

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th August 2022

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Twenty Second Sunday of the Year

Once, Jesus was invited to a supper. During the supper he commented on how the guests were fighting for the places of honour. Here Jesus invited us to his supper. He is the host, we are the guests. Here every place is a place of honour.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God invites all people to His banquet. The humble get the places of honour

First Reading: Be gentle and humble for there is no cure for the proud man's disdain.

Second Reading: The city of the living God is accessible to all who believe in Jesus.

Gospel: Jesus warns us against pride and arrogance.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 3rd September: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 4th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 31st August: No Mass

Friday 2nd September: No Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Bishop Seamas Freeman, Bishop of Ossory

Months Mind

Kitty Lawlor, School House Road

Anniversaries

Richard and Roseanne Dollard, Smithstown

Anna Kearney, Paulstown and Smithstown

Kathleen, Paddy, Brendan and Nellie Brennan, Waterford

Fr. Dan will bring **Holy Communion** to the sick and housebound that he attends on Thursday/ Friday 8th/9th September 2022 rather than on the first week of September due to holidays. Please note this later September date.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Caoimhe Mary Barron**, daughter of Kieran and Maire Therese, Curraghlane, who was baptised in the Church of St. Aidan, Tullogher on Sunday 21st August 2022.

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.

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: Attending the Weekend Mass: The Covid pandemic and the closure of Churches for public worship in March 2020 removed the practice of regular 'church going' and broke the cycle of weekly Mass attendance.

Even before Covid, church attendance had ceased for many or more likely been reduced to a number of occasions during the year, such as funerals, weddings, baptisms anniversaries, and the great feasts like Christmas and Easter.

Does this mean that people are losing their faith in God and in Jesus Christ? Apparently not! Sometimes in conversation when the topic of faith crops up, people will say, 'oh I talk to God or I pray in my own way'. If the question is asked, 'when or where or how do you talk to God?', the answer is often very hesitant and uncertain or there is a telling silence. For all that, people reassure us that the faith is there, just not practiced weekly by Mass attendance.

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Today's adults have the advantage of being raised in an atmosphere of faith. We have a rich faith heritage going back many generations. We have memories of our parents' and grandparents' faith and prayer. We grew up in communities where faith was important and the Church was the centre of parish life. We have the language of faith so can carry on a reasonable conversation about our memories of belief and practice.

The question arises what about the children, the next generation? They do not have a full cupboard of remembered belief and practice. The concern is, that as they journey through life, things will happen which will test their beliefs and the values they live by. This may well be undramatic and happen quietly. At that point they may find their faith again or lose it altogether

For others a painful illness, a bereavement or and addiction may transform their lives and reveal God to them.

Faith is a living experience. We find God in our daily lives or we lose God altogether.

For faith to give meaning to our lives, we need a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Sadly, it will not happen automatically and cannot be taken for granted. It requires time and discipline if the Lord is to be given the opportunity to confirm our faith and help us to be a support to one another.

Our presence as part of the community at the weekend Mass deepens our faith and supports others in their faith. As Jesus says, 'where two or three are gathered in my name I am with them'. When the followers of Jesus began to drift away, Jesus said to the Apostles, 'And what about you, do you want to go away too?'. It was Peter who responded, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the message of eternal life'.

Mass Intentions for Weekend 3rd/4th September

Sat 3rd Tullogher 7.00 pm

Breda Walsh, Brownsford, Months Mind

Andy Murphy, Brownsford

Sun 4th Listerlin 9.00 am

Jim Conway, Listerlin

Sun 4th Rosbercon 11.00 am

Nancy Power, Ballybeg

Laurence Fortune, Shanbogh

Margaret and Matty Phelan, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 30th/31st July, 6th/7th August & 13th/14th August 2022:

Offertory Collection: € 1618.45

Weekly Envelopes: € 2021.55

Collection of Parish Funds 20th/21st August 2022:

Offertory Collection: € 417.95

Weekly Envelopes: € 242.05

Parish Debt on 17th August 2022: €31,727.42

Just a Thought: It's hard to believe that the summer holidays have come and gone. The children are beginning another year in school. The following is a Parent Blessing for their children as they go to school: 'Father, we thank you for the gift of our children. Bless them as they go off to school. May they remember we love them and that you love them too! In school help them to be good listeners, and to love and respect themselves and those around them. As they grow on the outside, may they grow on the inside too, in knowledge and love for you and others! Be with them and help them to learn today all the things you need them to know. We ask this through Christ Our Lord, Amen'.

Promises...Promises: September is upon us. The schools are reopening. Some will be making a new start in primary school, going into the infant class. Others will be taking the next step into second- level school. So it's a time of excitement maybe also anxiety, a time for routines to come back in family life with earlier bedtimes and earlier mornings. September sees the resumption of meetings and evening activities and classes. So, it's a good time to make some new promises...the following Reflection may help to get you started.

A Time for Promises

Promise to be strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind

Promise to make all your friends feel that there is something special about them

Promise to look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come through

Promise to think of the best, to work only for the best and to make the best come true

Promise to be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own

Promise to forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future

Promise to wear a cheerful expression at all times and give every person you meet a smile

Promise to give so much effort to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others

Promise to be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear and too happy to permit the presence of trouble in your life

Wisdom: "What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Humour: Mother to daughter going back to school: 'Of course I am sad you're going back to school and I have to stay at home, all alone, where it is quiet and I can do whatever I want'!

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.

New Ross Active Retirement

A General Meeting will be held in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane on Friday 2nd September at 10.30 am. All Welcome!

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