

SACRED HEART CHURCH

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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WALKING UNTRODDEN PATHS

On a dark evening at the beginning of March I walked into a supermarket in Roscommon and spotted a woman wearing a mask. I uttered to myself 'Is she for real?'. Now in mid-September if I walked into the same supermarket with no mask, people would remark to themselves 'Is this guy for real?' Such is the change in mindset in a few short months.

Whist of course we hope that Tánaiste Leo Varadkar's prediction of a vaccine in mid-2021 is accurate, the pandemic has allowed us to change the way we see things and make adaptations unimaginable 12 months ago. We have also noticed the value of some of the things we have been forced to do differently.

For example, as clergy we really appreciate the positive feedback from the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. The 'simple' nature of the celebrations has taught us all there is always a different way of doing things.

Perhaps this is the message for us in Scripture this Sunday. The prophet Isaiah describes how God's thoughts are above our thoughts. It seems also there may be no such thing as a crisis in our world, society, or church. Rather it could be a signal that the breath of the Lord's Spirit is just moving us in a different direction. Jesus' parable in the Gospel challenges those who are fixated on justice when He suggests it's ok if the late starters in the vineyard get paid the same as those who worked from early morning.

Maybe we all need to learn that our own happiness is not dependent on the misery of the others, even if it appears deserved. We all perhaps require a little shaking up when it comes to how things are done in our faith life, in our work or in the home.

Our prayer today is that as Christians we have the flexibility to walk with courage the unfamiliar and the untrodden. The kind of paths the Lord might be laying out for us these present times.

Fr Kevin

Mass Intentions for the coming week:

MONDAY	11 am	George, Eileen & Marty Kennedy
TUESDAY	8 am	Morning Mass
	11 am	Paddy & Frances Smyth & deceased members of the Smyth family
WEDNESDAY	8 am	Margaret Ward (Month's Mind)
	11 am	Special Intention
THURSDAY	8 am	Mary Murray (Month's Mind)
	11 am	John Scally (2nd Anniversary), Tom & Anne Scally
FRIDAY	11 am	Harry O' Farrell & deceased family
SATURDAY	11 am	James & Gladys Hoare
	7 pm	Bertie Brennan (Month's Mind)
SUNDAY	9 am	Morning Mass
	11:30 am	Fonsy Nolan (1st Anniversary)



We also remember Ann Henry, Brendan Merriman, Vera Murray & Tom & Anne Scally whose anniversaries occur at this time.



RECENT DEATH: Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of - **Peggy Rankin (nee Feeney)**, sister of Josie Lunt, Ballybride & Martin Feeney, Lisnamult. We offer sincere sympathy to her bereaved family and friends.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

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Sunday 8th November – St Comán's Wood

Sunday 15th November– Gaelscoil de hÍde

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

Weekend Masses for the 26th / 27th September arranged for parishioners on a station area basis are as follows:

- 7 pm (Vigil Mass) Old Circular Road, Lower Walk & Sliabh Ban View
- 9 am Racecourse Road, Castle Manor, Racecourse, Corraun Village, Oaklawn Drive, Lenebane Ave & Carrownabrickna
- 11.30 am Upper Walk, Road Walk / Killerney, Blackstick Road & Cluain Fraoigh

RECENT BAPTISMS: *We welcome into the Christian family*

Aoife Marianne Concannon & Ethan Mark Hanratty



DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION TO YOUR HOME

As a parish community, we are very conscious of our vulnerable and elderly parishioners, for whom weekly or even daily Mass played a very special and important role in their physical and spiritual well-being. In their efforts to adhere to public health guidelines, these parishioners may find themselves missing out on this spiritually uplifting experience, since restrictions were first imposed six months ago. If you or somebody you know, is one of these parishioners, please contact the parish office on 090 6626298 and we will endeavour, to the best of our ability, to arrange for the distribution of Holy Communion to your home, by one of our Eucharistic Ministers. All public health guidelines will be strictly adhered to in the event of you wishing to avail of this opportunity.

LEGION OF MARY PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE - on Sunday 27th September 2020 can be viewed on Knock Shrine website: - www.knockshrine.ie and Facebook page www.facebook.com/knockshrine/ . Commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 3pm.

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.

The Season of Creation

In keeping with the spirit of his letter Laudato Si, on the care of the earth, Pope Francis established September 1st as an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. Resources are available on: <https://www.elphindiocese.ie/the-season-of-creation/>

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

Alzheimer's Memory Walk – Virtual Event

During World Alzheimer's month on Sunday, today September 20th we are asking you to join us for our first virtual Alzheimer's Memory Walk event. This September was due to be our first Alzheimer's Memory Walk with events taking place across Ireland. But, in line with government restrictions and Covid19 precautions, we've launched our 2020 campaign as virtual walk event! Going virtual will provide a wonderful opportunity for everyone to 'Walk Together', while staying apart, to help raise much needed funds for people living with dementia in their communities all across Ireland. There are over 500,000 families affected by dementia in Ireland and we wanted to hold an event that was accessible to everyone, from granny and grandchildren to our four legged friends. All details at www.alzheimer.ie

Free Living Well Programme - next programme commences on Monday the 14th 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 9th 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 You can find out more information on the programme on our website: www.hse.ie/livingwell

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 1 n-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/uyk5xsb> 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.

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.

Back to Work Restart Programme for Women - Sligo

Are you looking to get back to work? Our **FREE REStart Programme in Sligo** could be for you. This is a Back-to-Work programme for women over 35 who have been out of the workforce for 3 years or more. Build your confidence, re-discover your strengths and abilities, practice interview skills, prepare your CV and learn how to job search effectively. In this exciting program you will be guided through a series of training workshops and 1-1 coaching sessions. Please contact Brenda Donagher 0876858550 www.ruralenterpriseskillnet.ie for more information, dates and to book. See also <https://www.ruralenterpriseskillnet.ie/training/restart-a-programme-for-women/> Location: CMD Training Institute, Collooney, Co Sligo

Sunday's Offertory Collection: €2,470.00