

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 28th November 2021

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First Sunday of Advent

The Season of Advent reminds us that Christmas is coming.

First Reading: The Prophet assures the people that God will send the Messiah.

Second Reading: St. Paul prays that the Lord will deepen the love we have for each other.

Gospel: Luke describes the second coming of Christ in Old World language.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4th December: 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 5th December: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 1st December: 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Friday 3rd December: 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Recent Deaths

Fr. Michael Norton P.P

Anniversaries

Anna Travers, Dublin

Matt and Nora Cody and their son Luke, Ballyrue

Jeremiah and Mary Sinnott, Tinneranny

Maureen Croke, Thomastown

Jimmy Phelan, Smithstown

Luke Doyle, Ramsgrange

John Dooley and his daughter Joan Hennessy, Rosbercon

Monica Whitty, Glenbarra,

Kate Lee, Kilbrahan

Lucy Dillon, Rosbercon

Bob Saunders, Ballyknock

We welcome into our Christian Community **Saoirse Nora Prendergast**, daughter of Jim and Sinéad, Shanbogh, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 20th November 2021.

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

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 pm. Mass will be followed by the Parish Draw at 4:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to attend. Both the Mass and the Draw will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

A Message from Fr. Dan: Advent: This weekend we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. The word 'Advent' means 'coming'. The celebration of Advent is particularly welcome to those who know themselves to be poor, and who look forward to something greater to come. The season of Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas.

The first two Sundays in Advent look forward to Christ's second coming, and the third and fourth Sundays look back to Christ's first coming at Bethlehem. The Church celebrates Advent each year to prepare us to celebrate Christ's coming as an infant in Bethlehem over two thousand years ago.

To help us in our Advent preparation we use the Advent Wreath. The wreath is a circle, which has no beginning or end. Our lives began at birth but like the wreath they will have no end because our destiny is to share in the life of God in the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

The wreath is made of fresh plant material, because Christ came to give us new life through His passion, death, and resurrection. The four candles represent hope, faith, joy, and peace. Three candles are purple, symbolizing penance, preparation, and sacrifice; the pink candle is for joy and highlights the third Sunday of Advent, when we rejoice because our preparation is now half-way finished. A fifth white candle is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

The white candle stands for Christ, who entered this world to scatter the darkness of evil and show us the way to light and joy. The progression of lighting candles each weekend of Advent shows our increasing readiness to meet our Lord. We invite all our people to be aware of the meaning of the Advent wreath and to say a short prayer when they visit the Church. This prayer will help us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

Prayer for Advent: 'Almighty God, grant your people the wonder of meeting Christ at his coming this Christmas, so that having shared His life on earth we may one day share with him the Kingdom of Heaven'.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

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

To make you Smile: 'The early bird may get the worm, but it's the second mouse who gets the cheese'

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 4th/5th

December 2021

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 5th December at 9:30 am

Margaret Mackey, Mullinakill

Rosbercon Parish Draw It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to pay our way in these difficult times, we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 12th 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 this year also.

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the November Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity.

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.

Reflections: Christ comes

In the beginning was the word...

He who comes, comes to us now.,

In the silence, in the darkness

In the confusion, in the loneliness

As Word and as Light

as Truth and as Love

Emmanuel, the name that means,

God-with-us...Now...

Home

To an open house in the evening,

Home shall all men come,

To an older place than Eden,

And a taller town than Rome.

To the end of the way of the wandering star,

To the things that cannot be and that are,

To the place where God was homeless,

And all men are at home.

G. K. Chesterton

Love

"Love is like the wild rose briar,

Friendship, like the holly tree.

The holly is dark when the rose briar blooms,

But which will bloom most constantly."

Emily Bronte

Wisdom: "Time is a threefold present: the present as we experience it, the past as a present memory and the future as a present expectation"

Humour: If you want to know the kind of person you are, ask yourself whether people say 'Oh good!' when they see your coming or 'Oh God!'

Christmas Masses: The Christmas Eve Vigil Mass in Listerlin will be at 6:00 pm and the Christmas Eve Mass in Rosbercon will be at 8:00 pm. Christmas Day Masses will be in Tullogher at 9:30 am and Rosbercon at 11:00 am.

Christmas Reconciliation Services: Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Rosbercon and Mullinarrigle on Saturday/Sunday for the remaining weekends of Advent and in Tullogher on Saturday 4th December.

◆ 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.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The New Ross Active Retirement are having their general meeting on Friday 3rd December 2021 at 10:30 am in the Nunnery Lane Youth Centre. All welcome to attend.

◆ CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Campile Hall Committee are running a Christmas Craft Fair on Sunday December 12th from 10 am to 4 pm; Eircode Y34DT10 with lots of great crafts on offer on the day. We are also running a Christmas Raffle in conjunction with our Craft Fair with a 1st Prize of € 200 cash and 2nd prize a Christmas Hamper valued at € 100 and lots of other prizes to be won, tickets are on sale from Committee members, draw to take place at the Craft Fair.

◆ 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.

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