

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER, 16th January 2022

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the wedding in Cana Jesus changed the water into wine. There are many things in our lives that we would like to change. Jesus' power is available to us too. Let us reflect on our need of his power in order to change the things in our lives that need to be changed.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

God works wonders for his people.

First Reading

God is as close to us as a bridegroom to a bride.

Second Reading

A community has need of the gift and talent of its members.

Gospel

The story of the wedding feast of Cana.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 22nd January 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 23rd January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 19th January 10:00 am

Friday 21st January 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries

John and Annie Maddock, Listerlin

Bob Quinn, Rosbercon

Paddy Curran, Hoods Grove

Michael O'Sullivan, Raheen

Paddy Hennessy, Hoods Grove

God's Call: God's call is mysterious; It comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call. This call is uninterrupted. God is always calling us.

A Message from Fr Dan: We have left the Christmas season behind for another year. We have entered the period in the Church's Year known as Ordinary Time. These calm weeks until Lent provide us with time to strengthen our faith and to nourish our spiritual lives.

In the gospel this weekend we meet Jesus at the Wedding Feast of Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother is also present as are Jesus' disciples. When they run out of wine, Mary turns to Jesus and says simply, 'they have no wine'. Jesus' first response is to ignore his mother's plea. 'His hour has not come yet'. At this point, Mary turns to the servants and tells them to do whatever Jesus tells them. This is an act of faith in Jesus and it is through this act that Jesus works his first miracle. Through his miracle Jesus gives the wedding guests an abundance of wine. In this, we see the generosity of Jesus and his sensitivity, in saving the family of the groom the embarrassment of running out of wine.

An important message for us is to remember the role of Mary in the working of the miracle. At first Jesus refused to get involved but changed his mind in response to Mary's act of faith in him. It was Mary's faith that was responsible for the miracle.

The story reminds us of the importance of our own faith. January is the month of new resolutions. During the coming weeks we can resolve to build a closer relationship with God in our daily lives. Our Lady teaches us how a trusting faith can move Jesus to work miracles.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: For over a hundred years the third Sunday of January is devoted to the plight of Migrants and Refugees worldwide. Many are suffering because of war and persecution. Let us welcome those who seek refuge in Ireland. A trait associated with Celts according to tradition was always to welcome the stranger. We can recite this Prayer for our strangers: **Lord, be present with migrants and all those who are dispossessed. Be present to those who cannot be with their own people. Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face. Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all. Amen.**



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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 22nd/23rd
January 2022**

Rosbercon: Saturday 22nd January at 7:00 pm
Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 16th January at 9:30 am
Seamus and Siobhán Barron, Darbystown

Rosbercon: Sunday 16th January at 11:00 am
Peggy Walsh, Hoodsgrove—Months Mind

Collection of Parish Funds 1st/2nd & 8th/9th January 2022

Offertory Collection: € 597.00

Weekly Envelopes: € 1335.00

Parish Debt on 12th January 2022: € 38,475.04

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.

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

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Whose woods these are I think I know.

His house is in the village though;

He will not see me stopping here

To watch his woods, fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer

To stop without a farmhouse near

Between the woods and frozen lake

The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake

To ask if there is some mistake.

The only other sound's the sweep

Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,

But I have promises to keep,

And miles to go before I sleep,

And miles to go before I sleep.

Robert Frost

A Pilgrim's Aiding - An Ancient Celtic Blessing

God be with us in every pass.

Jesus be with us on every hill.

Spirit be with us on every stream,

Headland, ridge and valley.

Each sea and land, each moor and meadow

Each lying down, each rising up.

In the trough of the waves

on the crest of the billows

each step of the journey we go

O Lord, each heart you know. Amen.

Reflection

Thank You Lord

Thanks - a word that brings us alive.

Thank you, Lord, for all that you have given us.

Thanks - a word that keeps us humble.

Thank you, Lord, for all the people that we depend on.

Thanks - a word that keeps us joyful.

Thank you, Lord, for the meetings and the memories that each day brings.

Thank you, Lord, for the help and the support, which we give and receive.

These are the seeds of life and of growth.

Thank you, Lord, for what makes life worthwhile.

May we be people who are truly grateful to others and to God

Remember this day, remember this week,

Remember all times, and be grateful.

Wisdom "Our Heavenly Father never takes anything from his children unless he means to give them something better."

Humour: 'Power corrupts, but absolute power is absolutely delightful'.

President *Lyndon* Johnston (1908-1973)

St. Molings Chapter St. Vincent De Paul

Rosbercon, Tullogher

This year's annual Christmas collection has once again been generously contributed to by Parishioners to whom we wish to express our deepest appreciation; which enables us to carry on our parish related charitable work throughout the coming year. In the past year in particular there has been a noticeable increase in requests for food and cases within our parish from parents having to make a choice between food or heating. Let there be no doubt there is genuine poverty present within our parish not always obvious to neighbours and friends which is discreetly brought to our notice to which we respond in all genuine cases to the best of our ability.

Yours Sincerely

Chapter Committee

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancy for a Groundsman/Caretaker for Tullogher Rosbercon GAA Club.

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

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