

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 25th July 2021

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Christ fed the hungry, and did so with great generosity. Here he feeds us with the food of the Eucharist. Christ invites us to receive this precious food and we receive it at today's Mass.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God feeds his people with food for body and spirit.

First Reading: The prophet Elisha insists that the people be fed and God works a miracle.

Second Reading: Paul calls Christians to unity and charity.

Gospel: Jesus feeds the five thousand.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 31st July: **NO MASS**
Sunday 1st August: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:
Wednesday 28th July: 10:00 am
Friday 30th July: 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries:

Calvin Walsh, Smithstown
Kay Arthurs, Kilkmainham and Glenpipe
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran
Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin
Bidly Maher, School House Road
Simon Kennedy, Ballymagill

Many congratulations to **Deborah McGrath, Tinneranny** and to **James Ryan, Listerlin** who were married in Mullinarrigle Church, on Thursday 15th July 2021. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

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.

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 10:30 am to 2:30 pm.

The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon. Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9:30 am- 12:30 pm.

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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 honor 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: The Kingdom of God: God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of God is a place of abundance. Not only are the hungry people fed but twelve baskets of scraps are collected after Jesus' feeding miracle.

In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a sower going to sow seed, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea.

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees.

In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

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!

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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 €8,840.00 which is a wonderful testimony to peoples' generosity. We aim to close off our page on the 31st July. We need only another €160 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>

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 mile maith agat.

Reflection

There are people who have a steady flame
Shining from deep inside them
This flame is not extinguished
When others criticise or ignore them,
For it is not dependent on what others think of them;
It is what they think of themselves with a quiet certainty.
Each of us can behave in either of two ways:
We can behave like a sinner or a saint.
We help people more by giving them
A favourable image of themselves
Than by constantly harping on their faults
The saints hold up a mirror for us.
In this mirror we get a most favourable image of ourselves.
We see what we are capable of.
All we need is the will to walk
In the light of what we have seen

Blessing of Saint Furse, Irish Monk, 597A.D.

The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being, Amen.

To make you Smile: 'I like pigs. Cats look down on you. Dogs look up to you. But pigs treat you as equals'.

Sir Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Wisdom: "No one is rich enough to do without a neighbour."

Humour: When it comes to staying young, a mind-lift beats a face-lift any day

◆ **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.

◆ **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

◆ **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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