tv/pettigo TO ENROL A DEPARTED LOVED ONE please contact us by email: info@loughderg.org or Tel: 0(0353) 71 9861518 or write to: Fr La Flynn, Prior, Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co Donegal F94 YC60

Accord – Relationship Counselling

Accord is open for relationship counselling in these difficult times. Professional Counsellors are available to help explore any difficulties you may have in your relationship in a safe and friendly atmospheres. Please contact Ann at 071-9145641 for more information. All HSE guidelines observed for Counselling.

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.

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2, 940.00

Thank You