

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 5th December 2021

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Second Sunday of Advent

As Christians, we are people who walk in the light of the Lord. May this be even truer of us during this season of Advent.

First Reading: God's people are invited to remove their garments of sorrow and distress and to replace them with the beauty and glory of God.

Second Reading: St. Paul's prayer is as relevant today as when he wrote it to the Philippians: 'May the one who has begun the good work in you bring it to fulfilment.'

Gospel: John the Baptist calls on the people to change and believe the good news of God's love.

Weekend Masses

Friday 10th December 10:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Saturday 11th December: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 12th December: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon—Vigil of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday 7th December: 7:00 pm

Rosbercon—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December 11:00 am

Mullinarrigle—Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Wednesday 8th December at 9:30 am

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception - falls on Wednesday 8th December this year and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

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

Anniversaries

Margaret Mackey, Mullinakil

Lar Murphy, Ballyfoyle

David Wilson, Ardross, New Ross

Nan Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross

We welcome into our Christian Community **Arthur Thomas Lanigan**, son of Thomas and Serena, Darbystown, who was baptised in Listerlin Church on Saturday 27th November 2021.

December is the month of the Birth of Our Saviour; it is the month of mid-winter, the month of the shortest day of the year. It is the last month of the calendar and the month of gift giving. During the month of December, we pray to come close to Jesus in our lives and in our prayer.

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

Christmas Masses: Due to health and safety concerns and in keeping with currently Government guidelines, the Christmas Eve Vigil Mass this year will be celebrated in Listerlin (Mullinarrigle) at 6:00 pm and the Christmas Morning Mass will be celebrated in Tullogher at 9:30 am. The Christmas Eve Mass in Rosbercon will be at 8:00 pm. and the Christmas Day Mass in Rosbercon will be at 11:00 am.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The coming of Christ: We remember with great affection the people who made a real difference to our lives. We are forever grateful to them for their kindness. As we look to Christmas we reflect on the difference that the coming of Christ makes to the world. I like to reflect, in particular on two gifts Christ brings us. One is the gift of new life and the second is the gift of peace.

Like to-day, the world of the Roman Empire, into which Christ was born, was a world that had grown tired of itself. We have all seen tree stumps, in varying stages of decay, in paddocks, beside streams and on barren hillsides. Sometimes when we stop to look, we see a green shoot; new life emerging from the old and abandoned stump. Is it possible, that we see ourselves as stumps in the winter of our lives? We've done our bit. Yet, this dead wood can become green again. We can still contribute. The coming of Christ encourages us to find a new and more life-giving way of being. Along with nature we too can bloom again in spring.

The Old Testament Jews looked to the coming of the Messiah as the dawn of a new era of peace and harmony in the world. They looked forward to a time when the animals of forest and the animals of the plain would come together in peace and companionship. The wolf and lamb would lie down together. The lion and kid would be friends with the weak offering hospitality to the strong. The cow and the bear would be neighbours and the calf and the lion cub would browse together.

The use of animals as metaphors, invites us to think about our relationships. These images point to a wonderful reconciliation that the coming of Christ brings. The way forward for nations and peoples will not be through power, but through playfulness, or a creativity that allows all to participate as equals. Advent is a call to the inner child in us to recapture the spontaneity, the trust and truthfulness that are the gifts of the Child Jesus.

May we find new life and energy this Christmas and may the peace of God which surpasses all understanding be in our hearts and minds.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 11th/12th

December 2021

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th December at 7:00 pm
Pat O'Neill, Tinneranny

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 12th December at 9:30 am
Nora Woods, Ballymartin
Margaret (Peg) Ryan, Guilcough

Collection of Parish Funds 20th/21st November & 27th/28th November 2021

Offertory Collection	€ 497.00
Weekly Envelopes	€ 1,338.00
Parish Debt on 30th November 2021	€ 41,848.85

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.

Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council have sent twenty-two Christmas Cards and Greetings to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. We thank those who gave us the names of their family members and we will remember our emigrants at our Parish Christmas Masses.

Rosbercon Parish Draw. It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 12th December 2021. Tickets have been distributed to the homes of the parish and 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.

Christmas Reconciliation Services: Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Rosbercon, Tullogher and Mullinarrigle on Saturday/Sunday for the remaining weekends of Advent. These will be held in the Sacristies to allow for social distancing.

To make you Smile: Regarding the three wise men who came to Bethlehem: 'What if there had been three wise women instead of three wise men?' They would have asked for directions; been on time; helped deliver the baby; brought practical gifts; cleaned the stable; made a casserole'.

Letter to the 'Independent', December 1999

Advent Encircling Prayer

Circle me Lord

Keep protection near; keep danger afar.

Circle me Lord.

Keep hope within; keep doubt without.

Circle me Lord.

Keep light near; keep darkness afar.

Circle me Lord

Keep peace within; keep strife without.

Circle me Lord

Keep love within; keep hate without.

Wisdom: 'The morning ray, though it lasts but for one moment, differs not at heart from the great oak that lives a thousand years.'

Humour: Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia!

Reflection: 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...

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw winners of November 2021, which was held on the 30th November 2021 are as follows:

1st—Michael Power, Brownstown

2nd—John O'Donnell, Inistioge

3rd—Brendan Grace, Rosbercon

4th—Maura O'Neill, Ballyreddy

5th—Robert and Eileen Forristal, Shanbogh

6th—Willie John Murphy, Brownsford

7th—James Murphy, Tinaree

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 4th January 2022 at 08:30 pm.

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