

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 29th August 2021

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Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Jesus said of the Pharisees: 'These people honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.' Hence, their worship was hollow and empty. We need to give God the kind of worship that will honour him and transform our lives. Let us turn to God now with sincere and humble hearts.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: At Mass each Sunday we ask God to help us persevere in living the Christian Life.

First Reading: Moses tells the people to remain faithful to God's law.

Second Reading: Saint James points to some of the demands of our faith.

Gospel: Jesus reminds us that it is what is in the heart that is important.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4th September: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 5th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 1st September: 10.00am

Friday 3rd September: 10.00am

Recent Deaths:

Paddy Grennan, Ballyreddy, Tullogher

Laurence Doyle, Weatherstown, Glenmore

Anniversaries:

Stephen and Mai Cotterell, Ballykenna

Richard and Roseanne Dollard, Smithstown

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.

Many congratulations to **Anna Ryan**, Ballycurran and to **Conor Conway**, Mullinavat, who were married in Listerlin Church, on Saturday 21st August 2021. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

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 rosberconparish@gmail.com

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: The Holy Well Part 2: What will be the significance of Holy Wells like that of Saint Moling into the future? What will be the place of Holy Wells in future catholic devotion?

At Saint Moling's well the people are able to worship God through the mediation of Saint Moling who lived his life in Mullinakill, leaving a mark of his saintly activities on the landscape in the form of a well that he called up. Blessing oneself with water from the well or bringing water home connects a person with God himself. God cannot be identified with the well water nor is the well water itself divine, but through the action of Saint Moling a person can contact God through their devotion to the well.

The consecration of the well at Mullinakill by Saint Moling is celebrated each August by the pattern that takes place at the well. The pattern day is one of the major feast days in the life of the parish. Saint Moling is our local saint, one of us, who first brought the faith to our community.

The continued existence of holy wells and their use for devotional purposes is one of the many signs that Christian practices are far from dead in Ireland. We hope and pray that for many years to come Saint Moling's well will continue to attract pilgrims seeking healing of body and soul. As we advance into the twenty first century we are very happy to have a shrine of such beauty and tranquillity in our parish.

To make you Smile: -After a meeting attended by Denis Healy, his wife Edna said to him, 'We can go now, Denis. I don't think there's anyone else you haven't insulted.'

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Mass intentions for 4th/5th September 2021

Tullogher Sat 4th Sept. 7.00pm

Andy Murphy, Brownsford

Michael Phelan, Tullogher

Joan Roche, Tullogher

Listerlin Sun 5th Sept. 9.30am

Jim Conway, Listerlin

Rosbercon Sun 5th Sept. 11.00am

Tom and Bessie Doyle, Waterford Road and deceased members of the Doyle family.

Laurence Fortune, Shanbogh

RE: 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.

Slow me down Lord

Slow me down Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady me with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my days

the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves

with the soothing of the streams.

Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking one-minute holidays.

Slow me down to look at a flower;

to chat with a friend,

to read a few lines from a book.

Slow me down Lord.

Slow me down.

Slow me down.

Collection of Parish Funds 14/15th August & 21st/22nd August

Offertory Collection: € 474.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,549.00

Parish Debt on 25th August 2021: €47,981.16

Wisdom: "A friend is the one who comes in when the whole world has gone out."

Humour: Marrying a man is like buying something you've been admiring for a long time in a shop window. You may love it when you get it home, but it doesn't always go with everything in the house.

Just a Thought: It's hard to believe that the summer holidays have come and gone. The children are beginning another year in school. The following is a Parent Blessing for their children as they go to school: 'Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. Bless them as they go off to school. May they remember we love them and that you love them too! In school help them to be good listeners, and to love and respect themselves and those around them. As they grow on the outside, may they grow on the inside too, in knowledge and love for you and others! Be with them and help them to learn today all the things you need them to know. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen'.

Reflection

I like what I see

The father knocks on my door seeking a home for his Son.

Rent is cheap, I say.

I don't want to rent, I want to buy, says God.

I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around.

I think I will, says God.

I might let you have a room or two.

I like it, says God. I'll take the two.

You might decide to give me more some day.

I can wait, says God.

I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult.

I need some space for me.

I know, says God, but I'll wait, I like what I see.

Hmm. Maybe I can let you have another room.

I really don't need that much.

Thank you, says God. I'll take it, I like what I see.

I'd give you the whole house, but I'm not sure.

Think on it, says God; I would not put you out.

Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.

You'd have more space than you ever had before.

I don't understand that, say I.

I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.

You have to discover it for yourself.

That can only happen if you let me have the whole house.

A bit risky, I say.

Yes, says God, but try me.

I'm not sure. I'll let you know.

I can wait, says God, I like what I see.

◆ VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CLUB—ROAD RUN

Tullogher 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

◆ ST. JOSPEH'S ATHLETIC CLUB—FIT 4 LIFE

St. Joseph's Athletic Club relaunches Fit 4 Life. Newcomers of all fitness levels welcome. Meeting every Thursday from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Sports Grounds, Albatross, Rosbercon. Starts on Thursday 9th September. It's a great way to get fit and meet new people.

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