

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 1st August 2021

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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Last Sunday we saw how Jesus gave bread to the people in the wilderness. But when they came back the next day for more he said to them 'do not work for perishable food, but for the food that endures to eternal life.' Today we pray for that spiritual food, the food that only God can give us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God gives food to the hungry and comfort to those who lose their way in life.

First Reading: God feeds his people in the wilderness.

Second Reading: St Paul urges his followers to live their lives in a new way.

Gospel: Jesus tells us to work for the food that lasts forever, the Bread of Life.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 7th August: 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 8th August: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 4th August: 10:00 am

Friday 6th August: 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries:

Packie, Sonny and Thomas Long, Ballalog

John Cullen, Garranbehy

Stephen Murphy, Mayo and Dublin

Volunteers needed: We are very grateful to our stewards and cleaners who look after the Parish Masses and keep us safe from COVID-19. 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 11:00 am 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!

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: Earlier this year **Pope Francis** established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which was celebrated for the first time on Sunday last, 25th July when Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Rome.

During the Mass, Pope Francis reminded us that grandparents and the elderly deserve our respect and praise. Among the greatest people we are likely to meet in our lives could be our own grandparents. Throughout their lives they had to endure war, shortages, scarcity and hours of hard tedious work. Times were tough in many different ways. Grandparents sacrificed everything to take care of their families and gave their children better lives than they themselves had. For their grandchildren they are caregivers, teachers and playmates. They are trusted advisors for their adult children who are now parents themselves.

For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. They are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Children understand more of who they are and where they come from, through their connection with their grandparents. Grandparents can get away with a little spoiling, which gives them a special place in a child's heart, and they tell the best stories!!

On Monday, 26th July we celebrated the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus.

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!

The Cemeteries of our parish are sacred places which hold the remains of our beloved dead. Many thanks to all those who care for their graves. Your work is very much appreciated.

Prayer: God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents. They bring such joy and happiness into our lives. Thank you for all the special times that we have with them. Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now. May they know your goodness and love always.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

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Collection of Parish Funds 17th/18th & 24th/25th July 2021

Offertory Collection: € 695.00
Weekly Envelopes: €1,656.00
Parish Debt on 28th July 2021: €47,981.16

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser: We thank everyone who has donated so generously to our Fundraiser. Between online and offline donations, we have now exceeded our target of €9,000.00. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has made this possible. The webcam is a great asset to our Parish.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the **Summer Collection** for the support of Fr Dan Outstanding envelopes may be brought to the weekend Masses or dropped into the Parochial House.

We thank our parishioners for their generosity and support.

Parish Sunday Envelopes – Other Ways to Donate:

Parishioners who would like to give their weekly contribution to the parish through the Parish Bank Account may do so as follows:

Parish Bank: Bank of Ireland, The Quay, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

Account: Rosbercon Church Current Account No. 1

IBAN: IE80 BOFI 9066 3811 4991 85

BIC: BOFIE2D

If you choose to contribute to the Parish Bank Account please include your name or envelope number with your donation as a reference.

If you wish to make online donations to the parish, you can do so through the Donate Button on the Parish website. If you have any difficulty please contact Fr Dan.

Go raibh míle maith agat.

Reflection

Discovering one's own riches

In my life I have lived on the shady side of the road
I have watched my neighbours' gardens across the way
Revelling in the sunshine

I felt I was poor and needed my neighbours' help
And from door to door I went in my need
Asking for help.

The more people gave me from their abundance,
The more I became aware of my beggar's bowl.

Till one morning I awoke from my sleep

At the sudden knocking at my door

And you came and asked for alms.

I broke open the lid of my chest at your request

And was startled to find within that I possessed wealth.

Wisdom: "Our Heavenly Father never takes anything from his children unless he means to give them something better."

Humour: The young are always ready to give those who are older than themselves the full benefit of their experience!

To make you Smile: 'No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well'. *Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013)*

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY ALERT**

Tullagher Rosbercon Community Alert would like to advise any parishioners considering going away on holidays, in line with the recent lifting of travel restrictions, to take the following precautions before they depart:

1. To make your home look lived in, use automatic timer-switches to turn on your lights when it becomes dark and turn on the alarm if you have one.
2. Cut the lawn before you go and trim back any outdoor plants or shrubbery.
3. Uncollected mail is a sure sign that you're away. Ask a trusted neighbour or friend to collect it on your behalf.
4. Make sure valuable items such as laptops, games consoles, etc. are not visible from outside.
5. Be mindful of what you write or photos you share on social media, which could identify you as being away on holiday.
6. Consider getting a relative, friend or neighbour to park on your driveway to give the impression the house is occupied.
7. Leave a phone number so you can be contacted if anything happens while you're away.

As always the contact number for reporting all suspicious activity is 0831999585, which should be saved in your mobile for easy access. Please continue to stay safe and enjoy the glorious weather the whole country is currently experiencing.

◆ **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".

◆ **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

◆ **CARER AVAILABLE**

Carer available for part-time work in the Tullagher/Glenmore/Mullinavat area. Please contact 089-2111381

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