

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 24th October 2021

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### Thirtieth Sunday of the Year Mission Sunday

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We come to God who cares for his people and gives the blind new sight.

**First Reading:** the Lord does not intend to allow his people to suffer indefinitely. Those who have been in tears are called to shout for joy.

**Second Reading:** Christ is our High Priest. He leads us to the Father and he makes the Father's goodness present to us.

**Gospel:** Jesus is on the most important journey ever undertaken by a human being: his journey to the cross. Yet he stops when he hears the cry of a poor blind man.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	No Mass
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	10:00 am

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

#### Anniversaries

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace  
John and Mary Knox, Brownstown  
Jack Barron, Tinneranny  
Eddie (Ned) Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross  
Pat Dooley, Garrenbehly

#### November Masses for the Holy Souls

It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Fr Dan will offer masses during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to place the names of those you would like to have remembered in the boxes before the altars of Rosbercon, Mullinarrigle (Listerlin) or Tullogher Church. Masses will begin on Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

Mission Sunday this year falls on the 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. Many thanks for your generosity.

**A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love one another as I have loved you',** says Christ. The way of Jesus is made known to us by the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. In presenting the way of Jesus to us, the Church has given us lots of rules and regulations and practices to help us to know what Jesus is like and what he wants us to do so that we can live good lives, by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We have to be careful, however, that the rules and regulations do not take on a life of their own. This had happened in the Jewish faith at the time of Christ. The religious leaders in Judaism at the time of Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They presented the teachings of Moses to the people but as happened later in the Church their rules and regulations took over. Keeping rules was seen as being faithful and loving of God. And so, washing in certain ways and washing after coming from the market place was essential. People knew immediately that you were a religious person if you observed the rules to the letter.

Jesus however was a person full of common sense. He spoke to the people about their God and his love for them. He spoke to them of how they could love their God by loving their neighbour. Good and decent living was much more important than keeping rigidly to rules and regulations.

Because Jesus spoke with authority many people followed him, and still do. In our Church today we, too, have lots of rules and regulations and traditions. These can take on a life of their own. The keeping of these rules can be seen as Christian and loyal and all important.

Christ, however spelled out clearly the most important rule that we must observe. We must love our God with all our heart and soul and also love our neighbour as ourselves. We must care for ourselves and our neighbour by being just and honest, by being forgiving and compassionate, by not being greedy or envious.

***That is the way of Christ.***

*(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.*

#### Prayer when Visiting a Graveyard

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.  
May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.  
May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.  
May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought.  
May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.  
May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light.  
May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent field.

*John O'Donohoe.*

**To make you Smile:** 'An alcoholic is a man you don't like who drinks as much as you do'. Dylan Thomas (1914-1953)

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup>/31<sup>st</sup> October 2021

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 9:30 am  
Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin  
Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 11:00 am  
Jack Barron, Tinneranny  
Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden  
James Lalor Jnr., Tinneranny  
Carol Walsh, Garraunbehy, New Ross  
Tom Bradley, New Ross

### Collection of Parish Funds 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	€ 457.50
<b>Weekly Envelopes</b>	€ 1,043.00
<b>Parish Debt on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021</b>	€ 41,848.85

Parishioners who wish to make their contributions to the Parish/Priest of Rosbercon for 2022 by **Standing Order** can do so by giving their name to Fr. Dan. People may find this facility useful as it eliminates all envelopes and also simplifies parish administration.

**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.

### Rosbercon Parish Draw

It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to maintain the Buildings of the Parish we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021. Tickets will be distributed to the homes of the parish during the coming weeks at a cost € 2.00 each or a book of 6 for € 10.00. Each household and wage earner is asked to buy three books or as many as you can!! This Draw has been very successful over the years and Fr. Dan is confident that it will be successful this year also.

### Support for the Parish

I wish to thank you so much for your support of the Parish. These are particularly difficult times! The offerings for the support of the priest are very generous. However, the loss of the weekly Offertory Collection, during lockdown has had an effect on Church Funds which pay the bills. It is the weekly envelopes that are keeping us going and we thank those who return them so faithfully. So please continue to return the weekly envelopes or if you wish to set up a standing order, please contact Fr. Dan.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation:** On Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> October last year's Sixth Class and the present Sixth Class from Shanbogh School were confirmed in Rosbercon Church. 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.

**Wisdom:** You always pass failure on the way to success.

**Humour:** The old begin to complain of the conduct of the young when they themselves are no longer able to set a bad example!

### Reflection: Salutation to the Dawn

Look to this day!  
For it is life, the very life of life.  
In its brief course  
lie all the truths and realities of our existence:  
The bliss of growth,  
The glory of action,  
The splendour of achievement,  
For yesterday is but a dream  
And tomorrow is only a vision,  
But today well lived makes yesterday a dream of happiness  
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.  
Look well, therefore, to this day!  
Such is our greeting to the dawn.

### A Candle was Lighting

I visit the Churches of the parish regularly. I am in the Church in Rosbercon every day. Candles are always burning in the candelabras. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of late autumn.

Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.

### ◆ 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 running 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)

### ◆ 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.

### ◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA—FESTIVAL PLAY

The New Ross Drama Workshop presents; Their One Act Festival Play WRINGER by Stewart Roche—Directed by Peggy Hussey in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 08:00pm. Admission € 10.00. For bookings please contact 051-421255.

### ◆ QUOTE OF THE DAY

Whatever you decide to do, make sure it makes you happy.

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