

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 3rd October 2021

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### Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year

It's not easy to be a Christian in today's world. And it's almost impossible on one's own. But we are not alone. Christ has called us into a community. Let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we don't always speak and act in a way that builds up community.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We pray today for married people and for families.

**First Reading:** The second creation story given in the bible.

**Second Reading:** Jesus is able to meet the needs of all of us.

**Gospel:** Jesus instructs his followers about family life.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 9th October: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 10th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon: Wednesday 6th October: 10.00am

Friday 8th October: 10.00am

#### Anniversaries:

Andy Murphy, Brownsford

Anastasia Malone, Cooleen, Tullogher

James Power, Glenballyvally

Bridget and Michael Croke, Brownsford

Eamon Comiskey, Thomastown

Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace

Tommy and Mickie Doolan, Curraghmore

Patrick Malone, Ballygriffin, Kilmacow

The **October Station** and **November Offering Envelopes** will be distributed to the homes of the parish over the next two weeks. The usual distributors are asked to oblige. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House.

**A Message from Fr Dan:** Saint Francis of Assisi: In these times of climate change and global warming, many people are becoming interested in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is on the 4th October. Our present Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Francis of Assisi. The Pope once remarked: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation." Many people associate Saint Francis with his love of animals and birds, and indeed of all creation. On one occasion it was reported that Francis preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say!

Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister. He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation was a companion to Francis. In the Canticle of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship celebrated: Francis speaks of - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death. Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

The United Nations Conference on 'Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change' will be held in Glasgow from the 31st October – 12th November 2021. We pray that as the nations of the world reflect on global warming and caring for creation, they will embrace the vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself.

Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. May the Lord give the world his Peace!

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted)

**This week we welcome the month of October.** October is the month of the Rosary. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary will be celebrated on the 7th October. Our Lady appeared to Saint Dominic in 1208 and instructed him to teach the Rosary to the people. It would help them to reflect on the life, death and resurrection of Our Lord. The Rosary is a protective shield for Christians. We can show our love for Our Lady by saying the Rosary during the month of October as our ancestors did.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** On Saturday next, 9th October last year's Sixth Class from Saint Canice's School will be confirmed in Rosbercon Church by Parish Priest, Fr Dan. On Saturday 16th October it will be the turn of last year's Sixth Class and the present Sixth Class from Shanbogh School to celebrate. We congratulate these young people on achieving this milestone in their young lives. May the Holy Spirit remain in their hearts and minds all their days.

#### Dates for Confirmation are as follows:

Tuesday 5th October at 7.30pm: Ceremony of Light – Rosbercon

Saturday 9th October at 11.00am: Confirmation Ceremony – Rosbercon

Wednesday 13th October at 7.30pm: Ceremony of Light – Shanbogh

Saturday 16th October at 11.00am: Confirmation Ceremony – Shanbogh

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## Mass Intentions for the Sat/Sun,9th/10th October 2021

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 9th October at 7:00 pm

Pierce and Kathleen O'Mahoney, Stripe, The Rower  
Pierce and Grace O' Mahoney, Connagh, Fethard-On-Sea  
Elizabeth Rellis, Tinneranny

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 10th October at 11:00 am

Nuala Kehoe, School House Road  
Marie Sheridan, Waterford  
Peggy Power, Shanbogh  
John Dowling, Tinnakilly  
John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford

**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.

**To make you Smile:** 'Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society'. Mark Twain (1835-1910)

**Request for Sponsorship:** This year 2021, as well as making our repayments to the diocese, we have refurbished the paint work in Rosbercon and Listerlin Churches, painted the outside of the Parochial House and fenced the bounds between the parish field and Beechgrove Housing Estate. In 2019-20 the Parish Hall was refurbished to secure its Fire Certification.

The support of the people of the Parish made these works possible. We still have a debt and our income is down this year due to the Covid Virus. It means that our Christmas Parish Draw needs to be successful. With this in mind Fr Dan is asking Parishioners to sponsor or help to sponsor the prizes. The prizes range from a 1st Prize of €500 to a 10th Prize of €100 in descending order. If you feel you can contribute, we would be very grateful. We are aware that so many have been most generous already and we are very appreciative of your continued support of the Parish.

**First Holy Communion:** Over the last two Saturdays, children from Scoil Mholinge, Listerlin, and from Saint Canice's celebrated their First Holy Communion. We congratulate the children and their parents and guardians. We thank the teachers who prepared the children so beautifully for the sacrament

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW

#### Winners of the September 2021 Draw:

1st €250—John Grennan, Ballycurran  
2nd €100—Willie Vereker, Rosbercon  
3rd €100 —Donagh Minihan, Mount Eliott

#### Winners of the Annual Draw:

1st €250—Darragh Moore, Rosbercon  
2nd €100— Pat and Margaret Ryan, Guilcough  
3rd €50—John and Georgina Murphy, Ballyfoyle  
The next draw will take place on Tuesday 26th October 2021 at 08:30 pm.

## Reflection

### The Golfer's Prayer

Almighty God, as we play through our 18 holes of life,  
We pray that You will give us a drive that's both long  
enough to reach our goals, and yet  
straight enough to keep us out of trouble.

Help us avoid the traps and hazards of life;  
Nevertheless, should we find ourselves in them,  
Give us the tools, skills and desire to escape them with no  
penalty.  
May we always stay in bounds.

Help us to be willing to stand by - and not play through -  
those in genuine need.  
May we always play with honour.  
And finally, when we've putted out on the 18th green  
We pray that we will have demonstrated  
the integrity of our character,  
So that You will judge us worthy enough,  
To join Your threesome and play eternally on Your Heavenly  
course.  
Amen

**Wisdom:** 'It takes effort and determination to see what is in front of your face'. George Orwell

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ FREE COMPUTER CLASSES

Carlow Kilkenny ETB will host a registration and information morning next Friday 8th October from 10.00 am to 12 noon in Rosbercon Hall. All are welcome to attend. For further information please contact Geraldine on 086-1915915 or [Geraldine.walsh@kilkennycarlowetb.ie](mailto: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](mailto:info@stcanicesns.com)

### ◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

New Ross Active Retirement reopens on Friday 8th October at 10:30 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross for a General Meeting. For more information please contact Joan on 086-3896283.

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