

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th March 2022

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First Sunday of Lent

On Ash Wednesday we set out on the journey of Lent, a journey that will bring us to Holy Week and Easter. Lent calls us to expand our hearts and to live more fully the message of love. In to-day's Gospel we see Jesus struggling against temptation. Because Jesus struggled he understands our struggles.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We pray that God who supported his people down the ages will support us on our journey through Lent.

First Reading Moses explains their origins to the Chosen People.

Second Reading

Saint Paul explains the importance of Christ's Resurrection.

Gospel

The Temptations Jesus endured in the desert are described.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 12th March 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 13th March 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 9th March 10:00 am
Friday 11th March 10:00 am

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

Recent Deaths

Jim Phelan, Listerlin
Andrew Phelan, Kilmacow

Anniversaries

Maura Young, Cooleen
William and Mary Doolan, Curraghmore
Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley
Helen Malone, Ballygriffin
Michael Wall, Rosbercon
Philip Wall, Rosbercon
Baby Jack Kelly, Galway

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.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: Lent 2022 – Ash Wednesday marked the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. This is the time every year when we make a special effort to fast, do penance, reflect on our faith and perform acts of charity. In this way we prepare for the great celebrations of Holy Week; the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. It is through the events of the first Holy Week that we attain redemption.

On Ash Wednesday we wear ashes on our foreheads to remind us that we came from the earth and to the earth we will, one day, return. As the ashes is placed on our foreheads we think of the words of Jesus, **"Repent and believe in the Good News."** The Good News is that we are loved by God and by his Son, Jesus Christ.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. The ashes remind us also that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with changed hearts. God's mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are most commonly prayed during Lent on Fridays, and especially on Good Friday. Many of us were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. Our parents made sure that what we did for Lent was really penance. Throughout our history Christians have found that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were a great help in coming close to Christ.

Nowadays some prefer to look at personal habits that need work or to reach out to people in need. The priority is to grow closer to Christ. We are not asked to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort. We can pray, fast and give alms.

For almost 50 years our people have contributed generously to **Trocaire** during the Lenten Season. Trocaire is the Irish language word for "compassion". Trocaire turns the compassion of the Irish people into life-changing support for some of the poorest people in the world.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Eight ways in which we can love our neighbour during Lent:

1. The Love of Listening: But you must really listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just listen.
2. The Love of Affection: Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handouts.
3. The Love of laughter: Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying 'I love to laugh with you'.
4. The Love of Solitude: There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to others.
5. The Love of a Favour: Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.
6. The Love of a Written Note: This can be a simple "Thanks for the help!". A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.
7. The Love of a Compliment: A simple and sincere "You look great in red!". "You did a super job!" or "That was a wonderful meal!" can make someone's day.
8. The Love of a Cheerful Disposition: The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 12th/13th March 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 12th March at 07:00 pm
Jo Ryan, Glentiroe

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 13th March at 9:30 am
Michael Tobin, Listerlin
Mary Tobin, Listerlin
Bridie Tobin, Listerlin

Trocaire: The focus of this year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign is on food shortage and scarcity in Zimbabwe and the courage, hope and strength needed by their people this Lent. We hear about how communities who were already facing huge challenges due to drought and food shortages, caused by climate change, were further impacted by Covid-19. We are all asked to play our part! We are asked to do without something each day so that what we save can be donated to charities like Trocaire.

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.

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.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022 Many congratulations to Margaret Mullally of Listerlin who won € 300.00 in the Diocesan Draw for February. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw.

Reflection

Jesus was transfigured on the mountain.
We too have moments of transfiguration.
Sometimes blessedness comes down around us,
A glory falls upon us from God and life is sweet.
In His love for us, God allows us to taste on earth,
the joys of the world to come.
Lord, give us confidence in your unchanging love for us.
Help us to follow you with courage,
And lead us to the glory that never fades.

Life

I'm here for a short visit only
And I'd rather be loved than hated.
Eternity may be lonely.
When my body is disintegrated

And that which is loosely termed my soul
Goes whizzing off through the infinite
By means of some vague remote control,
I'd like to think I was missed a bit.

Noel Coward

A Guardian Angel to watch over you: In today's gospel we read of Jesus being guarded by Angels. As children we learned a beautiful prayer to our Angel Guardian. It would be good if the prayer we knew as children became real again for us in adult life: **Angel of God, my guardian dear to whom God's love commits me here, Ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen**

Wisdom: The best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God.

◆ NEW ROSS ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade - 2 pm 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"....

1. There is still plenty of time and plenty of ways to get involved....
2. Would your Club or Organisation like to participate
3. Is your home on the route ? You could decorate it !
4. Would your business like to enter our shop window competition?
5. Are you interested in being a Steward for the day?
6. Do you like fancy dress? Would you like to dress up and join us?
7. 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—087-2338350 or Ollie—087-2571841.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold a meeting on Wednesday 9th April in Rosbercon Parish Hall at 08:00 pm.

◆ 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.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

Winners of the February 2022 draw, which was held on the 1st March 2022.

- 1st—Tom and Laura Murphy, Brownsford
2nd—Margaret Ryan, Guilcough
3rd—Pat Meaney, Ballyreddy
4th—John Flanagan, Raheen
5th—Brid Vereker, Rosbercon
6th—Georgina Prendergast, Slievecorrig
7th—Thomas and Bridget Ryan, Listerlin
The next draw will take place on Tuesday 29th March at 08:30 pm.

◆ 5K FOR COIS NORE

Run, walk or stroll 5km in Kilkenny's Castle Park on the brand new bank holiday, **Friday March 18th at 11:00 am**. All ages and abilities are welcome. Hurry to register as the first 200 entrants will receive a beautiful free T-Shirt designed by the fabulous Cartoon Saloon! Registration is through the Cois Nore website, link below.

<http://coisnore.ie/5k/>

◆ 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.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Tullagher Rosbercon CE Scheme has an opening for a job opportunity in the New Houghton Hospital for a Caretaker/Groundskeeper. For more information please contact 086-3642592 or via email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

QUOTE

"What do we do when our hearts hurt?" asked the boy. "We wrap them in love, with friendship, shared tears and time, till they wake hopeful and happy again." Charlie Mackesy

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