

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 31st July 2022

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Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Possessions exercise a big hold on our hearts. The result is that we forget the more important things in life like relationships. Jesus said our main concern should be to 'make ourselves rich in the sight of God.'

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Proper and intelligent use of material goods.

First Reading

It is easy to fall into the trap of vanity.

Second Reading

In our lives we should look to Christ for He is a model worth imitating.

Gospel

A warning against greed and a reminder of what it takes to follow Christ.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 6th August 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 7th August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 3rd August 10:00 am Mass
Friday 5th August 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Peter Stevenson, Co. Wicklow and formerly Kilkenny
Patrick O'Gorman, Adamstown, Co. Wexford

Anniversaries

Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin
Packie, Sonny and Thomas Long, Ballalog
Margaret (Maggie) Malone, Listerlin
John Cullen, Garrenbehy

Tom Dempsey, late of Quay Street, New Ross and Romford, Essex: The Burial of the Ashes of the late Tom Dempsey will take place in Rosbercon Cemetery on Wednesday 3rd August 2022 at 6:30 pm followed by a Memorial Mass in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon at 7:00 pm. May Tom Rest in Peace.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Charlie John Ryan**, son of Christopher and Jennifer, Grange Road, New Ross, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Friday 22nd July 2022. We also welcome **Niall Thomas Kilbane**, son of Brendan and Bridget, Rahora, Tullogher, who was baptised in Listerlin Church on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly: In July 2021 **Pope Francis** established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, 25th July 2021 when Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Rome.

During the Mass, Pope Francis reminded us that grandparents and the elderly deserve our respect and praise. Among the greatest people we are likely to meet in our lives could be our own grandparents. Throughout their lives they had to endure war, shortages, scarcity and hours of hard tedious work. Times were tough in many different ways. Grandparents sacrificed everything to take care of their families and gave their children better lives than they themselves had. For their grandchildren they are caregivers, teachers and playmates. They are trusted advisors for their adult children who are now parents themselves.

For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. They are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Children understand more of who they are and where they come from, through their connection with their grandparents. Grandparents can get away with a little spoiling, which gives them a special place in a child's heart, and they tell the best stories!!

On Wednesday, 26th July we celebrated the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus.

Prayer

God of love, we thank you for our wonderful grandparents. They bring such joy and happiness into our lives. Thank you for all the special times that we have with them. Please watch over them, protect them and care for them now. May they know your goodness and love always.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

Prayer of Pope Francis for Grandparents

Dear Grandmother, Dear grandfather,
May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you. We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families And to our community.

We pray that your closeness to God will bring you The health and the strength you need to continue Your journey on the road of life.

May you continue to enjoy your life, your work, And your prayers.
May your memories always be happy and may you Achieve your dreams for the future.
One day we will all be united in God's Kingdom, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday 6th August 2022

Tullagher: Saturday 6th August at 7:00 pm

Joan Roche, Curraghlane, Tullagher

Collection of Parish Funds 23rd/24th July 2022:

Offertory Collection: € 543.00

Weekly Envelopes: € 962.00

Parish Debt on 27th 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.

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

The Cemeteries of our parish are sacred places which hold the remains of our beloved dead. Many thanks to all those who care for their graves. Your work is very much appreciated.

Reflection: I See His Blood upon the Rose

I see his blood upon the rose
And in the stars the glory of his eyes.
His body gleams amid eternal snows
His tears fall from the skies.

I see his face in every flower;
The thunder and the singing of the birds
Are but his voice – and carved by his power
Rocks are his written word.

All pathways by his feet are worn
His strong heart stirs the ever-beating sea
His crown of thorns is twined with every thorn
His cross is every tree

Joseph Mary Plunkett

Wisdom: 'Our lives are like the course of the sun. At the darkest moments there is the promise of daylight.

Humour: A boy asked his father: 'What is a man?' The father replied 'A person who takes responsibility for his family and his house and takes care of them'. Then the child said 'I hope I will be a man like Mum one day'.

To make you Smile: 'No one would remember the Good Samaritan if he'd only had good intentions. He had money as well'.

Margaret Thatcher (1925-2013)

◆ 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 – 4pm in Room 3, St. Michaels 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.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday 5th August at the Youth centre Nunnery Lane at 10:30 am. All welcome

◆ MEAL ON WHEELS

If you would like to avail of our high quality meals five days a week, please contact 051-445711, Sr. Aidan Centre, Cross Street.

The Meals On Wheels will be holding a collection at the Church gates on the 6th and 7th August. All donations kindly accepted.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The results of the Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw which was held on Tuesday 26th July 2022

1st—Jack Ryan, Tinneranny
2nd—Michael Lyng, The Rower
3rd—Brian and Martina Furlong
4th—Luke Grennan Jnr., Ballyreddy
5th—Fr. Liam Barron, Mullinavat
6th—Stephen Walsh, Smithstown
7th—Liz McGovern

The next Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw will take place on Tuesday 30th August 2022 at 08:30 pm.

◆ ARTHRITIS IRELAND—KILKENNY

Arthritis—Fibromyalgia, Sound familiar? You are not alone, Come along for a cuppa and a chat;

1st Friday of every month at 10:00 am
1st Tuesday of every month at 06:30 pm.
In the Newpark Hotel, Kilkenny.

◆ BORRIS HOUSE OUTING

Kilkenny Archaeological Society will host an own car picnic outing (bring your own picnic) to Borris House on **Wednesday 17th August**. Meet in Borris House grounds. Tour of the house at 3pm. Admission charge €10 to Borris House. Further details please visit <https://kilkennyarchaeologicalsociety.ie/event-page/>

◆ FREE LITTER PICKING KIT FOR RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

Kilkenny County Council recently launched "Let's Team Up to Clean Up, Together for Kilkenny", an environmental day of action to empower local communities, with the first event taking place in Kilkenny City on **9th October**. Groups who register will receive a litter picking kit worth over € 100.00. The Kilkenny City event on 9th October is also open to sporting clubs, hobby groups, businesses and schools. Further details/registration at <https://cleanup.kilkenny.ie/>

◆ BRIDGE LESSONS

Bridge Lessons will take place in Mullinavat Community Centre commencing on Wednesday 3rd August and will run for 5 weeks. For further information, please contact Lucy on 086-8275192.

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