

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 18th October 2021

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### Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

The Letter to the Hebrews (Second Reading) tells us that in Jesus we have a High Priest who was tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. He has been through the mill, so to speak. Therefore he can understand our struggles and help us. Let us approach him with confidence.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We are all invited to be bearers of the Good News of the love of Jesus Christ for each one of us.

**First Reading:** Isaiah speaks of God's suffering servant who takes people's faults on himself.

**Second Reading:** Jesus understands our human condition.

**Gospel:** Jesus asks his Apostles to put other people's needs before their own ambition.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

##### Rosbercon:

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October: 10:00 am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October: 10:00 am

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

#### Anniversaries:

Jack and Mai Hartley, Brabstown

Margaret Barron, Brownsford

Nuala Kehoe, School House Road

Marie Sheridan, Waterford

Mary Murphy, Millbanks

**A Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls** will be offered during the month of November. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for the names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November.

**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.

**The October Station and November Offering Envelopes** will be delivered to the homes of the Parish this week. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity. We appreciate the work of the envelope distributors.

### A Message from Fr Dan: Looking forward to Mission Sunday:

Next weekend we will celebrate Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday reminds us each year of our missionaries working in the countries of Africa and Asia and across the world caring for the poor and the marginalised. They need our prayers and support. We think especially of those who work with the victims of war, poverty and hunger.

Pope Francis continually emphasises how mission is central to the role of the Church. The pope has constantly spoken of the major contribution that the various missionary societies of men, women and lay people have made to the ongoing task of bringing the good news of salvation to the world. We in Ireland can take special pride in what Irish Missionaries have achieved. In the Diocese of Ossory, in the parish of Rosbercon we rejoice in what our own priests, brothers, sisters and lay personnel have given. We think too of the prayers, support and finances that our people have offered over the past 100 years in missionary engagement.

Pope Francis is again reminding us this year that the mission of Christ is ongoing, embracing all peoples of every creed and religious denomination. Since Vatican II the Church's mission to the world has become more inclusive. Pope John XXIII and the Popes who came after him, emphasise that mission is to the world. The Church in modern times sees itself as working to bring about the Kingdom of God especially in areas where there is widespread abuse of human and where the growth of capitalism and industrialization have marginalized the native peoples.

The mission of the Church cannot be separated from the problems of the world – the great divide between the haves and the have nots, the massive emigration from religious persecution and poverty and global warming that poses such a threat to Planet Earth. We cannot ignore the 33% of the world's population living below the poverty line. We celebrate the efforts of the missionaries, who are working to confront these enormous challenges. Those who support them are missionaries themselves. Next weekend we will affirm the depth of our missionary heritage that has been so much part of our history and traditions. Our commitment to Mission will always be nurtured by those who by their prayers and financial support make it all possible.

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)*

#### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

Sacrament of Confirmation in Mullinarrigle Church

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

First Eucharist Rosbercon

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

First Eucharist Listerlin

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup>

**October 2021:**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October at 7:00 pm

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30 am

John and Mary Knox, Brownstown

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 11:00 am

Jack Barron, Tinneranny

**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 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of € 500 to a 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

Mission Sunday this year is next weekend 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2021.

**The Annual Collection for the Propagation of the Faith** will be taken up at the weekend Masses on Saturday/Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that there is an envelope for your contribution to the Missions in your box of weekly envelopes.

### Reflection: I'm Free

Don't grieve for me now, I'm free.

I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took his hand when I heard him call.

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day

to laugh, to work, or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way.

I found peace at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,

Ah yes, these things I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow.

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I've savoured much;

Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.

Perhaps my time seemed all too brief,

Don't lengthen it now with undone grief.

Lift up your hearts and share with me,

For God wanted me now.

He set me free.

*Reflection read at the Funeral Mass for Lily-May O'Dwyer, aged 19, in Glenmore Church on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020*

**Wisdom:** "Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued is always beyond our grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you."

### To make you Smile:

During a Bible lesson on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the teacher asked: 'in the middle of the celebration for the return of the Prodigal Son, there was one for whom the feast brought no joy, only bitterness. Can you tell me who that was?'. One bright boy put up his hand and was pleased to be asked. 'The fatted calf,' he replied.

Fr. Brian Darcy

### ◆ HEALTH CARE SUPPORT ASSISTANT WANTED

#### Would you like to work as a Health Care Support Assistant?

The HSE require Health Care Support Assistants (formally known as Home Helps) to provide care to clients in their own homes in the Carlow, Kilkenny, South Tipperary, Waterford & Wexford areas. If you would like more information on how you can join the team, please check the job search section on [www.hse.ie](http://www.hse.ie) using reference code: SECH21HCSA to find out more details. Please note closing date is Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 12 noon and applications can only be accepted by email. For Kilkenny enquiries please contact Sinead on (056) 7784698.

### ◆ 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 be starting computer classes 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 has reopened its doors on Friday mornings at 10:30 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross. For more information please contact Joan on 086-3896283.

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ DRIVE IN BINGO

Slieverue GAA club are starting Drive in Bingo on the 18<sup>th</sup> October at 6:30 pm and every two weeks after. A 10-page book and over € 2,000 in prize money, with a snowball starting at € 325. Numbers will be called through the car radio so you won't have to leave the window open. Everyone is welcome.

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