

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 13th June 2021

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### Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Life calls for a lot of patience and trust. You can't plant an acorn today and expect to sit in the shade of an oak tree tomorrow. The same holds true of spiritual matters. We have to make the effort. But then we must be patient and trust that God's grace will take over.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** God's work often goes unnoticed but it is his power that makes all things grow, often from small beginnings.

**First Reading:** The prophet describes how a tender shoot grows from a small beginning into a mighty tree.

**Second Reading:** St Paul is full of confidence because he is motivated by his desire to please God.

**Gospel:** Today's Gospel gives us parables of growth. God's power is at work in us and generates goodness through our prayers.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June: NO MASS

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Anniversaries:

Teresa Dooley, Garranbehy

Helen Bermingham, Southknock, New Ross

Jim Vereker Snr., Assumption Terrace

Maureen Gannon, Ballyragget

**Céad Míle Fáilte:** We welcome into our Parish Community **Saoirse Mave Fenlon**, daughter of David and Samantha, Bellevue Heights, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2021.

During Masses this week we continue to pray for the **students taking Public Examinations**. May the Holy Spirit be their strength and guide at this time.

**A Message from Fr Dan: Where is Heaven?** On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, when Christ Jesus in the presence of his followers ascended to Heaven. The question is "Where is Heaven"? Where did Jesus ascend to? In the past people had a rather simplistic idea that earth was here and heaven was up there, somewhere above the clouds. We imagined it almost as a physical place and people often asked how could so many people fit there! As we know, now, the universe is one vast mystery and no amount of physical travelling would bring us any closer to heaven. So where is Heaven?

For our knowledge of the world to come, we are dependent on the coming of Christ into our world and on his life, death and resurrection. Christ came among us in human form to show us the way to live and the way to heaven. The example of Christ's life and his great love for us is our guide on the road to heaven. On our own we struggle to live from day to day, to survive and stay healthy. Our world is sometimes great, sometimes dreadful. On our own we are unable to make a great difference in creating a better society.

Christ knows of our weakness and our frailty and he comes to help and guide us. He was born into the world as one of us. He lived an ordinary life doing extraordinary things. For us he died, rose from the dead and ascended to the father. He assures us that he does not leave us alone but prepares a room for us in his father's house. He said, 'do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my father's house'.

Christ's ascension was not just Christ's journey to his Father in Heaven. He sent us his Holy Spirit to make us children of God and heirs to the kingdom of Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension is a feast of great hope. Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow and he will be there at the end of our earthly life to welcome us home.

**Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives** are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 am  
Dr. Charlie Kehoe, School House Road  
Tom O'Neill, Rickardsland North, Glenmore  
Jack O' Leary, Waterford Road  
Mary Rochford, Shambough, Rosbercon

### Collection of Parish Funds 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> May & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> June 2021:

**Offertory Collection:** € 706.00  
**Weekly Envelopes:** €1,762.00  
**Parish Debt on 10<sup>th</sup> June 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 10<sup>th</sup> June 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €3,820.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €4,395.00 giving us a total of: €8,215.00. Many, many thanks for your gifts. To donate please click on this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rosbercon-parish-webcam-and-website-fundraiser>

**The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes** for the support of Fr Dan are being distributed to the homes of the parish. Envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. Many thanks for all your generosity.

### Reflection

On many a long day I have grieved over lost time.  
But my time is never lost, O Lord.  
You take every moment of my life into your hands.  
Hidden at the heart of things,  
you are nourishing seeds and sprouts.  
You nourish buds into blossom, and blossoms into  
fruitfulness.  
While I was sleeping through the long night,  
It seemed that all work and labour had ceased.  
But when I woke up in the morning  
I found that my garden was full with wondrous flowers.

**Wisdom:** Carry your cross; don't just drag it behind you.

**The Wonder of Life:** Donal Walsh, the sixteen-year-old boy from Kerry who died from cancer in 2013, after a four-year struggle with the disease, lived hope every day in spite of his illness. It was his plea to those who contemplated taking their lives by suicide that had the greatest impact. He wrote: 'Life is precious. I was given no choice, no say in the matter; yet I hear teenagers talking of suicide as a way to solve their problems. I know I would give anything for a few more months of life on this planet; I urge you to appreciate what you have, to know that you have other options than taking your own life, and realise that help is always there'.

**Humour:** Teacher: Johnny what is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy? Pupil: One is a strong will and the other is a strong won't.

**To make you Smile:** At the end of the tunnel, there is just enough light to show you where the next tunnel begins.

### Prayer

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
That whoever believes in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world,  
Not to condemn the world,  
But that the world might be saved through him.

*John 3:16-17*

**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.

**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.

### ◆ 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

### ◆ GREENWAY BUSINESS EXECUTIVE

Please note that Alan Fitzhenry has been appointed by Kilkenny County Council and has taken up his position as the Greenway Business Executive and will help anyone who wishes to pursue a business idea / project in relation to the New Ross to Waterford Greenway. Alan can be contacted at 087—3737951 and via email at [Alan.Fitzhenry@wexfordcoco.ie](mailto:Alan.Fitzhenry@wexfordcoco.ie)

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