

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th June 2022

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### Thirteenth Sunday of the Year

In today's Gospel we see how Jesus headed resolutely for Jerusalem even though he knew that death awaited him there. In this we see how faithful Jesus was to the task the Father had given him. Fidelity can be very costly at times. Let us bring our commitments to Jesus, asking pardon for our failings and courage for the future.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** This weekend we are challenged to examine our commitment to Christ and to look at the quality of our faith.

**First Reading:** The call of the prophet Elisha and the dramatic way he answered that call.

**Second Reading:** Saint Paul gives us some of the demands that the call to follow Christ involves.

**Gospel:** Saint Luke tells us what is involved in full commitment to Christ.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 2nd July: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 3rd July: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 29th June: 10am Mass

Friday 1st July: 10am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Recent Deaths

Margaret (Peggy) Connick (née Ryan), New Ross

Joan Butler, Moulterstown, Glenmore

#### Anniversaries

Cathy Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross, Months Mind

Michael Ryan, School House Road

**Cemetery Masses:** The following cemetery Masses take place this week: Monday—Ballyneale Cemetery, Tuesday—Shanbogh Cemetery and Friday—Rosbercon New Cemetery.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

**A Message from Fr Dan: Building Bridges:** There is an ancient story told of two brothers, John and James who owned farms side by side. Over 50 years they worked their fields' together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. One day, a foolish argument broke out between the brothers and caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers ever had in all of their time together.

The rift began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen. However, the dispute was not resolved and dragged on over a period of time. With time there was an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence. Things took a very bad turn when James, the younger brother changed the stream's path, making it into a solid border between the two farms.

The elder brother, John, was furious and he resolved to make the barrier between the two farms even more permanent. He went to see an old bearded carpenter who was a friend of the family for many years. He said to the carpenter, "You have known us over fifty years. Have you seen what my brother has done to the stream between our farms. By diverting the stream, James has damaged my farm and I want to teach him a lesson. You see those trees over by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot-tall fence. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes, remembering his friendship with both brothers and eventually said: "I see". The elder brother helped the carpenter carry his tools to the wood, and then drove into town. When he came home in the evening, the old carpenter had finished his work.

The elder brother walked down to the stream and was stunned by what he saw. He couldn't say a single word. Where the fence, he ordered should have been standing, a new bridge now stood. It was a well-constructed bridge, a work of art, with carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. When he saw the bridge he ran across and embraced his older brother, and said:

"You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!" While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking home. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a while as we are going to have a bit of a celebration." But the carpenter just smiled and said enjoy your celebration and realize how much you love one another. You have learned to forgive and appreciate what you have. That is enough for me.

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**Change:** The past cannot be changed, but the future can be.  
No disagreement should spoil a loving relationship.  
It is just a matter of learning how to build our bridges.

**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
2nd/3rd July 2022**

**Tullagher** Saturday 2nd July 7.00pm

Michael Hanrahan, Tullagher

**Listerlin** Sunday 3rd July 9.30am

Peggy Long, Ballyvaria

Margaret Martin, New Ross

**Rosbercon** Sunday 3rd July 11.00am

Pat Fortune, Shanbogh, Months Mind

The **Annual Summer Collection Envelopes** for the support of Fr Dan will be available from the weekend of the 25th/26th June. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for their work on our behalf. Part of this collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

The **Brian Fortune Memorial Tractor Run** returns this year on the 26th June 2022. Registration from 10am-12pm at Glenmore GAA pitch (Eircode Y34 YR91). Registration is €20 and all the proceeds of the run go to Pieta House. Run commences at 12 noon. 100km Car run to Kilkenny. Tractor Run to Slieverue. Refreshments and spot prizes afterwards in the Glen Bar with live band 'Blackstairs Rebel'. All welcome.

**To make you Smile:** At the baptism of her son, a Dublin mother told the priest, 'We are calling him Christy father, because he was born on Corpus Christi'!!

**Reflection:** The 'Loser's' Blessing  
Lord, bless the folk who never quite got there;  
The people who intended something fine.  
The folk who might have lived a better, nobler existence;  
The ones who somehow always failed to shine.

The people who tried to keep their temper;  
And yet who seemed to lose it all the more.  
The one's who haven't made their name in business;  
Who should be rich but always will be poor.

The folk who aren't as clever as they might be;  
Who aren't as good and feel their efforts vain.  
Lord, bless all these -and me among them  
And give us all the heart to try again.

Fr Ronan Drury RIP

**Wisdom:** Sometimes the smallest step in the right direction ends up being the biggest step of your life, tiptoe if you must, but take that step.

**Humour:** The difference between a wise man and a clever man is that the clever man will find a way to extricate himself out of a situation which the wise man would never have got into.

**Reflection:** Children

Your children are not your children.

They are the sons and daughters of Life's Longing for itself.

They come through you but not from you,

And though they are with you yet they belong not to you.

You may give them your love but not your thoughts,  
For they have their own thoughts.

You may house their bodies but not their souls,

For their souls dwell in the house of tomorrow,

Which you cannot visit, not even in your dreams.

You may strive to be like them

But seek not to make them like you.

For life goes not backward nor carries with yesterday.

You are the bows from which your children as

Living arrows are sent forth.

The archer sees the mark upon the path of the infinite,  
And he bends you with His might

That His arrows may go swift and far.

Let your bending in the archer's hand be for gladness;

For even as He loves the arrow that flies,

So He loves also the bow that is stable.

**Kahlil Gibran (the Prophet)**

**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.

◆ **ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB**

St. Joseph's Athletic Club will hold its annual Pink Rock 10km road race and 5km family run / walk on Sunday 17th July at the Pink Rock, Glenmore. This event is open to walkers and runners. Registration is available on-line at [www.myrunresults.com](http://www.myrunresults.com) or you can register at the Parish Hall, Rosbercon on the morning of the race. 10km walkers start at 11:00 am and runners at 11:30 am. 5km run / walk starts at 11:40 am. Post-race refreshments and medal presentations will take place in Rosbercon Parish Hall.

◆ **KILKENNY AGE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS**

Kilkenny Age Friendly Older Peoples Council would like to hear from you. "It is important that we hear the voice of all older people throughout the county and to ensure that we are doing so we are holding a number of Age Friendly Community Gatherings where we invite older people to come along and let us know what they see as the issues that are relevant and important to them". These Community Gatherings will be run at the following locations and dates:

Mullinavat Community Centre: 30th June 2022

Graiguenamanagh Hub July 2022 tbc

Please come along and bring some friends. It will start with registration Tea/Coffee at 9:15 am and finishing at 12:30/1:00 pm. For more information please text 087-6210589 or email [agefriendlycounty@gmail.com](mailto:agefriendlycounty@gmail.com).

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