

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th July 2022

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Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Jesus says to us what he said to his disciples: 'Ask and you shall receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.' In this way he is urging us to pray to God with confidence and persistence in all our needs.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We can ask God for help whenever we need to because God is concerned about us.

First Reading

God heeds Abraham's plea on behalf of the people.

Second Reading

St. Paul assures us that we are cherished by God because Christ suffered on our behalf.

Gospel

When we pray persistently for God's help, that help is given to us.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 30 th July	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 31 st July	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon	
Wednesday 27 th July	10:00 am Mass
Friday 29 th July	10:00 am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Calvin Walsh, Smithstown
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran
Kathleen Mackey, Mullinakill
Michael Whitty Jnr., Rosbercon
Tom Mullally, Ballyeden
Mary Doyle, Dublin
Brian O'Neill, Tinneranny

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2022

Sunday 21st August St. Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm

Blessing of Saint Furse, Irish Monk, 597A.D.

The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being,
Amen.

Listerlin Cemetery: The Parish Cemetery Committee have been informed that: There is now in place a Diocesan Directive for Parishes not to purchase lands for Cemetery Extensions. The obligation to provide Cemetery space legally rests with Kilkenny County Council. As the Cemetery in Listerlin is nearing capacity, the Committee wish to state that Rosbercon Parish will not be in a position to provide new Cemetery space in the Listerlin area. The option is there to be interred in the Parish Cemetery in Rosbercon.

Rosbercon Cemetery: The recent extension to Rosbercon Cemetery has proved very successful. The regulations in place for the management of the extension, have ensured good order in that area. The Cemetery Committee at their meeting on the 29th June 2022, expressed a preference for uniformity of surface in the middle portion of the Cemetery. The Committee agreed that any changes to the surface of existing plots in the middle Cemetery, would need to be agreed in advance with the Cemetery Committee.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God: God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The Kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches his followers the Our Father. The second phrase of this great prayer addressed to God the Father is 'thy Kingdom come'. We know that the Kingdom of God is a place where all is well and all manner of things is well.

In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a Sower going to sow seed, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea.

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees. In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

To make you Smile: 'If you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans'. 'Married Christians can have only one partner. This is called monotony'. Unknown Schoolboy

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

30th/31st July 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 31st July at 9:30 am

Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin

Margaret (Maggie) Malone, Listerlin

Sonny and Thomas Long, Ballalog

Rosbercon: Sunday 31st July at 11:00 am

John Cullen, Garrenbehy

Collection of Parish Funds 9th/10th July & 16th/17th July 2022

Cemetery Mass, Mullinarrigle € 2,110.00

Offertory Collection € 1,130.00

Weekly Envelopes € 2,510.00

Parish Debt on 20th July 2022 € 31,727.42

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr. Dan. Outstanding envelopes can be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

Parish Sunday Envelopes – Other Ways to Donate

Parishioners who would like to give their weekly contribution to the parish through the Parish Bank Account may do so as follows:

Parish Bank: Bank of Ireland, The Quay, New Ross, Co Wexford.

Account: Rosbercon Church Current Account No 1

IBAN: IE80 BOFI 9066 3811 4991 85

BIC: BOFIE2D

If you choose to contribute to the Parish Bank Account, please include your name or envelope number with your donation as a reference. If you wish to make online donations to the parish, you can do so through the Donate Button on the Parish website. If you have any difficulty, please contact Fr. Dan.

Go raibh mile maith agat.

Please remember the Diocese of Ossory Priests in your Will

The Ossory Priests Society is a registered charity within the Diocese of Ossory structure. It is responsible for supporting Priests in their retirement and ensuring that the Priests of the Diocese are adequately provided for in relation to illness and healthcare costs. A gift/bequest is a wonderful way to express your gratitude to the Priests for their lifetime of service. The gift you give to the Ossory Priests Society will establish a lasting legacy of love and thanks to the Priests. If you have any questions or wish to consider a gift/bequest, your solicitor can advise you, or alternatively you can phone Declan McCann, Chairman, Ossory Priests Society at 086—7722201.

Reflection: Scaffolding

Masons when they start upon a building

Are careful to test the scaffolding.

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points.

Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job is done,

Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be

old bridges breaking between you and me,

Never fear, we may let the scaffolds fall

Confident that we have built our wall.

Seamus Heaney

Wisdom: "Don't be afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is."

Mark Twain

◆ GROW MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT GROUP

A new **Grow Mental Health Peer Support Group** will be starting in New Ross, on Tuesday 2nd August and every Tuesday thereafter from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm in Room 3, St. Michael's Pastoral Centre, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34 N799. If you would like to talk to others who have experienced mental health challenges, come along and see if Grow is for you. The group is free, confidential and open to all. Contact Felicia 086—1034332.

◆ CHANGE OF DATE—PINK ROCK 10KM

St. Joseph's Athletic Club will now hold its annual Pink Rock 10km road race and 5km family run / walk on **Sunday 24th July** at the Pink Rock, Glenmore. This event is open to walkers and runners.

Registration is available on-line at 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.

◆ ATHLETICS SUMMER CAMP

St Josephs Athletic Club are delighted to launch this year's summer camp. The summer camps are open to all boys and girls aged 6 to 15. The camps will run from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm Monday to Friday at the Albatross Parish Centre. The camp will take place from July 25th to July 29th.

Registration form: <https://forms.gle/V5FBa7an8bHiZnu79>

Payment Link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/363539104247>

Any queries at all, please don't hesitate to contact Eoin 086-3521900 or Pat 086-6043079.

◆ MARBLE CITY CYCLERS

On Saturday 30th July Marble City Cyclers will be coming to the Parish. Approx. 600 / 700 Cyclists will be taking part in the Event between 10:00 am to 2:00 pm with a Refreshments Stop in Tullogher / Rosbercon GAA Grounds. On the day we would appreciate all road users to take special care of the number of cyclists in this event.

◆ ROSBERCON HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

Rosbercon Hall Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 27th July 2022 at 07:30 pm in the Parochial House, Rosbercon.

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.

Moonlight, Summer Moonlight by Emily Jane Brontë

'Tis moonlight, summer moonlight,

All soft and still and fair;

The solemn hour of midnight

Breathes sweet thoughts everywhere,

But most where trees are sending

Their breezy boughs on high,

Or stooping low are lending

A shelter from the sky.

And there in those wild bowers

A lovely form is laid;

Green grass and dew-steeped flowers

Wave gently round her head.

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