

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 26th September 2021

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Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Modern life has brought us closer to one another than ever before. We influence one another in all sorts of ways. God wants us to be stepping stones for one another. Unfortunately, sometimes we are stumbling blocks.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

All are welcome to Church: Anyone who is not against us is for us, the Lord has said.

First Reading

The spirit given to Moses is shared with many.

Second Reading

Saint James condemns the wealthy and powerful that oppress the poor.

Gospel

Jesus welcomes all people who are helpful and deals with obstacles to faith.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 02nd October: 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 03rd October: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 29th September: 10:00 am

Friday 1st October: 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries:

Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights

Christy Fitzgerald, Coolnahaw

John Furlong, Smithstown

Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

Agnes Malone, Hoodsgrrove

Michael Molloy, Tinneranny

Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher

We wish every blessing to **Margaret Ryan, Tinneranny** and to **John O'Callaghan, Co. Cork**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Friday 17th September 2021. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Ava Méabh O'Riordan**, daughter of Barry and Anne, Brownstown, Listerlin, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 18th September 2021.

Face Coverings in Church: In solidarity with our people, we strongly recommend that people continue to wear face coverings in our Churches, in addition to the continuation of social distancing and sanitizing! Dia ár Lámh

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God

Christ came among us to bring salvation and freedom to our world and to our lives. He lived among us for thirty-three years. His public ministry lasted only three of those years. He had a vision and a dream for humanity. He summed up his vision in one short sentence, 'what I command you is that you love one another'. During his years of public ministry, he endeavoured to see that his apostles, his followers and the ordinary people bought into his vision. He knew that his message of love and forgiveness would not become a reality overnight. A vision of love is always a 'slow burner'. It's a case of one step forward, two steps backward! He once compared his kingdom to a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet if sown in good ground, the seed will grow into a fine shrub.

We are Christs' brothers and sisters, his followers. In our lifetime it is up to us to sow the seeds of the kingdom hoping that future generations will reap a harvest. We have to choose good seed and prepared the ground properly so that the seed will take root and grow. But how do we hand on the faith to the next generation. Our young people are living in a world that is losing the faith, not attending Church and going its own way. They see materialism everywhere and they are influenced by what they see around them. To them the Church appears old fashioned, just keeping going, just holding the fort. They see the Church as not addressing their needs and their concerns.

So, what can be done. We know that young people are in a better place today than they have ever been in history. They are well educated and with social media they have the ability to communicate with each other as never before. They are enthusiastic and idealistic as young people always are. To connect with young people requires that we take a radical look at what the church is offering to its followers today.

As yet, we don't know the way forward. It is a work in progress but we know that things will have to change. Many individuals and many groups in the Church are sowing new seeds. However, the seeds are slow to sprout. Nothing is going to change overnight. We need to be open to what is new and not be afraid of things being different. In our own time we keep looking forward and planning. There is no going back. Like the Apostles, in their time, we must launch out into the deep. At the same time, we have to wait in patience and leave many things to the providence of Almighty God.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd October 2021

Tullagher: Saturday 2nd October at 7:00 pm
Andy Murphy, Brownsford
James Power, Glenballyvalley
Bridget and Michael Croke, Brownsford
Eamonn Comiskey, Thomastown

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 3rd October at 9:30 am
Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

Collection of Parish Funds 11th/12th & 18th/19th September 2021:

Offertory Collection:	€ 656.00
Weekly Envelopes:	€1,130.00
Donations made through our Website to date:	€641.00
Parish Debt on 24th September 2021:	€47,981.16

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.

First Holy Communion: On Saturday next, 25th September the children from Scoil Mholinge, Listerlin, will receive their First Holy Communion in Listerlin/Mullinarrigle Church. On Saturday 2nd October it will be the turn of the children from Saint Canice's to celebrate. We congratulate the children, their parents and guardians. We thank the teachers who prepared the children so beautifully for the sacrament.

Dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Wednesday 29th September at 7:30 pm

First Eucharist Enrolment Mass – Rosbercon

Saturday 2nd October at 11:00 am

First Eucharist Mass – Rosbercon

Tuesday 5th October at 7:30 pm

Ceremony of Light – Rosbercon

Saturday 9th October at 11:00 am

Confirmation Ceremony – Rosbercon

Wednesday 13th October at 7:30 pm

Ceremony of Light – Shanbogh

Saturday 16th October at 11:00 am

Confirmation Ceremony – Shanbogh

Reflection: *Let your Light shine*

The most important thing about each of us is our capacity for goodness.

We can be a source of light.

We can have hands that can care,
eyes that can see, ears that can hear,
tongues that can speak, feet that can walk,
and above all hearts that can love.

Unfortunately, through weakness, selfishness or cowardice, our light can be dimmed,
so that we become shadows of the people we could be.

Lord, help us to believe in our own goodness,
and to let the light of that goodness shine.

On seeing this light, others find their way,
and you will be glorified.

Wisdom: Life is a country that the old have travelled. Those who wish to travel that country successfully can learn the way from them.

Humour: For the first half of your life, people tell you, what you should do; for the second half, they tell you what you should have done!

◆ **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.

◆ **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

◆ **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

◆ **ST. CANICE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL—ENROLMENT**

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon are now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infant's 2022. An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school on 051-422813 or by emailing info@stcanicesns.com

◆ **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

To thrive in life you need three bones, a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone.

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