

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th February 2022

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

All the saints were conscious of their weakness and this forced them to rely more on the grace of God than on their own strength. While our weakness humbles us, Jesus comes to help us. Therefore, we approach him with confidence and trust.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Everyone who believes in God is called upon to share their faith with others.

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah is called to be God's messenger.

Second Reading: Paul preaches the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Gospel: Jesus calls Peter, James and John to follow him.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 12th February: 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 13th February: 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 9th February NO MASS

Friday 11th February 10:00 am

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

Anniversaries

James Phelan, Tullogher

James, Mary, Paddy and Brigid Cummins, Tullogher

Jimmy Fanning, Glenballyvalley

Denis (Dinny) Walsh, Ballyconnaught

Baby Óisín McLoughlin, Smithstown

Mai Hartley, Brabstown

Tom Murphy, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Margaret Dooley, Raheen, New Ross

Alice Sinnott, Priory Court

Margaret Long, Guilcough

Joanna Murphy, Trinaree

The Feast of St. Blaise was celebrated on Thursday 3rd February. Fr. Michael Collender will bless throats after the weekend Masses this Saturday 5th /Sunday 6th February.

February, month of Saint Brigid, the beginning of spring, month of lambs, month of three weathers – wind, rain and snow. Lord, be with us during the month of February. At this time of the year plants begin to grow and already, we can see the snowdrop, crocus and daffodil peeping through the soil. Let us hope that the gloomy days of winter are coming to an end.

A Message from Fr Dan: Spring-Time in the Church

Late in Winter as we are now, only the barest signs of Spring are visible. But we have no doubt that Spring is just around the corner even though the ground still carries many of the dead leaves of last Summer.

We live in a time of change, in society, in political life, in the Church and in our parish. As the old certainties pass away, we can be both fearful and excited at what the future will bring.

Our Diocesan and Parish structures have served us well in the past but they assumed a large number of priests and a service model of church between priests and laypeople.

For many years, theologians and church leaders have been saying that now is the time when all baptised will take their rightful places in church life. However, it has taken the huge reduction in the number of priests to bring us to the moment where lay people can flourish.

As we move into the future we can choose to resist change or to be open and excited about what is happening in our parish and in the diocese. But like the coming spring, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God will break through the withered beauties of last year and carry us forward to enjoy what is new and fresh in the world.

The Hill we Climb

"So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with. We will rebuild, reconcile and recover in every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country. Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful. When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

from a poem read by Amanda Gorman at President Joe Biden's inauguration.

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.

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, 12th/13th

February 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 12th February at 7:00 pm
Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbogh
Biddy Power, Glenballyvalley—Months Mind
Margaret Dooley, Raheen
Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbogh

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 13th February at 9:30 am
Josie Cotterell, Ballykenna

Rosbercon: Sunday 13th February at 11:00 am
Anne Forristal, Shanbogh Lower
Maeve Wilson, Ardross
Thomas Greene, Shanbogh

“Anois teacht on Earraig”

The great Gaelic Poet, Anthony Raftery wrote in his poem Cill Aodain,

‘Now that spring has come, days will get longer,
And after Brigid’s Day I will raise my sails’.

We have entered the month of February, St Brigid’s month,
the beginning of Spring, month of lambs, calves and foals;
Month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

We experience new life and light as nature
awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer
and the snowdrops and daffodils will soon be plentiful.

We pray, ‘God of nature, Lord of light, you have
Given us a world to respect and preserve.

We ask God’s blessing on our fragile earth and on
the people who live upon the earth, through the
gentleness of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

Reflection

A Faithful Friend

Let those who are at peace with you be many,
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.

When you gain a friend, gain him through testing,
and do not trust him hastily.

For there is a friend who is such at his own convenience,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
And there is a friend, who changes into an enemy,
and will disclose a quarrel to your disgrace.

And there is a friend, who is a table companion,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
In your prosperity he will make himself your equal,
and be bold with your servants;
But if you are brought low he will turn against you,
and will hide himself from your presence.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
He that has found one has found a treasure.
There is nothing as precious as a faithful friend,
and no scales can measure his excellence.

Old Testament Book of Wisdom

Humour: There’s a way of transferring funds that is even quicker
than electronic banking – it’s called rearing a family!

Wisdom: Nearly all happiness comes into our lives through
doors we don’t even remember leaving open.

◆ ROSBERCON CHURCH CLEANERS

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.

◆ 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

◆ 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.

◆ ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

With just over a month to go until St. Patrick’s Day preparations are well under way for the annual New Ross St. Patrick’s Day Parade which will begin in the Irishtown at 2pm. The committee would be delighted to see more groups and floats taking part. Our theme this year is “Lets Celebrate”. The committee are also looking for volunteers to help out on the day. For more information check out our Facebook page St. Patricks Day – New Ross or phone Anthony 087-2338350 Ollie 087-2571841

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT

The New Ross Active Retirement AGM takes place on Friday February 11th at 10:30 am in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane. All welcome.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw 2019-2022 took place on Tuesday 1st February 2022.

1st prize—Richard Walsh, Glin, Tullagher

2nd prize—John Hartley, Brabstown

3rd prize—Bridget Kilbane, Rahora

4th prize—John and Margaret Barron, Brownsford

5th prize—Margot Cullinane, Shanbogh

6th prize—Christina O’Brien, Shanbogh

7th prize—Dodie Walsh, Brownstown

The next draw will take place on Tuesday the 1st March 2022 at 08:30 pm.

The Strength of Love

There is a comfort in the strength of love;
‘twill make a thing enduring, which else
Would overset the brain or break the heart.

William Wordsworth

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