

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th August 2022

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### Nineteenth Sunday of the Year

We are servants of God and of one another. We endeavour to give the best service we can!

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are challenged in this weekend's Gospel to be ready for Christ's return.

#### First Reading

These are the words used by the Jews to celebrate how God saved them at the First Passover.

#### Second Reading

Abraham and Sarah are held up as examples of faith.

#### Gospel

Stand ready, we are told, for we do not know when Christ will return.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Recent Death

Kitty Lawlor (née Clancy), School House Road

#### Anniversaries

Joan Roche, Curraghlane, Tullogher

**The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady** this year falls on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

We wish every blessing to **Vivienne Forristal, Shanbogh** and to **Nicholas Falvey, Piltown** who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

We welcome into our Christian Community **Ciara Kate Hennessy**, daughter of Patrick and Triona, Tinneranny, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2022

#### The Last Laugh

'I made hay while the sun shone. My work sold. Now, if the harvest is over and the world cold, give me the bonus of laughter as I lose hold'

John Betjeman

**A Message from Fr Dan: "I've started, so I'll finish":** I'm probably no different from most people when I admit to being slow to begin a project, fearing the end result is going to be a shambles. We put off so many things until the long evenings of summer. Monday last was the first of August. It is now time to tackle those projects that we hoped to complete this summer. There is great wisdom in trusting that the completion of our tasks will come only after several attempts, false dawns, and, maybe more importantly than anything else, recognition that I may not be able to achieve my goal on my own. It is a most liberating experience to realise that one needs help. One of the happiest surprises in life is how often we discover people who are willing to work with us, share our load and accompany us on a particular journey.

The great success stories that make headlines are nearly always preceded by great struggle, effort, apparent failure and many moments of self-doubt. There are always 'nay sayers' who presume "it couldn't be done". Yet things get done and we are often captivated by what has been achieved. For every one of us, there is a potential success story... tailor made for you and me, made to fit each personality. However, we may need to start and start again, but, often with the helping hand of another, the love and support of another, the task is finally completed. Here lies the truth: We need each other. Together we can achieve headline success stories! The important thing is to make a start.

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

**Just a Thought:** These summer weeks invite us to create time for rest and relaxation. For us at times it is a difficult challenge to find the balance between work, rest and play. To be good instruments of God's love we must avoid being over tired, burnt out, stressed, aggressive, or closed up. We need to be rested, centred, peaceful and aware of the needs of our body, our heart and our spirit. Voices surround us, always telling us to move faster. It may be our boss, our parents, our wives, our husbands, our politicians, or, sadly, even ourselves. So we comply. We increase the speed. We live life in the fast lane. Too many of us are running much faster than we can sustain. In these summer months the invitation for us is to be relaxed and rested to entrust ourselves completely to the silence of a wide landscape of woods and hills, and/or by the sea. We sit still while the sun comes up over the land and fills its silences with light.

**Humour:** A man dining with some friends rose when the brandy was being brought in. 'Now gentlemen,' he said 'are we to drink like men or beasts?' With one voice came the answer 'like men.' 'Right,' said the man, 'let's get drunk;' the beasts always know when they have enough.'

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## Mass Intentions for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am

Bessie and Tom Doyle, Waterford Road

Paddy Grennan, Ballyreddy

### Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2022

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August St. Moling's Well

**This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm**

**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.

### St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2021/2022

The July draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the results of the draw. Congratulations to Seamus & Biddy Waters who won 10<sup>th</sup> Prize of € 100.00.

### Reflection: Heavenly Glory

While out for an evening walk, I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area. It was then that I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: How easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight, and grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

### The Gardener

Have I lived enough? Have I loved enough?  
Have I considered Right Action enough?  
Have I come to any conclusion?  
Have I experienced happiness with sufficient happiness?  
Have I endured loneliness with grace?

I say this, or perhaps I'm just thinking it.  
Actually, I probably think too much.  
Then I step out into the garden,  
where the gardener who is said to be a simple man, is tending his children, the roses.

Mary Oliver

**To make you Smile:** An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home one evening for dinner. She was impressed by the way her friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as; honey, love darling etc. The couple had been married for 60 years and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was out of the room the lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say 'I think it's wonderful after all those years that you still call your husband all those loving names'. The elderly lady replied, 'I have to tell you the truth. His name slipped my mind about ten years ago and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old so and so what his name is!'

**Wisdom:** He who loses wealth loses much; he who loses a friend loses more; but he that loses his courage loses all.

### ◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> August. All donations kindly accepted.

### ◆ 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 **9<sup>th</sup> October**. Groups who register will receive a litter picking kit worth over € 100.00. The Kilkenny City event on 9<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> August and will run for 5 weeks. For further information, please contact Lucy on 086-8275192.

### ◆ 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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