

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 21st November 2021

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Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. When we think of a king we think of someone who is above his people. But Christ became one of us and lived an ordinary life. He is king of all who are on the side of truth and listen to his voice. The best way to show our loyalty to Christ is to serve one another.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Christ is our King.

First Reading

Daniel's vision of a man becoming King in Heaven.

Second Reading: Jesus is the ruler of the kings of the earth.

Gospel: Jesus disputes his kingship with Pilate.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 27th November: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 28th November: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Wednesday 24th November: 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Friday 26th November: 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Anniversaries

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny

Prayer of Saint Jerome: 'Holy Spirit, open my ear to hear Christ's word. Open my mind to understand Christ's message. Open my heart understand Christ's action in my life. May my heart never grow dull, and may my ears be always be listening for the voice of Christ.'

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

But why:

But why – of all things he is Lord.

By heavenly hosts adored,

Seeks he for love from such as I?

Oh why?

To make you Smile: November:

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member –

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,

November!

Thomas Hood (1799-1845)

A Message from Fr Dan: Christ the King: This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. An old priest said after the Vatican Council, 'My Christ used to be Christ the King, but now he has to be Christ the Carpenter'. Yet in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus says to Pilate, Yes, I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world'.

Today we live in a world of democracy where kings have no place. But the Feast of Christ the King is very important for our times, for his Kingdom and his kingship are totally different from the kingdoms of the world.

Christ is a king who cares. He calls himself the good shepherd who cares for his flock. He, himself, searches for us and when he finds us, he keeps us safe from harm. When we stray from him he comes for us and heals our lives and gives us his strength. Yes, Christ has been immensely good to each one of us. He continually leads us to the right path and accompanies us on our journey. Christ knows our needs and listens to our prayers. One day he will welcome us into the kingdom of Heaven.

Christ is a king who offers his grace to the world that needs his love so badly. As Pope Francis repeats again and again. Christ offers forgiveness and mercy to his people. He replaces our natural weakness and failings with his greater love, compassion, kindness and courage. He doesn't force us to do anything. He respects our freedom and leaves us to make our own decisions for or against him each day.

Christ's greatest commandment is the commandment to love God, to love ourselves and to love our neighbour. Christ has a special love for the hungry, the sick, the lonely and the rejected. He came to serve rather than be served. It is the goodness and sacrifice of his life that persuade us to follow him. We meet Christ in the 'bits and pieces of everyday, a laugh here a kiss again and sometimes tears' As Patrick Kavanagh wrote. 'Christ is the pearl necklace around the neck of poverty'.

Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council would like to send a Christmas Greeting Card for 2021 to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. Please let us have the names and addresses of any family members, friends or neighbours whom you wish to receive a card. The emigrants will also be remembered at our Parish Christmas Masses. Names may be handed in to the Parochial House or to the Parish Office. Names may be posted, texted or Emailed to Fr. Dan or Anne at danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Sunday 12th December at 3.00 p.m. Mass will be followed by the Parish Draw at 4.00 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the Draw. Both the Mass and the Draw will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 27th/28th November 2021

Rosbercon: Saturday 27th November at 7:00 pm
Kathleen Murphy, Brownsford
Jeremiah and Mary Sinnott, Tinneranny
Matt, Nora and their son Luke Cody, Ballyrue, New Ross

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 28th November at 9:30 am
Maureen Croke, Thomastown
Jimmy Phelan, Smithstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 28th November at 11:00 am
John Dooley, Rosbercon
Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon
Monica Whitty, Glenbarra

Collection of Parish Funds 6th/7th November & 13th/14th November 2021

Offertory Collection: € 718.00
Weekly Envelopes: € 1278.00
Parish Debt on 18th November 2021: € 41,848.85

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations and November Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

Support for the Parish:

I wish to thank you so much for your support of the Parish. Every year our Parish Draw is a great boost to our morale and to the parish finances. I would ask for your support for this year's draw which will take place on Sunday, 12th December. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Fr. Dan

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne.

Reflection: The Dead

They do not leave us; they are not gone.
They look upon us still.
They walk among the valleys now,
They stride upon the hill.
Their smile is in the summer sky
Their grace is in the breeze.
Their memories whisper in the grass
Their calm is in the trees.
Their light is in the winter snow
Their tears are in the rain.
Their merriment runs in the brook
Their laughter in the lane
Their gentleness is in the flowers
They sigh in autumn leaves.
They do not leave; they are not gone,
Tis only we who grieve

Wisdom: "A knife of the keenest steel requires a whetstone and the wisest man needs advice"

Humour: Happiness: a good bank account, a good cook and a good digestion.

◆ COMMUNITY ALERT

The Community Alert AGM will take place on Wednesday 1st December in Rosbercon Parish Hall commencing at 8 pm. Please wear face masks and observe social distancing where feasible. All are welcome to attend. As always the contact number for reporting suspicious activity is 083-1999585. Please continue to stay safe.

◆ LISTERLIN TIDY TOWNS

Listerlin Tidy Towns were delighted to hear that the group won two awards in the 2021 SuperValu Tidy Towns competition! The group were Regional Award Winners for the South East of Ireland in the new COVID-19 Community Award. We are very proud that our village shares the spoils in this category with the winners in the three other national regions: Blessington (Midlands & East), Cobh (South West & Mid West) and Ballina (North West & West). This is a testament to how the groups, businesses and individuals of our community worked together to support each other and keep everyone safe throughout the lockdown. The award also recognises how Listerlin Tidy Towns group continued to work on projects to keep the village beautiful during this time.

The group were also winners of the Endeavour Award in Co. Kilkenny, as the group in the county who had the most improved score since the Tidy Towns competition was last held in 2019. Listerlin Tidy Towns group would like to thank the people of Listerlin and Tullogher-Rosbercon who continue to support our endeavours through volunteering and donating to our group. We will invest the prize money that we won from these awards into further projects to keep our little corner of Kilkenny beautiful.

◆ SHANBOGH NATIONAL SCHOOL

We are currently accepting applications for the school year 2022/2023. For an application form, contact us on 051-880308, at shanboghns@gmail.com or download a form at our Shanbogh NS website. Closing date for applications is Friday, 10th December, 2021.

◆ ST. MOLINGS CHAPTER ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ROSBERCON TULLOGHER

Our Annual Christmas Collection will take place as usual within the coming month of December. Due to COVID-19 restrictions special St. Vincent De Paul blue coloured envelopes will be placed on the tables in all of our Churches to facilitate parishioners wishing to donate, the envelopes can be returned in the usual Sunday Collection boxes. It is important to note all donations received without exception go strictly to the relief of parishioners in genuine need. Due to COVID-19 related unemployment there has been a greater demand on our limited resources which is financed primarily by your Christmas donations. Our Chapter has been present within our parish now in excess of seventy years operating in the strictest confidence. To assist us in our charitable work we are requesting any parishioner who becomes aware of genuine urgent need amongst neighbours or friends, please let us know by calling us on either our special help line phone no: 087-7140112 or by contacting any of our following committee member; Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Catherine Cotterell, Bríd Vereker, Margaret Saunders.

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