

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 4th July 2021

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Fourteenth Sunday of the Year

When Jesus returned to Nazareth it was a sad occasion for him, because the people rejected him. But they themselves were the real losers because he was unable to do anything for them. Jesus comes to us in a special way during the Eucharist. We have a chance to listen to him in faith and to receive him with love.

Theme of the Weekend Readings:

We need Our Lord's mercy because at times we are unable to hear the truth.

First Reading:

The prophet is called to preach God's message to the people.

Second Reading: Paul talks about his human frailty.

Gospel: Jesus finds no acceptance in his home town.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 10th July: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 11th July: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 7th July: 10:00 am
Friday 9th July: 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries:

Michael Hanrahan, Tullogher
Rena Ryan, School House Road
Michael Ryan, School House Road
Peggy Long, Ballyveria
Margaret and Matty Phelan, Shanbough

'A Positive Live-Streaming Legacy', by Fr Bernard Cotter

in the Irish Catholic: 'I predict that live-streamed Masses will be part of parish life from now on. They will keep housebound people in touch with church life. Up to this, many would not have had the necessary equipment. But now, (almost) everyone has. I predict that many funerals will continue to be live-streamed in the future, as a means of including family members who are abroad and unable to travel home in time. This may well be one of the positive legacies of these strange times.'

A Message from Fr Dan: Our Father who Art in Heaven: The Our Father is the first prayer that many of us learned. It is still many people's favourite prayer. It was given to us by Jesus and it is the prayer that Jesus prayed many times in his own lifetime. The Our Father was given to the Apostles in the midst of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he suffered and died.

The Our Father is a very complex prayer and contains depths of spirituality. In the first part of the prayer, we ask that God's Kingdom would come, that his will be done and that he would give us our daily bread.

A very important teaching of the Our Father is that God will "Forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Just as there can be no life without food, there can be no life without forgiveness. Without forgiveness our world would be a place of hatred, revenge and retaliation. It would be a world full of fear and dread. Without forgiveness we cannot let go of hurt and resentment. With forgiveness we return to the same one road and we continue to travel together. The world of forgiveness is a world where there is a renewal of life, peace and hope. When we forgive others who have wronged us, we are open to God's mercy towards us and we become channels of God's mercy towards others. We give to others the gift of forgiveness that God has given us.

The Our Father continues, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil' When we pray not to be led into temptation, we ask God not to put us to the test. A test in the bible is a trial to see how faithful we are. God tested Abraham when he asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. In this part of the Our Father we are asking God to save us from moments in life when we are tempted to choose something other than our loyalty to God. We conclude the Our Father by asking God to deliver us from evil.

The Our Father is the most beautiful prayer that we have. Every time we pray the Our Father, we reflect on how we all belong to the one human family.

Thoughts for the Summer: Remember to spend some time with your loved ones. Remember to say a kind word to someone who looks up to you. Remember to give a warm hug to the people closest to you. Remember to say 'I love you' to your partner and loved ones. Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away!

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 10th/11th
July 2021:**

Rosbercon: Saturday 10th July at 7:00 pm:
John Connick, Millbanks

**Collection of Parish Funds 12th/13th June & 19th/20th June
2021:**

Offertory Collection: € 616.00
Weekly Envelopes: €1480.00
Parish Debt on 30th June 2021: €47,981.16

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.

Rosbercon Parish Webcam and Website Fundraiser: We thank so many who have donated so generously to the above Fundraiser. As of the 30th June 2021 we have received the following Donations: **GoFundMe:** €3,900.00; **Cheque and Cash Donations:** €4,665.00 giving us a total of: €8,565.00. Many, many thanks for your gifts. To donate please click on this link: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/rosbercon-parish-webcam-and-website-fundraiser>

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)

Reflection

Blessed are we in times of darkness.

At times in life we will all experience confusion and darkness. This should not over worry us.

It is in our emptiness that we are filled.
It is in our confusions that we are guided.

It is in our weakness that we are strengthened.
It is in our failings that we are forgiven.
It is in our hunger that we are fed.

We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us where all our hungers will be satisfied and all our hopes will be fulfilled.

So, we travel onwards with joy in our hearts and a spring in our steps.
And with a great desire to live life to the full.

Wisdom: A friend is one who overlooks your broken fence and admires the flowers in your garden

Humour: Where does it say we have to act our age? As long as it makes you happy and you are not hurting anyone, act whatever age you want to!

◆ **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

◆ **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.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB**

The Tullagher Vintage Club will hold their A.G.A; next Monday night 5th July at 07:30 pm in Rosbercon Parish Hall.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained." - Marie Curie

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