

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th February 2022

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Seventh Sunday of the Year

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The readings today challenges us to love and to forgive.

First Reading: King David forgives his enemies.

Second Reading

Paul assures us that we will join Christ in Heaven.

Gospel

Jesus asks us to be loving, generous, compassionate and forgiving.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 26th February 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 27th February 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 23rd February 10:00 am
Friday 25th February 10:00 am

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

Recent Deaths

Frederick (Fred) McElwee, West Yorkshire, England and late of Rosbercon.

Anniversaries

Stasia and Dick Ryan, Ballycurran
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ballycurran
Nickey Kenny, Lisdowney
Biddy Doyle, Glenpipe
Mary and Brian Fortune, Shanbogh
Jimmy and Maura O'Sullivan, Glenballyvalley
Mary Murphy, Glensensaw
Margaret Long, Guilcough

We welcome into our Parish Community **James Patrick Hartley**, son of Patrick and Sarah, Brabstown, who was baptised in Mullinarrigle Church on Saturday 12th February 2022.

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

Wisdom: "Christianity is not about substituting the marvellous for the humdrum, but about seeing the marvellous in the humdrum".

A Message from Fr Dan: The Synodal Journey: Every so often the Church across the world needs to renew itself. Over the last year, Pope Francis has been asking Catholic Christians to look on the Church in a new way. The name he has given to this new way is 'the Synodal Way'. The word 'synod' means 'walking together'. What Pope Francis has in mind is for all the people of God to listen to one another and then, together, to plan a way forward for the Church. Every baptized person has a part to play. Every Christian, who has something to contribute, is entitled to be listened to and have their views communicated to the Synod Committee. Every baptized person has experiences of God's love and of the salvation won for us by Jesus Christ. It is these experiences that keep our faith alive and vibrant.

The Synodal Assembly

The Church in Ireland and across the world is preparing for the Synod Assembly. Pope Francis launched a two-year global consultation in the Vatican on the 10th October 2021. The pope asks that parishes and dioceses across the world discuss their experience of their faith and their Church and to provide feedback to the Synod Assembly.

What can we do to further the Synod?

Pope Francis asks that, within the parish, we listen to one another and build understanding with all our sisters and brothers. Each person has something to teach us when we listen to them respectfully. Pope Francis explains that all the baptized must take responsibility for the future of the Church and the passing on of the Christian message. Together, we seek to discover, through prayer and reflection, what God wants of his Church at this time. How can parish communities flourish without the leadership of a priest?

Synod Prayer: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen

The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person is Ms. Kathleen Sherry 085-8021633 dlp@ossory.ie and the **Assistant Designated Liaison Person** is Mr. Cathal Cullen 087-1000232 ddlp@ossory.ie or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 ddlp@ossory.ie Should you be concerned that a child / young person may be at risk of abuse within a Church-run organisation or group, you are encouraged to report your concern to Kathleen, Cathal or Rose.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

26th/27th February 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 26th February at 7:00 pm

Billy Rochford, Bullawn, New Ross

Collection of Parish Funds 29th/30th January & 5th/6th February 2022

Offertory Collection	€ 558.50
Weekly Envelopes	€ 1,016.50
Parish Debt on 10th February 2022	€ 38,475.04

Collections at Mass: As the Covid restrictions ease, we hope to resume the basket collection at the Masses this weekend. Fr. Dan would like if we just had one collection at the Offertory. Please decide what you would like to contribute to the Church at Mass. If you have a weekly envelope place that amount in the envelope and put it in the basket at the Offertory. If you do not have an envelope please contribute in cash. All money collected at Mass goes to the parish.

For the parish to pay its way we need an income of €1,500.00 per week or €6,000.00 per month to maintain the parish buildings and grounds and to provide the services that we provide and meet our other commitments. As Parish Priest I would like to thank you for your generosity and I am confident that your generosity will ensure that this project too will be a success

Reflection: A Creed to live by

Don't undermine your worth by comparing yourself to others.
It is because we are different that each of us is special.
Don't set your goals by what other people deem is important
Only you know what is best for you.

Don't take for granted the things closest to your heart.
Cling to them as you would to your life
For without them life is meaningless.

Don't let life slip through your fingers by living in the past or the future.
By living your life one day at a time,
You live all the days of your life.

Don't give up when you still have something to give
Nothing is really over until the moment you stop trying
Don't be afraid to encounter risks.
It is by taking chances that we learn how to be brave.

Don't shut love out of your life by saying it is impossible to find.
The quickest way to receive love is to give love.
The fastest way to lose love is to give it wings.

Don't dismiss your dreams.
To be without dreams is to be without hope.
To be without hope is to be without purpose.

Don't run through life so fast that you forget,
not only where you've been, but also where you're going.
Life is not a race, but a journey to be savoured each step of the way.

Humour: You know you are getting old when you stoop down to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you can do while you're down there!

NEW ROSS CORPORATION MINUTE BOOKS 1657 TO 1841

The Wexford County Archives recently published online for all to see the minute books of the New Ross Corporation meetings of the period 1657 to 1841 giving us a good insight into life within the town during those years.

The prime administrative function of the Council was drafting of the town laws and the enforcement of the same, contravention of which was quietly severely punished by heavy cash fines or a ducking in the river Barrow. For example the council in 1668 ordered a new ducking stool to punish any inhabitant for causing annoyance on the streets in addition to a new pillory whipping post and a cage which was to be positioned in the town's market place for all to view the imprisoned offenders, many would agree the old ducking stool would not go astray today.

There was a law that dealt with any inhabitant found guilty of what was described as a hue and cry's such as smoking, dancing and singing at any wake who shall pay a fine of 5/- or be ducked. Pigs loose on the streets appears to have been a frequent occurrence for which offence a law stated any animal so found be impounded until the owner paid a fine of 6p per pig, later it increased to 2/6 as the fine did not appear to rectify the problem. Town residents were ordered to clean the street in front of their dwelling on Mondays and Wednesdays of each week or face a fine of 4p for each offence. In those times a good measure of law and order was applied within the towns but once you exited the gates, the countryside was rough and the road were just tracks and dangerous so much so the council in 1685 approved a fund of £60 to encourage men to go out in pursuit of wolves and Tories that frequented the hills about the town. Crossing the river from Rosbercon on the ferry would cost a halfpenny per person and 1p for a horse or cow in addition entering the town cost a further 1p levied at the gates.

The town Bellcroyer went about the streets on a daily basis ringing his bell and apart from announcements his main job was to ensure the town laws were kept and to eject any strange beggars. In 1689 John Joyce from Inistioge Council promised to send two salmons for the next two years being an acknowledgement of the authority of the Admiralty of Ross who claimed jurisdiction over the river from Inistioge to the tower of Hook then called the tower of Ross. In 1724 poor Francis Rooke was sentenced to be ducked and in the same year the three canon balls sticking in the walls of the Three Bullet Gate were removed. At night the military patrolled the town to protect the inhabitants from attack by the Tories. The Councils in those times were exclusively of the ascendancy class and all male who controlled all aspects of authority in the town.

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