

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th March 2022

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Third Sunday of Lent

Jesus calls on us continually to change our hearts and change our attitudes. We always begin our celebration of the Eucharist with a call to repent. To repent means to change!

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Jesus calls on us to repent, reminding us that we worship a God of kindness who gives his people a second chance.

First Reading

God reveals his name to Moses, who removes his sandals as a sign of respect.

Second Reading

Saint Paul warns his followers to take care as to how they live their lives.

Gospel

Jesus calls us to repent and reminds us of God's willingness to give us a second chance.

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

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

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

Recent Deaths

Joe Mackey, Mullinakil

Anniversaires

Tom Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin
Margaret Long, Listerlin
Jim and Christina Fitzgerald, Coolnahaw
Jim Brindley, Ballybeg and Tramore
Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace
Mary O'Neill, Ballyknock
Josie and Tom Cashin, Tinnakilly
Joe Molloy, Assumption Terrace
Charlie Curran, New Ross
Jack Mernagh, Windmill Lane, New Ross
Elizabeth Hennessy, Tinneranny
Paddy Murphy, Brownsford

We are all looking forward to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church next Saturday, 26th March, 2022 at 11:00 am**. In preparation for Confirmation, we have the **Ceremony of Light** in Rosbercon Church for Parents, Children and Sponsors on **Tuesday 22nd March at 7:30 pm**.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Priest in the Parish: This summer will mark my 17th anniversary as the priest in Rosbercon Parish. Being in the parish for seventeen years is a gift. Now, when I celebrate a funeral Mass, I know the person whose funeral I am celebrating. I know the grieving family, and who is related to the deceased. This pastoral knowledge is a true gift for me, the fruit of nothing but time.

People also speak more freely. It's the result of building up relationships over the years. Working with parishioners to be a gift from God, all the more so when I have had the chance to get to know the people.

So, I am wondering now what the future holds for the parishes of Ireland. Every diocese has its own way of coping with the reducing number of priests. Some places cluster parishes, others create pastoral areas or families of parishes. The end result is the same: fewer priests serving people whom they do not know personally. The opinion offered by the Independent TD Michael Healy-Rea contains a grain of truth: once a parish loses its resident priest, as his local parish of Kilgarvan did, the Church loses its "hold" on the parish. A vital link is broken.

And the priest suffers too. He needs to be part of a community: being part of several communities is not the same thing. We ask if lay people could do much of the work that priests do, when priests are no longer available? Could lay people be formed and trained to run parishes? The number of priests is declining. We have prayed for vocations and have not received a positive answer: so maybe God has other plans for his parishes?

Some dioceses provide an opportunity for priests from other countries to work here. This can lead to complications. Foreign dioceses need their own priests. Also, there are cultural differences between countries that are sometimes hard to resolve. Some priests succeed, for others the result is frustration. Irish Catholic priests provide a unique service to those parishes in which they serve; they get to know their people and the people get to know them. In the future, when those close relationships are no longer available, will other relationships take their place? Surely God has more surprises for us!

From the Irish Catholic – Adapted.

The Synodal Journey in Ossory: Rosbercon parishioners are invited to a meeting in Rosbercon Parish Hall on Monday 28th March at 7.30pm. The entire Catholic Church across the world is in the midst of a Synod, which simply means **'Walking Together'**. The people of God are prayerfully listening together to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church today. Every member of the Church is invited to take part, and to share their thoughts, to help us plan for the future. Please join us on Monday 28th March in the Parish Hall at 7.30pm. Pope Francis and all of us want to hear what you have to say. See list of Venues for all meetings in the diocese on the Notice Boards of the Churches of the Parish.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th March 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 26th March at 7:00pm

Jim Phelan, Listerlin—Months Mind

O' Leary Family, Garranbehy

Saunders Family, Garranbehy

Bridie and Bobby Richardson, Assumption Terrace

Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace

Rosbercon: Sunday 27th March at 11:00 am

Joe Lawlor, School House Road, Rosbercon

Johnny Furlong, Brownstown

Noel and Cissie Furlong, Brownstown

Collections at Mass: As the Covid restrictions ease, we are resuming the basket collection at the weekend Masses. There will be only one Collection, at the Offertory. Please give your total offering at the Offertory either in your weekly envelope or in cash. All money collected at Mass goes to the parish.

Church Collection for Ukraine: A Nationwide Church Collection for the people of Ukraine will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sunday 27th March 2022. This collection will be used to provide food, transport and shelter for all those fleeing from the war in the Ukraine. Please be generous.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish next week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

Trócaire works for a just and peaceful world where:

- People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably
- Where people have control over their own lives.
- Where those in power act for the common good
- Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes will be delivered to the homes of the parish in the next weeks. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Just a thought to mark the Lenten Season: Spend time with this weekend's Gospel. Be with Jesus in the desert. Ask Him for the grace to listen to Him and spend time with him in prayer during Lent. Ask for the grace you need most.

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 ddl@ossory.ie or Ms. Rose Brophy 087-3314330 ddl@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.

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.

Reflection

My life is but a weaving
Between the Lord and me;
I cannot choose the colours,
He worketh steadily.

Oft-times he weaveth sorrow,
And I, in foolish pride
Forget he sees the upper,
And I the under side.

Not till the loom is silent
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas
And explain the reason shy.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the weaver's skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver
In the pattern he has planned.

He knows, he loves, he cares –
Nothing this truth can dim;
He gives the very best to those
Who leave the choice to him.

Wisdom: "What impresses us about Christ is that there is no difference between what he says and what he does."

Humour: As a woman rushed with a kettle of water to pour over her burning curtains, her husband shouted at her 'Don't be a fool Mary, sure that water's no good – it's boiling.'

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold a meeting on Monday 21st March 2022 at 8:00 pm in the Parish Pump.

◆ COLLIE PUPS FOR SALE

9 Collie pups for sale, fully vaccinated, fully microchipped. For more information please contact John—087-4184904.

◆ ROSBERCON CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On behalf of the Rosbercon Chapter St. Vincent De Paul. We would like to inform our parishioners that a generous donation has been made to the Irish Red Cross for the support of aid in Ukraine. Rosbercon Chapter—St. Vincent De Paul.

◆ NUTTY SCIENTIST'S POP-UP DAY

We are in New Ross with the first of our Saturday Science Clubs on Saturday April the 23rd, Running from 10-12 noon, we are in Tullagher Rosbercon Parish Hall and Sports Centre, Rosbercon, New Ross. The children will have an amazing time as we have exciting experiments to run and fun to be had. Admission is € 20 and Suitable for 5-12 year olds and children of all abilities. To book tickets for this event please visit: <https://nuttyscientists.com/wexford/our-programs-events/register-for-a-programme/> or contact Niamh 087-9116117. For more information please visit our website: nuttyscientistsireland.ie

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY ALERT AGM

Tullagher Rosbercon Community Alert AGM will take place on Wednesday 30th March at 8:00 pm in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Face coverings optional but preferred. All very welcome to attend. As always the contact number for reporting suspicious activity is 083-1999585. Please continue to stay safe.

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