

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st August 2022

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Twenty First Sunday of the Year

Jesus said, 'People will come from north and south, from east and west, and take their places in the Kingdom.' We give thanks to God and ask that we may be found worthy if God's Kingdom.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Our God is a gracious God, who opens the doors of his Kingdom to all.

First Reading

The prophet Isaiah dreams of a time when all nations will accept God's message.

Second Reading

Suffering is a way of being trained to do what is right.

Gospel

Salvation is open to all but we have to work to achieve it.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 27th August 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 28th August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 24th August No Mass

Friday 26th August No Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Mary Phelan, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Jimmy Bookle, Mullinakill, Tullogher

Pat, Alice and Dave Long, Ballalog

Jim Vereker Jnr., Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Larry and Jo Doyle, Weathertowns, Glenmore

Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig

Pat O'Neill, Slievecorrig

We wish every blessing to **Sinéad Hennessy, Ballyknock** and to **Gary O'Donoghue, Killarney, Co. Kerry**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Thursday 11th August 2022. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Sadhbh Wieman**, daughter of Eric and Olivia, née Ryan, Ballyneale and Wyoming, who was baptised in the St. Aidan's Church, Tullogher, on Friday 12th August 2022.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Ciara Mary Kennedy**, daughter of Simon and Margaret, Ballyconnaught, who was baptised in the St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Saturday 13th August 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Holy Well Part 2: What will be the significance of Holy Wells like that of Saint Moling into the future? What will be the place of Holy Wells in future catholic devotion?

At Saint Moling's well the people are able to worship God through the mediation of Saint Moling who lived his life in Mullinakill, leaving a mark of his saintly activities on the landscape in the form of a well that he called up. Blessing oneself with water from the well or bringing water home connects a person with God himself. God cannot be identified with the well water nor is the well water itself divine, but through the action of Saint Moling a person can contact God through their devotion to the well.

The consecration of the well at Mullinakill by Saint Moling is celebrated each August by the pattern that takes place at the well. The pattern day is one of the major feast days in the life of the parish. Saint Moling is our local saint, one of us, who first brought the faith to our community. The continued existence of holy wells and their use for devotional purposes is one of the many signs that Christian practices are far from dead in Ireland. We hope and pray that for many years to come Saint Moling's well will continue to attract pilgrims seeking healing of body and soul. As we advance into the twenty first century, we are very happy to have a shrine of such beauty and tranquillity in our parish.

In the film Shirley Valentine, the main character Shirley laments her stay-home life which is mostly spent in the kitchen of her home. Her husband Joe is out working all day and her two children have left home. "I've led such a little life and even that will be over pretty soon. I've allowed myself to lead this little life when inside me there is so much more and it's all gone unused, and now it never will be. Why do we get all this life if we never use it? Why do we get all these feelings, and dreams and hopes? That's where Shirley Valentine disappeared, She got lost in all this unused life

Just a Thought

"Religions are not for separating people from one another. They are meant to unite"

Gandhi

"In the most surprising way, I discovered God in the solitude of a prison cell"

Nelson Mandela

"Pope Francis is creating a new energy in a disturbed world"

Angela Merkel

"Don't worry about anything but in your prayers ask God for what you want, always asking with a grateful heart".

Saint Paul

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Mass Intentions for Saturday 27th August 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 27th August at 7:00 pm
Kitty Lawlor, School House Road, Rosbercon—Months Mind

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.

Reflections: Harvest Prayer

Loving Father, you have given us many things
All good things come from your hands.
We often take your goodness for granted
And often fail to say thanks.
Help us to realise that we do not own the earth
But are its custodians.
Thank you for the richness of our soil
And the opportunity to work the land.
May we harvest abundantly
And in gratitude share the fruits of our labour.
We give you glory and thanks
Through Christ Our Lord

Slow me down Lord

Slow me down Lord.
Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.
Steady me with the vision of the eternal reach of time.
Give me, amid the confusion of my days
the calmness of the everlasting hills.
Break the tension of my nerves
with the soothing of the streams.
Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.
Teach me the art of taking one-minute holidays.
Slow me down to look at a flower;
to chat with a friend,
to read a few lines from a book.

Slow me down Lord.
Slow me down.
Slow me down.

Wisdom: 'We walk the way together holding hands
The autumn russets embroider our golden moments
A leaf flutters to the ground'

Humour: It isn't what you have done that you regret, it's what you haven't done!

To make you Smile: After a meeting attended by the late Denis Healy, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, his wife Edna said to him, 'We can go now, Denis. I don't think there's anyone else you haven't insulted.'

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.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

South Kilkenny Historical Society Heritage Week 2022 are holding a Mystery Tour of Mullinavat on Sunday, August 21st 2022 Commencing at 2:30 pm in St. Beacon's Church Car Park, Mullinavat.

◆ ST. CANICE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

St. Canice's National School will **RE-OPEN** for all students on Monday 29th August at 08:40 am.

◆ 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.

◆ MUSIC IN KILKENNY

Thomastown Concert Hall will be used for almost half of the Music in Kilkenny concerts - including Handel's Messiah with the Irish Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir Ireland on 18th December. All over events take place in the Parade Tower of Kilkenny Castle with one soirée style performance in the new Rive Gauche series in a venue yet to be confirmed. Online ticket sales have gone live at www.musicinkilkenny.org

◆ TOWN OF BOOKS FESTIVAL GRAIGUENAMANAGH

Town Of Books Festival is being held on the 19 – 21st August 2022. During the Town of Books Festival, the medieval riverside town of Graiguenamanagh, Co. Kilkenny will be filled with over 25 independent Booksellers. The internationally renowned festival has been running for almost 20 year and is a must for anyone who wants to pick up some interesting finds, rare editions, collectables and of course plenty of bargains from new, second hand, antiquarian, children, and specialist book sellers. This year's programme has been extended to include a food and craft element at the Abbey Hall, Children's activities at the local library and exciting events at other venues. Every available space in the picture-perfect town will be turned into bookshops for the event which has drawn big names and renowned collectors to the border town throughout the years. For more info visit www.graiguenamanaghtownofbooks.ie.

QUOTE OF THE DAY—OurMindfulLife

Good days give happiness,
Bad days give experience,
Worst days give lessons,
The best days give memories.

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