

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th February 2022

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Eighth Sunday of the Year

The Lord gathers us, as a shepherd gathers his flock. May this celebration of the Eucharist help us to draw closer to him in all that we do.

First Reading: Each of us is called to live an upright life.

Second Reading: To be a Christian is to be victorious, even over death.

Gospel: Jesus reminds us not to judge others.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5th March: 7.00pm Mass in Tullagher

Sunday 6th March: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Ash Wednesday 2nd March: 10.00am and 7.00 pm

Friday 4th March: 10.00am

Mullinarrigle:

Ash Wednesday 12.00 Noon

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

Months Mind:

Kathleen Berry (nee Cash), Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Billy Rochford, Bullawn

Jeremiah and Mary Sinnott, Tinnaranny

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is a tradition in the parish of parishioners attending daily Mass during Lent. We will have daily Mass every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 10.00am.

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

We welcome into our Christian Community **Jack Robert and Quinn Ella Jones**, son and daughter of Robert and Mairéad, Listerlin, who were baptised in Listerlin Church on Saturday 19th February 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: Beauty: Outside a Metro Station in Washington, DC, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. The man playing the Bach pieces was Joshua Bell, playing incognito, as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities, organized by the Washington Post. During the 45 minutes that Joshua Bell was playing approximately 2,000 people went through the station. In all only 6 people stopped to listen. The first was a middle-aged man but he stopped for only a few seconds. Next a young man leaned against the wall to listen but then looked at his watch and started to walk again. A number of small children stopped to look at the violinist but in each case the parent tugged them along hurriedly. Joshua Bell played continuously for 45 minutes. Six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 people gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The collection came to \$32.

After an hour Joshua Bell finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. What no one knew was that Joshua Bell is recognized as one of the greatest musicians in the world. Outside the Metro he played one of the most intricate pieces of music ever written on a Stradivarius violin worth \$3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played to a sold-out theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$100 each. He played the same pieces in the theatre in Boston as he played outside the Metro Station. This experiment raised several questions: In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? If so, do we stop to appreciate it? One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, on one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life? (From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

Collections at Mass: As the Covid restrictions ease, we hope to resume the basket collection at the weekend Masses. 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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 5th/6th March 2022

Saturday 5th March Tullogher:

Maura Young, Cooleen

William and Mary Dolan, Curraghmore

Sunday 6th March Listerlin:

Helen Malone, Ballygriffin

Sunday 6th March Rosbercon:

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon

Baby Jack Kelly, Co Galway

Collection of Parish Funds 12th/13th February & 19th/20th February 2022:

Offertory Collection: €661.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1,104.00

Parish Debt on 24th February 2022: €38,475.04

Just a thought: The Call of the Wind: We have been through some windy days and stormy nights as winter fades away and spring beckons and waits to give birth to new life. The trees are starting to produce their buds; daffodils, crocus and tulip are peeping through the soil waiting to catch a glimpse of the spring sun. The wind that tossed everything about has in effect cleared the way for new life. On Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. Lent is a time to reflect again on our lives, to offload the baggage and make the burdens lighter. Here we are again this Lent, a people looking for hope amid the hurts and storms of life.

Reflection

Prayer for my Future

Lord, there are many things in my life that I do not understand,
So many questions about the future that I need to ask.

What is your plan for me?

What is the work You want me to do?

All I really know is that You love me.

Show me the road you want me to walk- to

Fulfilment, to happiness, to holiness.

And because You are calling me to a life of service,

Give me the strength to say 'Yes'

And the grace to begin even now to prepare myself

For the challenge of a life spent in Your service.

Help me to care for people.

I ask this in Jesus' name

Amen.

Wisdom: Sometimes the strongest among us are the ones who smile through silent pain, cry behind closed doors and fight battles that nobody knows about.

Humour: A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it!

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.

New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade - 2pm Thursday 17th March 2022

After an absence of 2 years, plans are well under way to make this a great Parade for all to enjoy, we have chosen the theme "Lets Celebrate"....

There is still plenty of time and plenty of ways to get involved....



Would your Club or Organisation like to participate



Is your home on the route – you could decorate it



Would your business like to entry our shop window competition



Are you interested in being a Steward for the day



Do you like fancy dress.... Would you like to dress up and join us



Have you seen a house or business decorated that you would like us to look at... or post a picture on our FB page

Let us know if you are interested in any way by contacting us on our Facebook page St. Patricks Day – New Ross or phone or text Anthony 0872338350 or Ollie 0872571841

◆ **New Ross Active Retirement**

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting at the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane on Friday the 4th March at 10.30am

◆ **New Ross Singers**

A small sign of some sort of normality returning – New Ross Singers will commence rehearsals on March 7th at 8 pm in St Mary's Secondary School. Covid-19 advice will apply. New members are very welcome. Please contact Connie Tantrum at 051 421766 if you are interested.

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