

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th June 2022

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Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost Sunday marks the end of the Easter Season. As we gather for Mass on this Pentecost Sunday, let us be mindful that it is through the Holy Spirit that Christ is present among us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Holy Spirit descends upon the Apostles and Disciples.

First Reading

The story of the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

Each one of us is called to live a Spirit-filled life.

Gospel

Jesus assures us that the Holy Spirit will keep us faithful.

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 8th June 10:00 am Mass
Friday 10th June 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

John Lawlor, Ballygub, Inistioge

Anniversaries

Edward and Margaret Conway, Listerlin
Sr. Margaret Conway, Holy Faith Sisters and Listerlin
James Ryan, Guilcough
John Joe Lewis, Assumption Terrace

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning after Mass from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. We need to establish a rota of people to cover the adoration period. If you would like to pray in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, please add your name on the list on the table at the back of the Church. We need a minimum of two people per half hour.

Love is a popular Word: 'If I speak the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal, ...If I give all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.'

Saint Paul

A Message from Fr Dan: Pentecost: The Coming of the Spirit

This weekend's celebration of Pentecost is a beautiful feast. Scripture tells us that over two thousand years ago the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles, accompanied by miraculous signs of mighty winds and tongues of fire. The descent of the Spirit is the final act of our salvation which God had promised. From Old Testament times there was an expectation that God would send his Spirit to his people. So, the coming of the Holy Spirit reminds us that God fulfils his promises, even if it takes time!!

The sound of the wind and the flame that accompanies the Spirit represent the creative breath of God and fire was also associated with the purifying presence of God. The wind and the fire tell us that God is about to do something 'new' or even that God is creating something new. The experience of the Spirit this weekend changes what is old and stale within us to something new.

Why does God send the Holy Spirit to us? God sent the Holy Spirit to his followers because the early Church needed God's Spirit. The first disciples were in hiding after their experience of the crucifixion of Jesus. They were terrified that what had happened to Jesus would happen to them. Only the power of the Holy Spirit would get them over their fear.

In answer to their prayer, God sent the Holy Spirit, to embolden them to go out and preach the story of Jesus and to remind the people of the love of God. Pentecost reminds us that God will fulfil his promises, even if it takes time. His presence this weekend is powerful and re-creates the old into something new as he responds to our needs today. So, let us all pray, *Veni Sancte Spiritus, Come Holy Spirit.*

During the coming weeks we will pray for the welfare of all **students taking examinations**. May the Holy Spirit be their strength and guide their minds at this time.

Reflection: Prayer for Exams

O God of Wisdom, I thank you for the knowledge gained and the learning experiences I have received.

I come to you this day and ask you to illuminate my mind and heart.

Let your Holy Spirit be with me as I take my exams, guiding my thoughts and giving me insight so that I can perform to the best of my ability.

Please grant me the strength to handle the pressure of these final days, the confidence to feel secure in my knowledge, and the ability to keep an appropriate perspective through it all.

Help me to keep in mind on what is truly important, even as I focus my mind and energy on these tests.

Finally, may I sense your peace in knowing that I applied myself to the challenges of this day.

I ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

11th/12th June 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th June at 7:00 pm
Helen Birmingham, South Knock, New Ross

Rosbercon: Sunday 12th June at 11:00 am
Maureen Gannon, Ballyragget
Jim Vereker Snr., Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Collection of Parish Funds 21st/22nd May & 28th/29th May 2022

Offertory Collection € 958.50
Weekly Envelopes € 1,047.50
Parish Debt on 31st May 2022 € 35,101.23

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022

The May draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 25th May in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw. Congratulations to Rosbercon Parish Hall & Sports Grounds who won 2nd Prize of € 1,000.00

Trocaire Boxes and Envelopes: We thank you for your generosity to Trócaire. The hardest part of the Trócaire appeal is to get the boxes or envelopes returned in time. If you see a Trócaire box in a house, we respectfully suggest that you might be so kind as to bring it to the church or to the Parochial House. We will send your donations to the diocese this week to be forwarded to the poorest of the poor.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Easter Offerings**. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

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.

Rest in Peace: Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

Prayer

Ár nAthair atá ar neamh, go naofar d'ainm,
Go dtaga do ríocht, go ndéantar do thoil
Ar an talamh mar a dhéantar ar neamh.
Ár n-arán laethúil tabhair duinn inniú,
Agus maith dúinn ár bfiacha,
Mar a mhaithimidne dár bhféichiúna féin,
Agus ná lig sinn i gcathú, ach soar sinn ó olc.

Amen

To make you Smile: 'In baiting a mouse trap with cheese, always leave room for the mouse'.

Saki (1870-1916)

Wisdom: "It is better to remain silent at the risk of being thought a fool, than to talk and remove all doubt of it."

Humour: 'Some people live their life and they worry about their destination. I enjoy the trip. Wherever you're going is where you'll end up. Don't worry about that. Enjoy the scenery on the way.'

Noel Gallagher.

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.

◆ 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

Tullagher /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.

◆ 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:

Castlecomer Community Hall: 15th June 2022

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.

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