

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 26th December 2021

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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

As we meet to celebrate the Eucharist together on the Feast of the Holy Family we remember especially today the members of our families, living and dead. We remember too the families of our parish community that we may live in cooperation and peace in the coming year.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: All families are especially blessed because of the birth of Christ.

First Reading: Hannah presents her child to the Lord.

Second Reading: We are called to pass on God's love to each other in our families.

Gospel: Mary finds her child among the wise men in the Temple in Jerusalem.

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 29th December: No Mass

Friday 31st December: 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

New Year's Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st January: New Year's Day

10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 2nd January

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Mary Doyle, Thomastown

Ellen Long, Ballalog

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

Christmas Offerings: Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Christmas Offerings. Your generosity to the Parish and to the Priests is much appreciated.

Celtic Prayer for the Close of the Year

As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue sky,
So the dark happenings of my lot
Hide the shining of God's face from me.
Yet, if I may hold Christ's hand in darkness,
It is enough, since I know that,
Though I may stumble in my going,
God does not fall.

A Message from Fr Dan on the Feast of the Holy Family: Christmas is the season when we have time to be together, what we might call 'family time'. **Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap** has written a beautiful poem about how to enjoy a winter walk in nature and especially in the woods. The following is an extract from that poem and I hope you find it enjoyable.

A Meditation: When you walk in the woods, do so at their pace. Not yours. Pause before you enter their embrace, and breathe deep. Slow down to their ancient pace of root, and branch, and story. Then, with a bow, enter; and allow their cathedral coolness to enfold you, and their greened light to anoint you with sylvan sacrament of stained-glass dappling; and your healing will begin.

Listen long enough and they will teach you their tongue: words of wood, and weather, and water, united in one song of praise that began with the first Divinely led step into the dance of inter-breathing that you have forgotten how to sing until now. Touching their great slowness, be reborn in their wisdom that promises, for every Winter a Spring, and roots deep enough to outlast any Summer drought until Autumn's coolness comes. When you walk in the woods, do so at their pace. Not yours.

Each one of us has so many memories of the family we grew up in. That was our home and there we belonged. We could not have survived without the care and the love of our parents. Each of us has a memory of the desperation we felt when we were lost as children. Whether we were left behind in the Church after Mass or wandered off when our mother was shopping, we never forgot the feeling of being lost.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that Jesus too was raised in a family just like ours. He too was lost in the Temple when he was only twelve. It was Mary and Joseph who created the atmosphere at home that shaped Jesus' character. They gave Jesus good values and from them he learned what was expected of him and what was acceptable. They formed Jesus well and we are told in the gospel that he grew up in 'wisdom, stature and favour' in the eyes of God and men.

Today's feast of the Holy Family reminds us of our own particular childhoods. Our families too were holy and today we remember our fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, friends and neighbours who created our family life and made us the kind of people we became.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

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

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 1st/2nd January 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 2nd January at 9:30 am
Billy Malone, Cooleen

Rosbercon: Sunday 2nd January at 11:00 am
Jo Doyle, Weatherstown (Months Mind)

Collection of Parish Funds 18th/19th December 2021

Offertory Collection: € 236.00

Weekly Envelopes: € 374.00

Parish Debt on 22nd December 2021: € 38,475.04

A New Year Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you,
May the light of your soul bless the work that you do
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul,
May the sacredness of your work bring healing, light and
renewal to those who work with you and to those who
receive your work.

May your work never weary you,
May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment,
inspiration and excitement.
May you be present in what you do.
May the day never burden you.

May dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your
new
day with dreams, possibilities and promises.
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night, blessed, sheltered and protect-
ed.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.

Amen

Wisdom: Most of the trouble in the world is caused by
people wanting to be important.

Humour: 'The prophets promised that a time would come
when the lion and the lamb would lie down together, but
they didn't say how much sleep the lamb would get!'

Woody Allen

The Rosbercon-Mullinarrigle-Tullagher Christmas Draw
took place in Rosbercon Church of the Assumption on
Sunday 12th December 2021. The Draw was very success-
ful and realized **€8,420.00**. We thank all parishioners for
your generous contribution and your continued loyal-
ty to the Draw and to the Parish. Special thanks to the
Promoters, and to those who sold and bought tickets. The
level of co-operation and good will shown is very encour-
aging. Again, Many Thanks.

**Fr Dan and the Parish Finance Committee sincerely thank
our generous sponsors of the Christmas Draw:** Bar-
rowside Veterinary, Breen Hardware, Crystal Taxis,
Harry Dooley's, Doyle's Funeral Home, Eurofarm & Gar-
den Supplies Ltd., Hartley Autobody Ltd., Ille Paper Ser-
vice (Irl) Ltd, Joyce's Home Centre, Listerlin Fuel & Grocery
Store, New Ross Credit Union Ltd., O' Rourke Transport,
Rosbercon Parish Hall, Stafford Fuels, Trudie's Catering,
Vibe Hair Salon and Waterford Ross Co-operative
Marts Ltd.

The prize winners were

1st Prize: €500.00

Jack Handrick, Millbanks

2nd Prize: €200.00

Charlie Gaule, Slievecorragh

3rd Prize: Voucher for Ten Bags of Coal by Stafford Fuels

Brid Áine Lawlor, North Street, New Ross

4th Prize: €150.00

Brian O'Shea, Tinneranny

5th Prize: €100.00

Kathleen Walsh, Garrenbehly

**6th Prize: €100.00 Voucher for Listerlin Fuel & Grocery
Store** Shane Power, Waterford

7th Prize: €100.00 Voucher for Joyce's Home Centre

Jim Corbett, Cork

8th Prize: €50.00 Voucher for Vibe Hair Salon

Cian O'Donoghue, Tinneranny

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund

201/2022: The Diocesan Draw for December took place
on Wednesday, 15th December 2021. Please check the
Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw. Congrat-
ulations to Matt O'Brien who won 1st Prize of €2,000.

**This office will close on Wednesday 22nd December at
12.30pm and reopen on Tuesday 4th January 2022. We
would like to wish all the Parish a Happy Christmas and a
Peaceful New Year.**

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