

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 30th May 2021

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Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Spirit. We celebrate the family of God; the love of the Father, the friendship of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Theme of the Weekend Readings:

We reflect on the character of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

First Reading:

Moses calls the attention of the people to the wonderful deeds of God.

Second Reading:

We are all God's children filled with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Jesus gives his disciples the task to preach the gospel and baptise all people.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5th June: 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 6th June: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:
Wednesday & Friday: 10:00 am

All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Recent Deaths:

Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy, Rosbercon

Anniversaries:

Jim Ryan, Guilcough
John Ryan, Guilcough
Martin and Anna Woods, Ballymartin
Helena Rochford, The Bullawn, New Ross
James Murphy, Glensensaw
Edward and Margaret Conway, Listerlin
Sr. Margaret Conway, Holy Faith Sisters and Listerlin
Jimmy Doyle, Rush, Co. Dublin

The Trinity by Patrick Kavanagh

"Yet sometimes when the sun shines through a gap,
These men know God the Father in a tree.
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,
And Christ will be the green leaves
That will come
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

A Message from Fr Dan: This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive". (St. Irenaeus). This is our deepest vocation; to be a good human being and to be a good Christian. We cannot be one without the other. Our deepest calling is to become the people God intended us to be. During our life on earth, we are and always will be, incomplete, imperfect. That is why we say, 'To err is human'. None of us is fully kind, fully patient, or fully moral or virtuous. We cannot live up fully to our laws or to our ideals. That is why we resent the demand that we be faultless; to be faultless is to be a bit inhuman!

Therefore, a good-humoured acceptance of human imperfection is essential if we are to be happy. We accept our limited selves and at the same time we work to develop our talents. We are a mixture of good and bad, strong and weak, faithful and unfaithful, angel and devil. Our task in life is to overcome our faults and to develop our God-like qualities. So, we try to be unselfish, loving, loyal, compassionate, just, truthful, chaste and so on. We try to overcome fear, guilt, shame, anxiety, lying, dishonesty and the thousand vices that are part of life. We reverence good and moral people because of the help and example they give us. We reverence the three persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit who come to help us in our weakness.

On this Trinity weekend, we celebrate the love which the Father, Son and Spirit have for each one is us. It is this love that helps us to feel loved and to be able love others. It is love that makes us fully human, the people God means us to be. That is our happiness. In difficult times, when we feel that no one loves us, we can ask God for help, and even the worst day will not be as bad as we expected. God guides us each day and helps us to become more fully human. From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, (Adapted)

The Blessed Trinity: We cannot understand the mystery of God in Three Persons. We can, however, enjoy the beauty of God the Father in his creation. We cannot understand how a baby born in Bethlehem could be God but we can read with awe the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We cannot understand the Holy Spirit that Jesus said he would send us but there have been times when that Holy Spirit has enveloped us in his love.

Quote of the Week

Count your rainbows not your thunderstorms

Alyssa Knight

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th

June 2021:

Rosbercon: Sunday 6th June at 11:00 am:

John Joe Lewis and his son Derek, Assumption Terrace

Collection of Parish Funds 22nd/23rd May 2021:

Offertory Collection: € 287.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,537.00

Parish Debt on 26th May 2021: €51,354.97

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser: We thank so many who have donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. As of the 26th May 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €3,550.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €3,780.00 giving us a total of: €7,330.00. Many, many thanks for your gifts. To donate please click on this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rosbercon-parish-webcam-and-website-fundraiser>

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2020/2021:

The Diocesan Draws for January, February, March, April and May took place on Wednesday, 26th May 2021. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of all the draws.

To make you Smile: An old man lay on his deathbed. His family argued about whether he had already died. 'Feel his feet', suggested his son; 'no one ever died with warm feet.' The old man opened one eye and said, 'Joan of Arc did', and died.

Reflection: Prayer of Blessing for Examination Students

Lord, pour out your wisdom on students taking examinations at this time.

Help them to remain calm,
to attend carefully to the questions asked,
to think clearly,
to remember accurately,
and to express themselves well.

Grant that they may give of their best.
Lord, reward the work they have done.
Bring to their minds the best of the teaching they have received.

Accept their best efforts, Lord, in these examinations,
and in the great test of life on earth.
May your love be upon them as they place their trust in you.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Wisdom: "Experience is what enables you to recognise a mistake when you make it again".

Humour: From his scaffolding high up on the Sistine Chapel Ceiling, Michelangelo spotted an old woman praying below. To relieve the boredom, he put on a deep voice and shouted down 'This is Jesus Christ speaking'. She shouted back 'Shut up, I'm speaking to your mother'.

Following on from **Taoiseach Micheal Martin's** address on 30th April 2021, **Public Masses** have now resumed in Rosbercon Church. It is very good news that we are now able to pray together and celebrate Mass and the Sacrament of Baptism. Because of a Government Directive, Confirmation or First Holy Communion will not be permitted during the month of June.

Public Masses have resumed in Rosbercon and Listerlin Churches. From the month of June onwards the Saturday evening programme of Masses will be as follows: On the first Saturday of each month Mass will be celebrated in Tullogher at 7:00 pm. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month Mass will be celebrated in Rosbercon at 7:00 pm. On the third and fifth Saturdays of the month there will be **NO** Saturday evening Mass. Every Sunday of the year Mass will be celebrated in Listerlin/Mullinarrigle at 9:30 am and in Rosbercon at 11:00 am. Daily Mass is celebrated in Rosbercon Church on Wednesday & Friday at 10:00 am.

What is the capacity of the Churches of the Parish? Because of the two-meter social distancing regulation, the calculated capacity of the Churches is as follows: Rosbercon: 72, (using the side aisles as separate pods) Listerlin: 72 (two galleries) Tullogher: 50.

Entering the Church: Enter the Church through the main door only. Leave the Church by the side doors and main door. Be aware of the need to keep social distancing outside the Church after Mass.

Holy Communion: People come to Communion in single file maintaining the two-metre distance. Communion will be dropped in the hand of those receiving, without hands touching. Communion will be taken in the hand only.

Church Collections: Collection Boxes will be left at the doors of the Church for your offerings.

The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes for the support of the Priest of the Parish will be available on the weekend of the 5th/6th June 2021. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tullogher Rosbercon CE Scheme has an opening for a job opportunity in the New Houghton Hospital for an Activities Assistant. For more information please contact 086-3642592 or via email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

◆ SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World taste the freedom. Join us every Thursday morning from 07:45 am—10:30 am in the Rosbercon Parish Hall, New Ross. For more information please contact Sue on 083-3341284

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