

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 22nd August 2021

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Twenty First Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel we read how many people left Jesus and walked no more with him. Many still leave him. But by the grace of God, we are here. Each Sunday gives us an opportunity to confirm our faith in him who alone has the words of eternal life.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We have chosen to serve the Lord. We ask for strength to continue along the Christian way.

First Reading: The people of Israel decide to serve the Lord.

Second Reading: The love of husband and wife is like Christ's love for his people.

Gospel: When Jesus described himself as the bread of life, some stopped following. Others remained loyal.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 28th August: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 29th August: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 25th August: 10:00 am

Friday 27th August: 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries:

Annette Kavanagh (nee Walsh), Tinahely and Smithstown
Jim Vereker Jnr., Assumption Terrace

Joan Molloy, Tinneranny

Jimmy Bookle, Mullinakil

Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig

Phil Rogers, School House Road

Recent Deaths :

Andy Berry, Riverside, Waterford Road

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Holy Well: In normal times we would be celebrating Mass at Saint Moling's well this Sunday, 22nd August. The pattern is celebrated annually at the well, not on the feast of Saint Moling but on the feast of Saint Bernard, the 20th of August, should it fall on a Sunday, or if not on the next Sunday following. The association of Saint Bernard with the well came from the influence of the monks of Jerpoint Abbey.

In ancient times people had a deep reverence for water and venerated their wells with wonder and gratitude. Water emerging from rocks on the mountain or from a spring in the field was looked upon as a small miracle. Water was God's gift, celebrated in all ancient religions. Many of the sagas of ancient Ireland celebrated the holy well. The salmon of knowledge was flushed from the holy well of Segais into the Boyne. Mere contact with the salmon gave a person supernatural power!

After the coming of Christianity, holy wells were no longer seen as having divine or miraculous powers of their own. Rather they were seen as a source of God's grace where people could go and pray for healing.

After the reformation there was an upsurge in traditional devotions in Ireland. Holy wells and patterns became central to being Catholic. Stations of the Cross began to appear at holy wells. Priests began to celebrate mass at the wells, as well as giving sermons and leading people in prayer. What is interesting is that rich and poor alike attended these celebrations, and the presence of the priest ensured that there was no conflict between the traditional devotions and the teaching of the Church.

By the late eighteen hundred, the holy wells had come to be regarded with suspicion by the authorities because of disorderly religious and non-religious practices associated with them. However, a new appreciation of Ireland's Gaelic past gave them a new lease of life. The wells and the patterns came to be seen as expressions of a genuine Irish spirituality. In the nineteen hundred, statues of Our Lady and of local saints were added at the site of the wells. In this way celebrations at holy wells included local devotions as well as the devotions of the universal Church. The statue of Saint Moling proudly overlooks the well dedicated to his honour in Mullinakil.

We sincerely thank the members of the Saint Moling's well committee who care for the well, the shrine and the grounds at Mullinakil. Your work is very much appreciated.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 28th/29th
August 2021:**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 29th August at 9:30 am:
Stephen and Mai Cotterell, Ballykenna

Dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2021:

Fr Dan has received a letter from Bishop Denis Nulty stating: "I am asking parishes to abide by current official guidelines regarding dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion for 2021" With this in mind Rosbercon Parish has no option but to cancel the Confirmation scheduled for the 4th September and the First Holy Communion scheduled for the 11th September, 2021

Bishop Nulty and Fr Dan acknowledge how difficult it is for parents/guardians to be asked to continually postpone the dates of the reception of these Sacraments. Bishop Nulty is hopeful that as the month of August progresses and as children return to school, current official guidelines will ease. I will be in touch with you again as soon as Sacramental celebrations are possible.

Bishop Nulty also recognises and appreciates all that parents/guardians have done and continue to do to ensure that safety of all as we journey through this pandemic.

Reflection

The Dead

They do not leave us; they are not gone.

They look upon us still.

They walk among the valleys now,

They stride upon the hill.

Their smile is in the summer sky

Their grace is in the breeze.

Their memories whisper in the grass

Their calm is in the trees.

Their light is in the winter snow

Their tears are in the rain.

Their merriment runs in the brook

Their laughter in the lane

Their gentleness is in the flowers

They sigh in autumn leaves.

They do not leave; they are not gone,

Tis only we who grieve

Just Some Thoughts:

- ◆ "Religions are not for separating people from one another. They are meant to unite" Gandhi
- ◆ "In the most surprising way, I discovered God in the solitude of a prison cell" Nelson Mandela
- ◆ "Pope Francis is creating a new energy in a disturbed world" Angela Merkel
- ◆ "Don't worry about anything but in your prayers ask God for what you want, always asking with a grateful heart". Saint Paul

To make you Smile: -The bible tells us to forgive our enemies; it doesn't tell us to forgive our friends!

Harvest Prayer

Loving Father you have given us many things

All good things come from your hands.

We often take your goodness for granted

And often fail to say thanks.

Help us to realise that we do not own the earth

But are its custodians.

Thank you for the richness of our soil

And the opportunity to work the land.

May we harvest abundantly

And in gratitude share the fruits of our labour.

We give you glory and thanks

Through Christ Our Lord

Wisdom: "The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfected without trials."

Humour: The great advantage of not having children must be that you can go on believing that you are a nice person. Once you have children you realise how the wars start!

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB**

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Club - Parish Collection

Current Collection figure is €20,714 , Thanks to all who have contributed so far.

Our target is €50,000 , see <http://www.tullagher-rosbercon.kilkenny.gaa.ie> for details of how to contribute.

◆ **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 VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CLUB— ROAD RUN**

Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage and Classic Club are holding a road run on Sunday 29th August 2021 at 12:00 noon in the Rosbercon Parish Centre. The run will start at Rosbercon Parish Centre crossing the O' Hanrahan Bridge and the Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Bridge with a BBQ afterwards. In aid of the Rosbercon Community Centre. Enquiries: Jamie—087-6869137, Pierce—086-8164241, David—087-7382301, Fergus—087-646216

◆ **RECOVERY COLLEGE SOUTH EAST, KILKENNY
UPCOMING SUMMER ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR
JULY/AUGUST 2021**

Recovery College South East, Kilkenny are offering in July/August a series of 'stand alone' workshops that deal with specific issues related to maintaining good mental health. To have a look at the workshops and the dates and times see www.recoverycollegesoutheast.com.

Further information from Recovery College South East:

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