

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th January 2022

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### Fourth Sunday of the Year

Like so many prophets before and after him, Jesus was rejected by his own people. They couldn't take the truth he was telling them. Let us reflect for a moment on the fact that we too have no great appetite for the truth, and often cannot hear the messengers God sends to us.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** We are a people loved by God; people called to pass on the love we have received.

**First Reading:** The call of the prophet Jeremiah is described.

**Second Reading:** This reading explains what love means in practice.

**Gospel:** Jesus is rejected by his own people.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> February: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon-

#### Weekday Masses:

##### Rosbercon:

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February: 10.00am

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February: 10.00am

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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.

#### Months Mind : Richie Roche, The Quay, New Ross Anniversaries:

**Peter, Mary & Thomas Quinlan**, Mullinakill

**Phelan family** Garranbehy

**Pat Ryan**, Kilbrahan

**Bill & Jimmy Purcell**, Kilbrahan

**John Maddock**, Rahora

**Tony Brennan**, Shanbough

**Mary Long**, Ballyveria, Glenmore

**Margaret and James Long**, Ballyveria, Glenmore

**Agnes Hayes**, Fethard on Sea

**Martin and Theresa Nolan**, Rosbercon

**Francis Carroll**, The Faythe, Wexford

#### A Message from Fr Dan - Spring-Time – Lá Féile Bríde:

"We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the Spring, Awakens all the fields and flowers, and calls the birds to sing".

We celebrate Saint Brigid's Day on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, traditionally, the first day of Springtime. We have noticed the lengthening evenings and the increase of light in recent mornings. The old people used to say you can see the "cock's step" in the increase of daylight after the 6<sup>th</sup> of January. So, praise God for this beautiful time of the year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds will soon be busy building new nests and the snowdrops and the daffodils are beginning to peep out of the earth. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.

Praise God too for Saint Brigid, one of the great ladies of our faith story. Her life and her care enabled people to blossom and develop.

"All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.

She loved the poor, the sick, the sore and helped them on their way.

She laid her cloak out on the Ground and watched it grow and grow.

In wells and streams and fields of green Saint Brigid's blessings flow"

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted. *Poem "We sing a song to Brigid" by Clare Maloney*

**Candlemas Day:** Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**The Feast of St. Blaise** is celebrated on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Fr. Dan will bless throats this weekend after Mass on Sunday in Mullinarrigle and Rosbercon and Fr. Michael Collender will bless throats after the weekend Masses next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> /Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**St. Brigid's Day** is celebrated on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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## Mass Intentions for the Sat/Sun 5th/6th February 2022

**Sat 5th Tullogher 7.00 pm**

**James Phelan** Tullogher

**James, Mary, Paddy and Brigid Cummins** Tullogher

**Jimmy Fanning** Glenvalleybally

**Sun 6th Listerlin 9.30 am**

**Denis (Dinny) Walsh**, Ballyconnaught

**Sun 6th Rosbercon 11.00 am**

**Alice Sinnott**, Priory Court, New Ross

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

### Feast of Saint Blaise:

The Feast of Saint Blaise will be celebrated on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> of February. Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He is reputed to have miraculously saved a young boy from choking from a fishbone in his throat. We pray to Saint Blaise especially on his feast day, 3<sup>rd</sup> February. He is known for his power to protect us from ailments of the throat.

Prayer: **Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may Our Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

### Collection of Parish Funds 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022:

**Offertory Collection:** € 319.00

**Weekly Envelopes:** €1963.00

**Parish Debt on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022:** €38,475.04

### Humour: Walking with Grandma.

I like to walk with grandma. Her steps are small like mine  
She doesn't say 'now hurry up', she always takes her time.  
I like to walk with Grandma, her eyes see things like mine do.

Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew.

Most people have to hurry; they do not stop to see.

I'm glad that God made Grandma, unrushed and young like me.

**Wisdom:** The advantage of telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

### ◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP

The Workshop are holding their AGM on Friday 4th February at 7.30 am in St. Michaels Theatre, New Ross. New members welcome.

### Reflection - Grace by H. W. Longfellow.

"As torrents in summer,  
half-dried in their channels,  
suddenly rise, tho' the  
sky is still cloudless,  
for rain has been falling  
far off at their fountains.  
So hearts that are fainting  
grow full to o'erflowing,  
and they that behold it  
marvel, and know not  
that God at their fountains  
far off has been raining".

### Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace

Cover those who are troubled and anxious

And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts

And in our world

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness

Of body, mind and spirit.

### ◆ 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](mailto:office@listerlinns.com)

### ◆ ST CANICES NATIONAL SCHOOL

The closing date for enrolment for Junior Infants 2022 in St. Canice's National school Rosbercon is Friday, February 4th 2022.

An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051 422813 or by emailing [info@stcanicesns.com](mailto:info@stcanicesns.com).

The application for enrolment form is also available on the school's website [www.stcanicesns.com](http://www.stcanicesns.com)

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Housekeeper required to do some general housework 4/5 hours weekly, in Rosbercon area, flexible hours but preferably morning time. Please call 087 7502954 after 3pm or text.

### ◆ CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Experienced child minder available locally.

Garda vetted and full drivers licence. 087 3169966.

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