

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 8th August 2021

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Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

We are God's people, journeying in faith towards the Promised Land. We are bound to encounter doubts and difficulties. The Lord, in whose name we gather, is our companion on the way.

Theme of the Weekend Readings:

At Mass we receive spiritual nourishment.

First Reading:

Elijah, on the point of despair, receives food and drink from God.

Second Reading:

Paul challenges Christians to imitate Christ.

Gospel:

Jesus is the true bread come down from Heaven.

Weekend Masses:

Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. of Our Lady

Saturday 14th August: 7:00 pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 15th August:

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 11th August: 10:00 am

Friday 13th August: 10:00 am

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

Many congratulations to **Sarah Phelan, Tullogher** and to **Michael Hurley, Cork** who were married in Tullogher Church, on Wednesday 4th August 2021. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Celebrating Matt Talbot: Matt Talbot was born in Dublin on the 2nd of May in 1856. He was the second eldest of twelve children. He lived at home with his mother for a number of years in the North Strand Area. He left school at the age of twelve and went to work in a wine merchant's shop and by the age of thirteen he was a hopeless alcoholic.

At the age of 28, disgusted with the life he was living, Matt took the pledge and never again touched alcohol for the remaining forty years of his life. His first years of sobriety were especially difficult but regular prayer and daily attendance at Mass gave him strength to persevere. In time he developed a deep faith and became known for his life of prayer, fasting and service.

Matt understood that every person who has an addiction of any kind is a beloved child of God. That is their true identity. He knew that nothing could change the truth that he was a beloved child of God. He also knew that alcohol and other drugs create uncertainty and dependence in a person's life. Drugs, including alcohol make the addicted believe that they need them to be confident, to function and cope with life.

Even in the depth of his addiction Matt Talbot never forgot that he was created by God and that God had a plan for his life. Through his prayer and life of service he came to see that God is more powerful than any addiction. He went to Jesus with his addiction and found freedom. He lived for forty years without alcohol until his sudden death on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday, 7th June 1925. We ask him to intercede for us so that we will always believe that the power of God is the greatest power in the world and it can overcome everything.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

Prayer: Christ in Creation

No flower in field, No fish in stream, No bird on wing,
No shape on shore, No star in sky, No living thing
but is rich in Him, and blessed in Him, and sings of Him,
Jesus praise to you. Amen.

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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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 14th/15th

August 2021:

Rosbercon: Sunday 15th August at 11.00 am:

Jack O'Leary Snr., Waterford Road

Other Ways of Contributing to Rosbercon Parish:

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.

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

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2020/2021:

The Diocesan Draw for July took place on Wednesday, 28th July 2021. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

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.

Reflection

The Summer Day:

Who made the world? Who made the swan and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper I mean—

the one who has flung herself out on the grass,

the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,

who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down

who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down

into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,

how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,

which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last and too soon?

Tell me what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life.

Mary Oliver

Wisdom: "Friendship is like money, easier made than kept".

Humour: A burglar entered a poor minister's house at midnight, but was disturbed by the awakening of the minister when he entered his room. Drawing his weapon, the burglar said 'If you stir you are a dead man, I'm hunting for your money'. 'Let me get up and turn on the light,' said the minister, 'and I'll hunt with you!'

To make you Smile: Boy: 'Mummy, you know that vase you were always worried I might break? Well, your worries are over.'

'The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise.'

Mark Twain

♦ 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. It's best to wear layers of clothing as you can adjust them to suit the temperature. As it's 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".

♦ CARER AVAILABLE

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

♦ 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

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