

# roscommon town



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## Think Tidy this weekend

Roscommon Tidy Towns Association will hold its annual Church gate collection on next weekend 8th and 9th May. Monies collected will go towards the funding of future projects planned to enhance the town and Loughnaneane Park.

Last year's collection was matched with funding from the Amenity Grant given by Roscommon County Council on an annual basis. The green area in Lanesboro St. was transformed by the removal of the old chain and bollards to the planting of the box hedge and the trimming back on the trees. This area is now an attractive area in the centre of

town, which is on view daily to passing tourists who travel through the town on the buses. Regular clean ups take place during the week, and members meet up every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock to clean up designated areas. The National Tidy Towns competition will be judged in the months of June, July August. Judges will visit the town and mark according in the different categories, the built environment, tidiness, litter control, residential areas, wildlife and natural amenities, landscaping, road, streets and back areas, and waste minimisation.

Application forms for the annual County Council tidy estates com-

petition are now available. This is a great opportunity for residents to meet neighbours, clean their area and possibly win a prize. For more information contact the Environment office (090) 66 37262.

Clean up on Tuesday 4th May is on the Athlone Rd, meeting at Dr Hyde Park for 7 o'clock. On Tuesday, 11th May the Golf Links Rd, meeting at McNulty's. Residents in these areas are invited to join the group, gloves, bags and litter pickers will be provided. Church gate collection on the 8th 9th May, your support will be appreciated. 'Think Tidy' Lets keep Roscommon Clean.

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#### Gaels quiz

Roscommon Gaels are having a table quiz in Church St. Station at 9.30 pm on Friday 7th May. The proceeds from the quiz will be used to purchase two defibrillators to be placed at the pitches in Lisnamult and The Hyde. Table of four €30. They appeal for your support for this needy fundraiser.

#### Parents' thanks

The Parents' Association of the CBS Roscommon would like to thank everyone who supported them in their fundraising at Easter time. The sum of €841 raised will go towards the school funds. Special thanks to the sponsors, McNeill's, Londis and Molloy's of Abbeystown.

#### Ola

Would your family be interested in having a Spanish 12/13 yr. old student stay in your home for the month of July? Midland Language School are looking for friendly families who will communicate well with the student in fluent English. The students are at school from 9.30 am to 4 pm daily and are on tours on Saturdays. They would spend Sunday with your family. If interested, please phone Colette for information regarding pay etc. at (087) 941 9416. Suitable families will be selected on a first come basis.

#### Farm plastic

The dates for farm plastic collection are as follows: Roscommon Landfill on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th May. Old Road Depot, Hughestown, Boyle, (N4 Road): Wednesday 12th May. Elphin Mart (Sheep



These children were among the contestants in the Little Bo Peep and Little Master competition at Roscommon Castle last weekend, organised as part of Roscommon Lamb Festival.

Yard) Thursday 13th May & James Fitzgerald's Yard, Carrowbehy, Castlereagh, every Saturday 8 am—5 pm.

#### Recent deaths

Sincere sympathy is offered to the families of the following who died recently: Michael (Mick) Ruane, Castlebar, brother of Kay Ruane, The Walk; Peter Scanlon, Gurteen, Co. Sligo, formerly resided at The Square, Roscommon; Patrick McDonagh, Strabane, husband of Margaret (nee Mongan) formerly Lisnamult.

#### Recent baptisms

The following were recently welcomed into the Christian family at the Sacred Heart Church in Roscommon: Charlie Lawrence Kennedy; Banjamin Marcus Patrick Hone; Eachanna Jennifer Sheridan; Simone Eustelle Carroll; Coya Ann Tully; Gustavo Pereira Mascarhenas; Lavigne Salvadori.

#### Confirmation

On Saturday next Bishop Christopher Jones will be visiting the Sacred Heart Church to

confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 83 young people and six adults from the Parish. You are asked to remember them in your prayers during the coming week. Names of all children being confirmed are in a box in the Porch of the Sacred Heart Church and parishioners are asked to take a name and pray for them individually this week.

#### Galilee retreat

A Pentecost retreat entitled 'God's Spirit Living in our Hearts' will take place at the Galilee Community on Sunday, May 23rd. Facilitator Finola Cunnane SSL beginning at 10.30 am with a cuppa. Light lunch of soup and scones. Cost €25. To book, please phone (071) 966 4101 or email galilee2000@eircom.net

#### First Friday

Next Friday 7th May is the first Friday of the month. Masses at 8 am and 8 pm on that day. Confessions will be heard in the Church at 7.30 pm before evening Mass.

#### Mass time

On Saturday 8th May morning Mass at the Sacred Heart Church will be celebrated at the earlier time of 10 am instead of the usual 10:30 am to facilitate Confirmation children.

#### Volunteers needed

Vita House is in need of volunteers! If you have ever thought of doing some voluntary work in your community and kept putting it off, maybe now is the time! Remember a small percentage of your time can make a big difference to another

person's life. Volunteers come from all walks of life, they are ordinary people just like yourself. Training will be provided in accordance with your area of interest. The Book Club is ongoing. The next date is Tuesday 11th May at 11 am. A Time to Grieve is a support group where bereaved persons come together in a supportive environment, Tuesdays at 8.30 pm. Weekly meditation from 1.30 - 2 pm every Thursday. Counselling, psychotherapy and bereavement support services are available each day in Vita House by appointment. Family Mediation Service helps separated couples deal with difficult issues and reach a workable agreement and is available by appointment. For information or to book for any of the above, please call Vita House on (090) 66 25898 or email vitahouse@eircom.net.

#### Thanks

Thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning in aid of Roscommon Palliative Care at Heather Cottage, Galway Road, Roscommon, hosted by Ann Raftery, Derek and Majella Tully. Money raised including proceeds of raffle for patchwork quilt was €2,616.

#### Challenge

Are you interested in becoming a trained facilitator with ACCORD, Roscommon delivering Marriage Preparation Courses? In return you will be awarded an Accredited Certificate from St. Patrick's College Maynooth. If you are interested there is an information evening in the Abbey Hotel Roscom-

mon, on Monday 10th May at 8 p.m. Email rosaccord@eircom.net. Website: www.accord.ie

#### Retired nurses

The 13th annual national conference of the Retired Nurses Association of IREland will take place on Wednesday, 12th May at 11 am in the Shearwater Hotel, Ballinasloe. Enquiries to (090) 96 79017 or (086) 855 7999.

#### Children's Mass

Parents often have difficulty with their children at Mass. Some parishes have devised a programme that caters for young children during Mass time. Clergy at the Sacred Heart Church would like to hear from parents who would be interested and who may have ideas on this matter. If interested, please leave name and contact no. with Parish Office on (090) 66 26298 or phone Bridget on (087) 676 0317.

#### Heroic offering

Rosary and heroic offering will be recited in the Church during exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 7th May from 7.30 to 8 pm. Applications for membership of the Pioneer Association will be taken after Mass in St. Coman's Club, followed by Pioneer Council Meeting.

#### Devotions

Devotions to Our Lady of Knock will take place in the Sacred Heart Church on Saturday 8th May, commencing at 9:15 am before 10 am morning Mass. Please note change of Mass time. All are welcome.