

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 27th June 2021

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Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel we see that Jesus healed sick people by touching them. He touched people in various ways; with his words, with his hands, with his love. The Eucharist brings us close to Jesus. We too need his healing touch in our lives.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Our God is a God of Life. Jesus came so that we might have life in all its fullness.

First Reading: God is the giver and sustained of life.

Second Reading: St Paul invites his people to be generous to those in need.

Gospel: Jesus raises the daughter of Jairus from the dead.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 3rd July: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 4th July: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 30th June: No Mass

Friday 2nd July: No Mass

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

Anniversaries:

Molly and Patrick Long, Ballybeg

Céad Míle Fáilte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Dáire Joseph Conway**, son of Mark and Marie, Brandon View, Ballyknock, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 19th 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.

To make you Smile: An African student came to study in an English theological college. When asked who he was, he replied, 'I am a black White Father!'

Volunteers needed: We are very grateful to our stewards and cleaners who look after the Parish Masses and keep us safe from Covid. At present the Masses in Listerlin and Tullogher and the Saturday evening Mass in Rosbercon are adequately provided for. Volunteers are needed to help with the 11.00am Mass on Sundays in Rosbercon. We thank all who already help with this Mass but we need more volunteers so that the same people are not called upon every Sunday. Many thanks!

A Message from Fr Dan: Building Bridges: There is an ancient story told of two brothers, John and James who owned farms side by side. Over 50 years they worked their fields' together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. One day, a foolish argument broke out between the brothers and caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers ever had in all of their time together.

The rift began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen. However, the dispute was not resolved and dragged on over a period of time. With time there was an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence. Things took a very bad turn when James, the younger brother changed the stream's path, making it into a solid border between the two farms.

The elder brother, John, was furious and he resolved to make the barrier between the two farms even more permanent. He went to see an old bearded carpenter who was a friend of the family for many years. He said to the carpenter, "You have known us over fifty years. Have you seen what my brother has done to the stream between our farms. By diverting the stream, James has damaged my farm and I want to teach him a lesson. You see those trees over by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot tall fence. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes, remembering his friendship with both brothers and eventually said: "I see". The elder brother helped the carpenter carry his tools to the wood, and then drove into town. When he came home in the evening, the old carpenter had finished his work. The elder brother walked down to the stream and was stunned by what he saw. He couldn't say a single word. Where the fence, he ordered should have been standing, a new bridge now stood. It was a well-constructed bridge, a work of art, with carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. When he saw the bridge, he ran across and embraced his older brother, and said: "You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!"

While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking home. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a while as we are going to have a bit of a celebration." But the carpenter just smiled and said enjoy your celebration and realise how much you love one another. You have learned to forgive and appreciate what you have. That is enough for me.

Change: The past cannot be changed, but the future can be. No disagreement should spoil a loving relationship. It is just a matter of learning how to build our bridges.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 3rd/4th

July 2021:

Tullagher: Saturday 3rd July at 7:00 pm:

Michael Hanrahan, Tullagher

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 4th July at 9:30 am

Rena Ryan, School House Road

Michael Ryan, School House Road

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser: We thank so many who have donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. As of the 16th June 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €3,820.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €4,665.00 giving us a total of: €8,485.00. 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.

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

Just a Thought: My life is a gift of God, given not in years, but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and he plans it to be the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone, never to return and tomorrow and all that it holds is still secret. Only today is mine and on this day, I offer my life to God with all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive my gift graciously!

Reflection

I am Love, I am Light

I am the love; I am the light,
Down the tunnel very bright
To the gates where I will stand
Ready to take you by the hand
A place of joy, a place of peace
A place where even time does cease
A place where all the answers lie,
For every time you've asked why!
You will never be alone.
I always send an angel
To bring my children home
Don't question life;
Just live it each and every day
When I call your name,
The light will show you the way.

John F O'Connor

Wisdom: "Words are plentiful but deeds are precious".

Humour: 'An hour of this rain' said the farmer, 'will do more good in five minutes than a month of it would do in a week at any other time'.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us but; those who win battles we know nothing about.

◆ SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World taste the freedom.

Join us every Wednesday afternoon/evening in Abbey Hall, Graiguenamanagh and Thursday mornings 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

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA PARISH COLLECTION

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA have just launched a Parish Collection to help fund the recent purchase of 6 acres adjacent to the existing facilities in Brownstown. Club members will be in contact with parishioners and have set a target of €50,000. Your help in providing enhanced facilities for the youth of the parish is appreciated. Further details will follow.

◆ PILATES CLASSES

Outdoor Pilates class beginning Monday 28th June at 06:30 pm weather permitting, at Rosbercon Parish Grounds €8.00 per class/per person. Pay on the evening. Suitable for ALL fitness levels. Bring your mat or a large towel and water. Its best to wear layers of clothing as you can adjust them to suit the temperature. As its outdoors—masks are optional but please be aware of how you feel exercising. Booking is essential as COVID-19 health screening forms need to be filled in before each class. For more information please contact Shirley Phelan on 085-1339049 or on Facebook through "Fitness with Shirley".

◆ FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE 2021

The Ferns Diocesan pilgrimage to Knock takes place this year on Sunday 4th July with current numbers attending restricted to 200 people attending in the Basilica. The pilgrimage will be in the format of a virtual Diocesan Pilgrimage, mass will be streamed online by clicking on to Knockshrine.ie/watch-live and on Knock Shrine Facebook page, ceremonies will commence at 2:30 pm. Bishop Denis Brennan and Bishop elect Ger Nash and Ferns Pilgrimage Director Fr. Gerry O' Leary will officiate at the ceremonies in the Basilica in Knock.

◆ SOCIAL ABILITY CARLOW/KILKENNY

Social Ability Carlow/Kilkenny is a self advocacy group. Our goals are that people with intellectual disabilities will be supported autonomously, will have their rights upheld and will become valued members of the wider community. For more information please contact:

josephinesocialability@gmail.com or pcsocialability@gmail.com

◆ LA LECHE LEAGUE KILKENNY

La Leche League Kilkenny (Breastfeeding information and support), now run zoom meetings for expectant and nursing mothers. Every Wednesday and Thursday morning from 10:30 am—12:30 pm. Contact: 086-6627290 to be included or call anytime for information and support.

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