ROSCOMMON & KILTEEVAN PARISH

PARISH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2026

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WISDOM OF VIGILANCE THROUGH VIRTUE!

As we draw closer to the end of the church's calendar year, the language of the readings especially the gospel will sound more eschatological (of final judgement), presenting different aspects of God's judgement thereby exhorting us towards readiness for God's kingdom. Of what use is our spiritual journey if it is not geared towards a final end? – the need to be ready.

The Readings: First reading (Wis 6:12-16) from book of wisdom presents wisdom as a maiden radiant and unfading willing to encounter those who desire to know her. Wisdom as a virtue, we must remember, is one of the greatest values in the ancient Israel, valued much than wealth and influence. It's believed to come from God and understood primarily as the art of living a good, virtuous life. That's why the five virgins in the Gospel (Mt.25:1-13) who were vigilant and did what they were expected were referred to as "wise" virgins. In the second reading (1 Thes 4:13-18), St Paul exhorts the Thessalonians who were expecting the imminent return of the Lord and worried about their dead relatives, to remain vigilant in their hope and not loose faith because at the coming of the Lord there wouldn't be any difference between those dead in Christ and those still living and believing. All will be taken up with to eternal life.

Take Home: We notice vigilance as a theme running through the readings. It is wisdom in the eyes of the Lord to be ready. To be ready in grace, in virtue; not ready with fear of the final end/judgement. but more especially for the love of the peace and joy and serenity that comes with the presence life of God in you. There is a joy, serenity and confidence that accompanies living a life in the Holy spirit. We need to long for and trust in the guidance of God's wisdom to make good choices. Like the Psalmist today: "For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord, my God".

Prayer: Lord that we may know your wisdom to be vigilant to our Christian calling. Amen.

- Fr. John

ROSARY

Will be recited on Sunday evenings at 4 p.m. during the month of November in St. Coman's Cemetery. Everyone is welcome.

SACRED HEART CHURCH, ROSCOMMON

Saturday, 7th November	**7 pm**	Margaret Igoe (1st Anniversary), her husband Mickie & brother Joe Salmon who passed away recently in the U.K.
Sunday, 8th November	**9 am**	Morning Mass
	11.30 am	Annual Remembrance Mass
Monday, 9th November	**11 am**	Peter & Mary Comiskey
Tuesday, 10th November	**11 am**	Betty, Harry & Francis Jameson
Wednesday, 11th November	**11 am**	Mai, Jim & Seamus Connolly, Marie & Ollie McGuinness
Thursday - 12th November	**11 am**	John, Elizabeth & Patrick Gillooly
Friday - 13th November	**11 am**	Holy Souls
Saturday - 14th November	**10 am**	Tommy Owens Sonny & Lily O'Keeffe, Christy Lunt & Vera Fahy Catherine Dwyer Mary Hanley Liam Feeley Sharon Scanlon Tom & Noreen Morris
Vigil Mass	**7 pm**	Margaret Nevin (1st Anniversary)
Sunday - 15th November	**9 am**	Mary Teresa Regan (Months Mind) & her husband Bernard (34th Anniversary)
	11.30 am	Ann Nolan (Months Mind) & her husband Fonsy



We pray for the happy repose of the souls of

AGNES GILLOOLY, Culleen, Kilteevan

FRANCIS PARKER, Ballinahown, Co. Westmeath. Brother of Tommy Parker, Lisnamult, Roscommon Town

We offer sincere sympathy and the assurance of our prayers to their bereaved families and friends.

Sacred Heart Church :

Altar Society : - Week commencing: 9th November - Group I

Offertory Collection 1st November 2026: €3,960

Thank You

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, KILTEEVAN

Sunday - 8th ***November***	**10 am**	Deceased members of the Spellman family, Killeenboy
Sunday - 15th November	**10 am**	Noreen Cummins (5th Anniversary), Aughmagree Kathleen & Michael Lough & deceased family
Offertory Collection 1st November 2026: €545		Thank You

ROTA OF MINISTRIES - SACRED HEART CHURCH		
Date	Eucharistic Minister	Reader
Sat Nov 7th - 7pm	Liz Hanly & Maura Comiskey	Martha Gregory
Sun Nov 8th - 9am	Angela Santos & Wilker Costa	Gerry Browne
- 11.30am	Lais Vilela / Peggy Naughton Pauline Hynes	Hannah Dolan
Sat Nov 14th - 7pm	Michelle Ramos & Mary Raftery	Tom Beirne
Sun Nov 15th - 9am	Tom Beirne & Teresa Hession	Frank Nally
- 11.30am	Pauline Mannion / Pauline Donohoe Martin Mannion	Conor Gilmore

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL - Adorers urgently required for the following hours: **Saturday:** 11 a.m. - 12 noon & **Sunday:** 7 - 8 p.m. Thank you for your support. If you can help out please contact Tom Beirne 086 3861954.

RETREAT: The Connaught Youth 2000 day retreat takes place next weekend on Saturday November 14th at Áras Naofa, Renmore, Co. Galway. Youth 2000 provides an opportunity for young people (16-35) to deepen their relationship with God, explore the Catholic faith & meet other young people through a structured retreat programme, including talks, testimonies & workshops. Donation only. Check out Youth2000.ie for details & to register, or contact **connaught@youth2000.ie** for more information.

HOLY SOULS: A Special Mass for the Holy Souls will take place at Our Lady Star of the Sea Prayer Centre, Curraghboy on Monday, 9th November commencing at 8 p.m. The Celebrant will be Fr. John Walsh. Confessions will be available from 6.30 p.m. All are most welcome. Enquiries 086 4054489.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 with Pope Leo XIV: The diocese is now accepting applications from parishioners aged 19-30 (at the time of the event) for the youth pilgrimage to Korea for World Youth Day in 2027. Travel dates are 27 July – 13 August 2027. For info and to apply, email Sheena at info@achonryelphin.ie with your name, age, and parish.

THE ANNUAL MASS for deceased staff members of ESB Lanesborough will be held in the Parish Hall, Lanesborough (beside the bridge) on Wednesday, November 18th at 8 p.m. All are welcome.

N.A. physical meetings on Tuesday nights from 8 - 9 p.m. in Room 13 at St. Coman's Club, Abbey St., Roscommon.

ROSCOMMON VOLUNTEER CENTRE '26 for 26' hours initiative: The United Nations' global *"26 for 26"* campaign, is marking 2026 as the International Year of the Volunteer and encouraging people to donate 26 hours of volunteer activity to a cause or charity they are interested in. Roscommon Volunteer Centre has lots of opportunities for potential volunteers to contribute to community activity in the county. We have community organisations who would welcome some help for an hour or two to support their mission whether your interest is in cultural, environment, heritage or social events such as festivals or sporting activities we can help you find a match that suits your interests and location. You can register online at www.volunteerroscommon.ie with all the details on the home page. You can also phone or drop into the RVC office in the Square, Roscommon (opposite the Tourist Office) to pick up a hard copy of the booklet which records volunteer hours completed with your chosen activity. Email contact is info@volunteerroscommon.ie or call Rachael on 089 4316477.

PLAN YOUR FUTURE INFORMATION: Fair Deal and State Pensions Information Session. Are you planning for the future or looking for information on entitlements in later life? These free community education sessions are being organised to address your information and advice needs in your local area. **Venue:** Kilbride Community Centre, Four Mile House, Roscommon. **Upcoming Event: Nursing Home Support Scheme (Fair Deal)** Wednesday, 11th November Starting at 2.00pm to 4.00pm. These free information events are open to all members of the public. For more information, please contact: **Roscommon Citizens Information Centre** 0818 07 6360 / **fiona.kilmartin@citinfo.ie**

REGAIRI RECOVERY COLLEGE: Autumn/Winter: 10th Nov - Fuelling a healthier you: Roscommon Town Library 2 – 5 p.m. Contact Amanda for more information on 0879684352 / email: regairirecoverycollege@gmail.com

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Lisnamult Residents & Tenants Association will hold their Annual Christmas Raffle on **Wednesday, 16th December 2026**. The draw will take place in the **Community Centre**, with 20 fantastic prizes to be won, thanks to the continued support and outstanding generosity of our local business sponsors. Books of 3 tickets are available for just **€5**. We extend our sincere thanks to the entire community for your continued support, which makes this event possible. To purchase tickets, please contact the office at **090-6626152**, Anthony at **087 2125684**, or Una at **086 8033503.**

HARVEST SALE: For the month of November, there will be a **Harvest Sale** every Saturday 2pm – 6pm at Castlecoote House. Tea Rooms are open.

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