

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd January 2022

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Third Sunday of the Year

Theme of the Weekend Readings: The word of God encourages and strengthens us during the dark months of winter.

First Reading: The Word of God is read and the people eagerly respond.

Second Reading: St. Paul sees all the baptised as parts of one body.

Gospel: Jesus begins his preaching ministry.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 29th January: No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 30th January: 9.30am in Mullinarrigle
11.00am in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 26th January : 10.00am
Friday 28th January: 10.00am

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

Recent Death

Bridget Power, Glenballyvalley, Tullogher

Anniversaries

Peggy Walsh, Hoodsgrove **Months Mind**

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Seamas and Siobhán Barron, Darbystown and deceased members of the Barron family

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.

A Message from Fr Dan – The Sound of Silence: Many people are attracted to silence and solitude. They find the peace and quiet of nature very much to their liking. Some people are attracted to the sea shore to gaze on the vast ocean. Others find their way to the great outdoors. Others again take up hill walking or mountain climbing. All these activities put us in touch with solitude. The ancient Chinese sage Confucius once said 'it is good to listen to solitude'. The poet W. H. Davies wrote in 1911, 'What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare. A poor life, this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'.

Many people find God in silence and solitude. Nelson Mandela found God in the quietness of his prison cell. Finding God helped him to endure twenty-seven years of isolation on Robin Island in South Africa. The ancient Irish monks and mystics retreated to quiet and remote places to study, reflect and pray. It was in the solitude that they heard the voice of God calling them. Christ himself, when he wished to pray and commune with his Father, sought a lonely place where he could be alone and undisturbed.

Many people go on pilgrimage to experience the presence of God. They leave their home and work for a short time to travel to places like Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, or Medjugorje. We see on television how Muslims go on pilgrimage to Mecca. Pilgrims agree that going on pilgrimage brings not just relaxation and healing but an encounter with God and with their own spirits. It is important for all of us to escape occasionally from the hassle of the world. Psychologists tell us, that the quiet hours of sleep are so necessary for our well-being and they recommend daily periods of quiet and rest. It is important to take time out in all walks of life 'to stop and stare'. How we decide to do it is up to us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

To make you smile: Shortly before he died in 2001, Harry Secombe received the following telegram from his great friend Spike Milligan: 'I hope you die before me, Harry. I couldn't bear to have you singing at my funeral!'.

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

Catholic Schools' Week this year is celebrated from 23rd January to 30th January. This week provides Catholic Schools with an opportunity to celebrate their work. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Living Life to the Full". Schools are invited to reflect on the relationship between home, school and parish.

Prayer for Catholic Schools' Week: 'Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic School. Help us respond well to the faith that we have received so that we will become true followers of Jesus. Amen.'

Posters for Catholic Schools' Week are on display on the Notice Boards of the Churches of the Parish.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 30th January 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 30th January at 9:30 am
Pat Ryan, Guilcough and Kilbrahan
Mary Long, Ballyveria, Glenmore
Margaret and James Long, Ballyveria, Glenmore

Rosbercon: Sunday 30th January at 11:00 am
Ritchie Roche, The Quay, New Ross **Months Mind**

St. Brigid's Day is celebrated on Tuesday, 1st February. On the feast of St Brigid, we ask God's blessings for the year ahead. Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland after Saint Patrick.

Prayer to Saint Brigid: Brigid, Mary of the Gael, let your mantle pass over me and keep me under its protective covering until I am with you in Heaven, Amen.

Candlemas Day: Wednesday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at morning Mass in Rosbercon. We welcome candles for use in Church.

Feast of St. Blaise takes place this year on Thursday 3rd February.

The Memorare is a beautiful prayer to Our Lady in time of Covid:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin
Mary, that never was it known
that anyone who fled to thy protection,
implored thy help, or sought thy intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you do I come, before you I
stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother
of the Word Incarnate, please consider my petitions,
And in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen

I shall not pass this way again:

I expect to pass through this world but once;
Any good thing therefore, that I can do, or any
kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again. Anon

Wisdom: "A truth that's told with bad intent beats all the lies you can invent."

Humour: Being a male is a matter of birth. Being a man is a matter of age. Being a gentleman is a matter of choice.

Rosbercon Church is blessed with a wonderful team of **Church Cleaners**. Their work keeps the Church in an immaculate condition which we all enjoy. They now need help! Please contact Fr Dan if you are willing to be involved. The commitment is one and a half to one and three quarter hours every six weeks. Many thanks!

Reflection: The Good by Brendan Kennelly

"The good are vulnerable
As any bird in flight.

They do not think of safety,
Are blind to possible extinction
And when most vulnerable
Are most themselves.

The good incline to praise,
They have the knack of seeing that
the good is not destroyed
although forever threatened.

The good go naked in all weathers,
and by their nakedness rebuke
the small protective sanities
that hides men from themselves.

Always they retain a kind of youth.

The vulnerable have the grace of any bird in flight,
Content to be itself,
accepting what the earth or sky intends.
I think I know one or two among my friends".

◆ **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

Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply.

See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Housekeeper required to do some general housework 4/5 hours weekly, in Rosbercon area, flexible hours but preferably morning time. Please call 0877502954 after 3pm or text.

◆ **SCOIL MHOLINGE LISTERLIN**

Scoil Mholinge Listerlin are now taking enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2022.

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school at 051 427305 or email office@listerlinns.com

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