

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 11th July 2021

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Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

We come to the Lord at his invitation, to receive from Him. And at the end of Mass we are sent out to share with others the gifts we have received. At Mass the Lord forgives our sins, speaks his word to us, and nourishes us with the food of the Eucharist. He makes it possible for us to support one another.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: People who bring the Word of God are sometimes rejected.

First Reading: The prophet Amos is told to go home.

Second Reading: Saint Paul's poem describes the beautiful way God deals with his people.

Gospel: Jesus sends out his followers to preach the message.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 17th July: NO MASS

Sunday 18th July: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon: Wednesday 14th July: 10.00am

Friday 16th July: 10.00am

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

Anniversaries:

John Connick, Millbanks

Brian O'Neill Snr., Tinneranny

Sr. Annette Walsh MMM, Drogheda and Smithstown

Patrick Walsh, Ferrybank

The Purcell family, Smithstown

Michael Fleming Snr., Shanbough

As and from July 2021, please book all Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 2.30pm. The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon. Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9.30am- 12.30pm E Mail: RosberconParish@gmail.com Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

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

The programme of Public Masses for weekends is as follows: On the first Saturday of each month Mass will be celebrated in Tullogher at 7.00pm. On the second and fourth Saturdays of the month Mass will be celebrated in Rosbercon at 7.00pm. 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 9.30am and in Rosbercon at 11.00am

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!

The Cemetery Masses for Rosbercon Parish In a recent letter to Parishes Bishop Nulty wrote: "These summer months are traditionally a time for Cemetery Masses. This is a wonderful tradition wherein we come together to honour the generations who have gone before us. It is something held dear to us as a people and for which many families come together. Sadly, as this pandemic continues, I am writing to ask that there **be no celebrations of cemetery Masses in cemeteries over these summer months**. The beautiful tradition that sees families gather, across generations and counties, is for now, best avoided. For now, the safety of people is our most important concern.

A Message from Fr Dan: Our Sister, Mother Earth: Popes, on occasion, write letters to Christians across the world. These letters are known as Papal Encyclicals. Pope Francis wrote a very powerful Encyclical Letter, titled **Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home** in July 2019. The Pope wrote this letter in the light of the grave crisis that now faces the earth and the whole of humanity, because of terrible destruction of the environment brought about by blind human greed.

In his letter the Pope presents Saint Francis of Assisi as a model of how we might pull back from the brink. The Pope recalls how Francis reminds us that the earth is our common home and is like a sister, with whom we share our life. The earth is a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Saint Francis writes, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

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The pope goes on "Guided by the Holy Spirit, Saint Francis lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself; he recognised an inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace."

He saw "nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise of our most loving Creator." He can teach us that "rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise." From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Mass Intentions for Sunday, 18th July 2021:

Listerlin 9.30 am: Margaret Malone, Listerlin

Rosbercon 11.00 a.m.: Tom Mullally, Ballyeden and his parents Margaret and Edward Mullally, Ballyeden

To make you Smile: -Turning vegan would be a big missed steak! -I have a chicken proof lawn. It's impeccable! -Drink wine; It's not good to keep things bottled up! -Electricians have to strip to make ends meet! -Our mountains aren't just funny. They're hill areas! -Puns about communism aren't funny unless everyone gets them! – Well to be frank.... I'd have to change my name! -Wishing you a happy whatever-doesn't-offend you! (From the Irish Catholic 25th June 2020)

Celtic Prayer for the Close of the Year

As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue sky,
So, the dark happenings of our days
Hide the shining of God's face from us.
Yet, if we hold Christ's hand in darkness,
It is enough, since we know that,
Though we may stumble in our going,
God does not fall

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser: We thank everyone who has donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. Between online and offline donations, we have received a total of €8,565.00 which is a wonderful testimony to peoples' generosity. We aim to close of our page on the 31st July. We need only another €435 to reach our target of €9,000.00. We would be so grateful to anyone who would be willing to donate during the month of July to enable us to reach our target!! 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 Draw for June took place on Wednesday, 30th June 2021. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

Reflection: The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient.
We want to reach the end without delay...
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown,
Something new
And yet it is the law of all progress:
That there are many stages of instability...
And these may take a very long time....

And so it is with us.
Our ideas mature gradually;
Let them grow, let them shape themselves,
Without undue haste
Don't try to force them on,
As though we could be today what time
Will make of us tomorrow
Only God can say what this new spirit
Gradually forming within us will become.

Give Our Lord the benefit of our believing
That his hand is leading us, shaping us.
Help us to accept the anxiety
Of feeling ourselves in suspense and incomplete

Wisdom: "Pray as though no work would help and work as though no prayer would help"

Humour: When a politician says 'We're all in the same boat,' he usually means he wants to play captain and the rest of us to do the rowing.

◆ SLIMMING WORLD

Slimming World - taste the freedom!!!
Join us every Wednesday afternoon/evening in Abbey Hall, Grai-guenamanagh 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

◆ PILATES CLASSES

Outdoor Pilates class every Monday 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".

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