

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th May 2022

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Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

On this day we celebrate the glorification of Jesus, our Brother, when the Father raised him up in glory. Jesus wants us to share in his glory. Let us reflect for a moment on the glory to which we are called.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Christ ascends into Heaven.

First Reading

Saint Luke describes the Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading

Jesus enters Heaven after his death and resurrection and assures our entry there too.

Gospel

The very last words of Saint Luke's Gospel describe the ascension of Jesus and the joy of his followers.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4th June 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 5th June 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 1st June 10:00 am Mass
Friday 3rd June 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Andy Kane, Shanbogh, Rosbercon and Kildare
Anna Lawlor (née Freaney), Ballygub, Inistioge
Catherine Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross
John Sheeran, Durrow
Michelle Palin, Stoke-On-Trent

Anniversaries

Kitty Power, Shanbogh—Months Mind
Martin and Anna Woods, Ballymartin
Rita Kennedy Walsh, Ballyconnaught
James Murphy, Glensensaw
Teresa Dooley, Garrenbehy

Many thanks to all who took part in the in **the Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Mullinarrigle last weekend. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. A rota has been placed at the back of the Church for anyone wishing to do a half hour slot. We aim to have a minimum of two people per half hour slot. All are welcome to attend.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Ascension of the Lord: This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, when Jesus Christ in the presence of his followers, ascended into Heaven. People often ask the question, 'but where is Heaven?'. In the past we had a rather simplistic idea, that earth was here and heaven was somewhere up there in the clouds. We thought of heaven as almost a physical place and people often asked how so many people could fit there? We are now more aware that the size of the Universe is beyond what the human mind can grasp or even imagine. Like God the Universe is total mystery. No amount of travel will bring us to Heaven!

Christ, our God, came among us in human form to teach us the way to live and in this way to find Heaven. He asked his followers to bring his message to the ends of the earth. After two thousand years of Christianity, we still struggle to live from day to day and to remain healthy. We can achieve little on our own.

God recognizes our limitations and our helplessness. So, he sent Jesus to guide and help us. Jesus came as one like us to show us the way to God and to lead us to God. After his life, death and resurrection he ascended to the Father. He assures us that he is not leaving us alone. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. He has gone 'to prepare a place for us.' So, we are not to be troubled. As Jesus said, 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'.

It's a question of faith. Jesus tells us that we now possess the glory of God as his gift and when our earthly life is over, he will come to meet us and welcome us home to God's kingdom. In the meantime, we live in hope.

For our earthly life, we live under the power of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. We are Christ's presence in the world, tending the garden of the Lord. We enjoy his gifts of nature, the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the love of our family and our community. Where two or three of us gather in his name he is with us in a special way.

Prayer before Exams

(a prayer for guidance and inspiration for upcoming exams)

Father,

Be with me as I take my exams.

Keep my mind alert and my memory sharp.

Calm my nerves and help me concentrate.

I know that you walk with me,

Guiding my path and inspiring my heart.

I pray that I would feel you with me,

And that your friendship would soften the pressure I feel.

I pray that I would pass my exams and go on to new things with you.

Thank you for your peace and your love in my life.

Thank you for your kindness and care for me.

Amen.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th June 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 5th June at 9:30 am
Edward and Margaret Conway, Listerlin
Sister Margaret Conway, Holy Faith Sisters and Listerlin

Rosbercon: Sunday 5th June at 11:00 am
John Joe Lewis, Assumption Terrace

Dates for your Diary

Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2022

Monday 27 th June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Tuesday, 28 th June	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 1 st July	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Tuesday, 5 th July	Listerlin Old Cemetery
Friday, 8 th July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Tuesday, 12 th July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery.

All Masses at 8:00 pm

Sunday 21st August St. Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm.

Reflection: I shall not go to HEAVEN when I die.

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But if they let me be

I think I'll take the road I used to know

That goes to Shanagarra and the sea

And I shall hear the west wind blow

And I shall hear nothing but the curlew's cry

And the waves talking in the sea below

I think it will be winter when I die.

For no one from the North could die in spring.

And all the heather will be dead and grey.

And the bog cotton will have blown away,

And there will be no yellow on the whin.

But I shall smell the peat

And when it's almost dark I'll set my feet

Where white track goes glimmering to the hills,
and see far up a light...

Would you think heaven would be so small a thing?

As a lit window on the hill at night?

And I come stumbling from the gloom,

Half-blind, into the fire lit room

Turn, and see you and there abide.

If it were true

And if I thought they would let me be.

I almost wish it were tonight I died.

Helen Waddell

To make you Smile: Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning you need two hearts and one diamond. By the end you wish you had a club and a spade!

Humour: This Jew was reading the Bible. He read in the Holy Book that if you prayed for anything for seven years you would get it. So, he prayed for seven years to win the Lotto, but did not win. So, he went back to the Good Book and read, 'If you do not receive what you prayed for after seven years, pray for a further seven years and it will be granted' So the man prayed for a further seven years but did not win the Lotto. So, in his desperation he called out to God, 'O God, give me a break'. And he heard a voice call back 'You give me a break, buy a lotto ticket'!

Wisdom: "Work is the greatest thing in the world, so you should always save some of it for tomorrow."

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.

◆ KNOCK SHRINE TRIP

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 3rd for the Ferns Diocesan Day Pick-up Points Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 65.00 including two meals. For more information please contact Nicholas Bowe on 087 - 9418661.

◆ GTR COMMUNITY GAMES

On Monday 30th May in Glenmore Hall at 8:00 pm the local Area of Community Games, GTR (Glenmore Tullogher Rosbercon) are holding the area finals of the Talent section of competition. Young people from aged 12 up to age 16 are welcome to compete. Under this category there is choir U13 and U16, group drama or comedy U12 and U16, group dance modern or Irish contemporary U12 and U16, group music U12 and U16 for boys, girls or mixed, group singing U12 and U16 for boys, girls or mixed, individual solo dance, solo music, solo recitation, solo singing. Entry is € 2.00 and competitions are open to boys and girls. For more information please contact:

Bernie on 086—8284545

Fidelis on 087—9752556

Mary on 087—2069813.

◆ KILKENNY BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation offering a free listening service to the bereaved since 1989. Our work has greatly increased since the lifting of Covid restrictions with the result that we now need to train a new group of volunteers. A training skills programme will be offered in September/October. For an application form or to know more about our work, please phone 056 7756538 or visit www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com.

◆ GOLF CLASSIC

Tullogher /Rosbercon and Glenmore GAA Clubs are holding a Golf Classic on Friday 17th June 2022 in New Ross Golf Club. Teams of 4 - € 160.00 (inc. food). To sponsor a Tee Box € 50.00 or a Green € 100.00. To Book a Tee off time please contact Paddy Gaule 086-3025296 or Paddy Ryan 087-1656382 or any committee member. 1st Prize for GUI Members. Prizes for non-GUI Members. Your Support would be greatly appreciated.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement Association will hold their general meeting on Friday June 3rd at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am. All welcome.

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