

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th August 2022

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Twentieth Sunday of the Year

The Lord calls on us to choose God before all else and offers us the strength and encouragement to follow God faithfully.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Gospel today challenges us to shun darkness and to opt for the light and to be with Christ.

First Reading

This reading describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah.

Second Reading

The author exhorts his readers to persevere in their faith, and to draw strength for those who have gone before them.

Gospel

The coming of Christ marks a time of division in which people may be called on to declare their loyalties.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 20th August No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 21st August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Mullinarrigle
Monday 15th August 9:30 am Feast of the Assumption

Rosbercon
Monday 15th August 11:00 am Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday 17th August 10:00 am Mass
Friday 19th August 10:00 am Mass

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

Anniversaries

Bessie and Tom Doyle, Waterford Road
Paddy Grennan, Ballyreddy
Una Murphy, Tinneranny

The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady this year falls on Monday 15th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated in **Mullinarrigle** on the feast day at 9:30 am and in **Rosbercon** on the feast day at 11:00 am.

St. Moling's Well Pattern Mass takes place on next Sunday, 21st August at 2:00 pm. Please pray that the weather will be favourable. Many thanks to the Saint Moling's Well Committee for their wonderful work in preparing the grounds and the shrine for the Mass. **Please note the time of the Mass.**

We welcome into our Christian Community **Páidí James Forristal**, son of Robert and Helen, Shanbogh, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 6th August 2022.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Holy Well: This year after a break of two years we will be celebrating Mass at Saint Moling's Well on Sunday, 21st August at 2:00 pm. The pattern is celebrated annually at the well, not on the feast of Saint Moling but on the feast of Saint Bernard, the 20th August, should it fall on a Sunday, or if not on the next Sunday following. The association of Saint Bernard with the well came from the influence of the monks of Jerpoint Abbey. In ancient times people had a deep reverence for water and venerated their wells with wonder and gratitude. Water emerging from rocks on the mountain or from a spring in the field was looked upon as a small miracle. Water was God's gift, celebrated in all ancient religions. Many of the sagas of ancient Ireland celebrated the holy well. The salmon of knowledge was flushed from the holy well of Segais into the Boyne. Mere contact with the salmon gave a person supernatural power!

After the coming of Christianity, holy wells were no longer seen as having divine or miraculous powers of their own. Rather they were seen as a source of God's grace where people could go and pray for healing. After the reformation there was an upsurge in traditional devotions in Ireland. Holy wells and patterns became central to being a catholic. Stations of the Cross began to appear at holy wells. Priests began to celebrate mass at the wells, as well as giving sermons and leading people in prayer. What is interesting is that rich and poor alike attended these celebrations, and the presence of the priest ensured that there was no conflict between the traditional devotions and the teaching of the Church.

By the late eighteenth century, the holy wells had come to be regarded with suspicion by the authorities because of disorderly religious and non-religious practices associated with them. However, a new appreciation of Ireland's Gaelic past has given them a new lease of life. The wells and the patterns have come to be seen as expressions of a genuine Irish spirituality. In the nineteenth century, statues of Our Lady and of local saints were added at the site of the wells. In this way celebrations at holy wells included local devotions as well as the devotions of the universal Church. The statue of Saint Moling proudly overlooks the well dedicated to his honour in Mullinakill.

We sincerely thank the members of the Saint Moling's well committee who care for the well, the shrine and the grounds at Mullinakill. Your work is very much appreciated.

Just a Thought: One of the gifts that many of us inherited from our parents and grandparents is a sense of the presence of God in our lives. God is a God who loves, supports and cares for us every moment of our lives. We believe that God is with us here and now in the world that God has created. This belief leads us to constant communion with God. Those of us who are old enough to remember our parents and grandparents know that they had a prayer to cover every chore of the day. Each action was done in partnership with God and became a prayer. In our very busy lives today, it would be good to reflect now and again on our God as we go about our work. **'My life is God's precious gift to me. I live enclosed in God and God is enclosed in me'.**

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 20th/21st August 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 21st August at 9:30 am
Jimmy Bookle, Mullinakill, Tullogher

Rosbercon: Sunday 21st August at 11:00 am
Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig
Jim Vereker Jnr., Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon
Larry and Jo Doyle, Weatherstown, Glenmore

Many thanks to all who contributed to the Annual Summer Envelope Collection for the support of Fr. Dan. Many thanks to all our parishioners for your continued support and your loyalty to the Parish.

Reflection: A Blessing

May the light of your soul guide you.
May the light of your soul bless the work you do
with the secret love and warmth of your heart.
May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.
May the sacredness of your work
bring healing and renewal to those who work with you
and to those who see and receive your work.
May your work never weary you.
May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment,
inspiration and excitement.
May you be present in what you do.
May you never become lost in the bland absences.
May the day never burden you.
May the dawn find you awake and alert,
approaching your new day
with dreams, possibilities and promises.
May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.
May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.
May your soul calm, console and renew you.

The Dead

They do not leave us; they are not gone.
They look upon us still.
They walk among the valleys now,
They stride upon the hill.

Their smile is in the summer sky
Their grace is in the breeze.
Their memories whisper in the grass
Their calm is in the trees.

Their light is in the winter snow
Their tears are in the rain.
Their merriment runs in the brook
Their laughter in the lane

Their gentleness is in the flowers
They sigh in autumn leaves.
They do not leave; they are not gone,
Tis only we who grieve.

Wisdom: The highest privilege there is, is the privilege of being allowed to share another's pain. You talk about your pleasures to your acquaintances; you talk about your troubles to your friends.

Humour: An Irishman writing a letter of condolence to the widow of a late colleague said: I cannot tell you how sorry I was to hear that your husband has gone to heaven. We were great friends and it is sad to think that we will never meet again.

To make you Smile: The bible tells us to forgive our enemies; it doesn't tell us to forgive our friends!

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.

◆ MEAL ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels would like to thank all the parishioners for their wonderful support in our church gate collection last Sunday and your continued generous support is greatly appreciated by all of us who work in this great service.

◆ 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/>

◆ GROW MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT GROUP

A new **Grow Mental Health Peer Support Group** will be in New Ross, every Tuesday thereafter from 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm 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.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY ALERT

Tullagher-Rosbercon Community Alert would like to inform all elderly parishioners that the emergency response button is available for all interested parties. It's free of charge for the first year. For further details please call or text 087-9020552. As always, the contact number for Community Alert is 083-1999585 where all suspicious activity can be reported. This number should be added to each person's contact list. Please stay safe and continue to watch out for each other.

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