

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 19th September 2021

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### Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

As Christians we are called to live in peace and harmony with one another. One of the things that are very damaging to unity is false ambition. This causes us to put ourselves and our own interests first.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Being a follower of Christ means moving beyond rivalry and conflict.

#### First Reading

The writer describes the anger a good person can endure.

#### Second Reading

Saint James challenges people to conquer the wrong desires in themselves.

#### Gospel

Jesus tells of his death and resurrection and of his love for children.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: 10:00 am

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September: 10:00 am

All Masses will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Anniversaries:

Stephen, Peggy and Annette Walsh, Smithstown

Larry Walsh, Kilmacow and Smithstown

Stephen and Josephine O'Connor, Rosbercon Hill

Paddy Grennan, Ballyreddy—Months Mind

Larry Doyle, Weatherstown, Glenmore—Months Mind

**September:** We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have again focused on learning. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. The ancient Irish believed that there were 'three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade'. Learning is no burden! ***Be with us Lord during the month of September.***

**Wisdom:** "A gentleman is a man who can disagree without being disagreeable."

### A message from Fr Dan: The Season of Creation: 1<sup>st</sup> September – 14<sup>th</sup> October:

It began in the most unlikely of places: with a teenager refusing to go to school. But over the last three years, a remarkable wave of climate activism has spread across the globe, inspired by the Swedish teenage, Greta Thunberg, who caught the imagination of teenagers around the world, including here in Ireland.

Their 'climate strike' gave many older people hope, when it brought thousands of teenagers out on to the streets of towns and cities around Ireland, as they demanded a different ecological future. We know that the Lord often uses the wisdom and energy of youth to bring about change. Certainly, our young people are our leaders on this most important issue. The Government, which admits that it has been slow on the issue of climate declared a climate emergency in May, 2019 making Ireland only the second country in the world to do so.

This growing grassroots appetite for change has come at just the right time. The summer brought no comfort from scientists, whose investigations continue to suggest the problems we face are far and more serious than we had thought. Heat and flood records were broken across the world. The Arctic ice shelf has melted this year at an alarming rate. Pope Francis' document on climate, *Laudato Si'* is an illuminating work. The pope's thinking is impressive, imaginative, and robust. Francis's account of the many factors at play in climate breakdown and the many ways in which it will devastate lives is evidence-based, intricately argued, and motivated by a vision that is *pro-life* in the fullest meaning of the term. As a Papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* is an authoritative text within the Catholic Social tradition.

In the summer of 2019 Pope Francis met with Greta Thunberg. He encouraged her to continue her work and assured her that the climate strikes had his support. Many in the Irish church recognise that in recent decades there has been a failure to connect the faith with the younger generations. Yet here, there is a clear and direct overlap between the mission of the church and the passion of the young. The Pope sees that care for our world is not just one more good deed that we might choose to take up, but is integral to Christian faith. He insists that as 'we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us,' we are not responding to some temporarily 'hot' topic in the culture, nor are we motivated by selfish self-interest, because of the threat we face. Rather, we care for the earth because we know 'that all the good which exists here will be taken up on the Heavenly feasts'.

**Humour:** A man was asked for the secret of his long marriage. He said 'we take time to go to a restaurant two times a week, a little candlelight, dinner, soft music and dancing. She goes on Tuesdays and I go on Fridays.'

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> September 2021

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm  
Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 9:30 am  
Christy Fitzgerald, Coolnahaw  
John Furlong, Smithstown  
Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 am  
Michael Molloy, Tinneranny  
Agnes Malone, Hoodsgrove  
Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher

**Dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion:** We very much welcome the new guidelines for religious services that the government have given. These guidelines came into effect on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2021. We can now proceed with 50% capacity for religious services. However, as we know Covid is still with us. For the foreseeable future we will have hand hygiene, sanitation, face masks and social distancing. Because of social distancing we can only use every second pew for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies. Seating will be allocated nearer to the date of the ceremonies.

The following are the dates for the Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 7:30 pm**

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass – Listerlin

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 am**

First Eucharist Mass – Listerlin

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30 pm**

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass – Rosbercon

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 11:00 am**

First Eucharist Mass – Rosbercon

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm**

Ceremony of Light – Rosbercon

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am**

Confirmation Ceremony – Rosbercon

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm**

Ceremony of Light – Shanbogh

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am**

Confirmation Ceremony – Shanbogh

### Reflection: Remembering

Jesus said to his apostles "Do this in memory of me"

We all love to be remembered.

This was true even for Jesus.

But if we want to be remembered,

We have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing.

Wrongly used it brings death;

Rightly used it brings life,

And it is a form of immortality.

It keeps the past alive.

Those we remember never die;

They continue to walk and talk with us.

Lord, when we celebrate the Eucharist

We are remembering you.

May that remembering bring us life here and hereafter.

### ◆ FITNESS WITH SHIRLEY

Our first indoor Pilates class starting again on Monday 20th September at 18:30 pm—19:30 pm in the Rosbercon Parish Hall. Dust off your mats, get the water bottles ready and prepare to start moving again. Pre-booking is essential. Please contact Shirley—085-1339049.

### ◆ ST. JOSEPH'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. It's a great way to get fit and meet new people.

### ◆ CHILDMINDER WANTED

Childminder required in Shanbogh/Rosbercon area to care for two children, a pre-schooler and a toddler. Can be either in child's own home or carers home. Transport is essential. If interested please contact—087-1272833.

### ◆ NUTTY SCIENTIST AFTERSCHOOL CLUB

Nutty Scientists Wexford are back with their afterschool fun Science workshops. Classes will start in Rosbercon Parish Hall on Wednesday the 22nd of September for 5 consecutive Wednesdays. For booking information and prices please go to- <https://nuttyscientists.com/wexford/> Or contact our office on 087-9116117.

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon CE Scheme has a vacancy in St. Vincent De Paul Shop for a Retail position. DEASP Community Employment terms and conditions apply. Please phone 086-3642592 for further details.

### ◆ IRISH DANCE CLASSES

Mernagh Academy of Irish Dance will resume classes from Monday the 20th September. For further information please email— [mernaghacademyofirishdance@gmail.com](mailto:mernaghacademyofirishdance@gmail.com)

### ◆ SCHOOL SHIELD ATHLETIC RACE

The annual School Shield Cross Country races take place on Friday 17th September at St. Joseph's AC training grounds in The Parish Centre, Rosbercon. Races for boys and girls U6 - U13. Participating schools are Listerlin NS, Ballyfacey NS, St. Canice's' NS, Shanbogh NS and Glenmore NS. Registration is from 5.30pm with races to commence at 6pm. Admission is €2.

### ◆ BULB REQUEST

Bulb season has begun and over the coming weeks and months Listerlin Tidy Towns Group will be out and about planting spring bulbs in the verges around the village. If you have been lifting or dividing or have a stash of leftover bulbs you are not sure what to do with, why not donate them to our cause and help make Listerlin beautiful. Bulbs can be dropped off to the bulb donation basket located outside Listerlin Fuel & Grocery Store. All donations greatly received.

### ◆ COMPUTER CLASSES

Carlow Kilkenny ETB will re-commence their Free Computer classes for beginners in Rosbercon Parish Hall and Sports Centre. All are welcome to attend. For further information please contact Geraldine via phone: 086-1915915 or email [Geraldine.walsh@kilkennycarlowetb.ie](mailto:Geraldine.walsh@kilkennycarlowetb.ie)

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