

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th September 2022

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### Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

To sin is to turn away from God. Which of us can say that we have never strayed from God? But Jesus, the Good Shepherd, comes looking for us and is overjoyed when he finds us.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** God seeks out sinners to forgive them.

**First Reading:** Moses intercedes with God for leniency for the people because they rebelled.

**Second Reading:** Paul insists that Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

**Gospel:** Through telling three parables Jesus justifies his concern for sinners.

#### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 17th September: No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 18th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 14th September: 10am Mass

Friday 16th September: 10am Mass

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

#### Recent Death:

Thomas Dowling, Shanbogh

Alice Donnelly, UK and The Rower

#### Anniversaries:

Catherine Mernagh, Windmill Lane

Dora & Ritchie Power, Ballybeg

Jo Malone, Hoodsgrove

John Hayes, Fethard on Sea

James Waters, Shanbough

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

**A Message from Fr Dan:** The Season of Creation: It began in the most unlikely of places: with a teenager refusing to go to school. But over the last four years, a remarkable wave of climate activism has spread across the globe, inspired by the Swedish teenage, Greta Thunberg, who caught the imagination of teenagers around the world, including here in Ireland.

Their 'climate strike' gave many older people hope, when it brought thousands of teenagers out on to the streets of towns and cities around Ireland, as they demanded a different ecological future. We know that the Lord often uses the wisdom and energy of youth to bring about change. Certainly, our young people are our leaders on this most important issue. The Government, which admits that it has been slow on the issue of climate declared a climate emergency in May, 2019 making Ireland only the second country in the world to do so.

This growing grassroots appetite for change has come at just the right time. The summer brought no comfort from scientists, whose investigations continue to suggest the problems we face are far and more serious than we had thought. Heat and flood records were broken across the world. The Arctic ice shelf has melted this year at an alarming rate. Pope Francis' document on climate, *Laudato Si'* is an illuminating work. The pope's thinking is impressive, imaginative, and robust. Francis's account of the many factors at play in climate breakdown and the many ways in which it will devastate lives is evidence-based, intricately argued, and motivated by a vision that is pro-life in the fullest meaning of the term. As a Papal encyclical, *Laudato Si'* is an authoritative text within the Catholic Social tradition.

In the summer of 2019 Pope Francis met with Greta Thunberg. He encouraged her to continue her work and assured her that the climate strikes had his support. Many in the Irish church recognise that in recent decades there has been a failure to connect the faith with the younger generations. Yet here, there is a clear and direct overlap between the mission of the church and the passion of the young. The Pope sees that care for our world is not just one more good deed that we might choose to take up, but is integral to Christian faith. He insists that as 'we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us,' we are not responding to some temporarily 'hot' topic in the culture, nor are we motivated by selfish self-interest, because of the threat we face. Rather, we care for the earth because we know 'that all the good which exists here finds an echo in God's kingdom'.

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**Mass Intentions for Sunday  
18th September 2022**

**Rosbercon** 11.00am

Michael Molloy, Tinneranny

**Listerlin** 9.30am

Stephen & Peggy Walsh, Smithstown

Annette Kavanagh, Smithstown and Tinahely

Larry Walsh, Kilmacow and Smithstown

**September:** We welcome September, month of fruitfulness, month of harvesting, month of returning to school and college. Summer holidays are over. Teachers, pupils and students have again focused on learning. A good start is half the work. Let us pray for our teachers and educators who help young people achieve their full potential. The ancient Irish believed that there were 'three things you can never get back: a day absent from school, a Sunday without Mass and a day away from one's trade'. Learning is no burden! Be with us Lord during the month of September.

**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.

◆ **ANNUAL ROAD RUN**

Tullaghan Rosbercon Vintage and Classic Club will hold their Annual Road Run on Sunday 18th September 2022. Assemble at Rosbercon Parish Hall at 11:30 am, starting the road run at 1:00 pm. NO MODERN TRACTORS—VINTAGE ONLY. BBQ afterwards at the Rosbercon Parish Hall. Tractors will travel along Milebush Road, Ballyneale, Tullaghan arriving in Listerlin at 2:15 pm. Cars will travel to New Ross, St. Mullin's, Graiguenamanagh, Inistioge, Listerlin. Tractors and cars will leave Listerlin at 3:30 pm travel to Ballyreddy, Ballycurran and Shanbogh and arrive back at Rosbercon Parish Hall at 4:15 pm. All proceeds go to local groups. For more information please contact; Jamie— 087-6869137/David—087-7382301/Fergus—087-6746216.

◆ **FREE COURSES with WWETB**

At Waterford Wexford Training Services we offer a variety of FREE training courses across the Southeast of Ireland. Training courses are delivered in our purpose-built training centres by our experienced team of staff, who provide the very highest standard of training under the national government Department of Education and Skills brand 'ETB', The Education and Training Board. The courses we offer are suitable for jobseekers, people entering the workforce for the first time, early school leavers, people with disabilities, those wishing to change careers and are looking to refresh their knowledge or gain new skills. For more information please contact Rebecca on 086-3992118.

◆ **ST CANICES NATIONAL SCHOOL**

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon is now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infants 2023.

An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051 422813 or by emailing [info@stcanicesns.com](mailto:info@stcanicesns.com)

**Reflection**

All of us can experience moments of great joy  
Because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth  
the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful,  
will never satisfy the human heart.

What we long for is a permanent state of happiness.

But that is unattainable here.

So, what must we do?

Like desert travellers we must go forward  
from one oasis to another  
with the conviction that God has a homeland  
prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us  
to travel onwards with love in our hearts  
and an unquenchable longing in our souls

**Wisdom:** "Don't let yesterday take up too much of today".

**Humour:** Little Philip was spending the weekend with his grandmother after his first week in infant school. His grandmother decided to take him to the park on Saturday morning. The sun was shining and everything looked beautiful. His grandmother commented, 'Doesn't it look like an artist painted this scenery? Did you know God painted this just for you?' 'Yes' replied Philip, 'God did it and he did it left handed'. This confused his grandmother so she asked him 'What makes you say God did this with his left hand?' 'Well' said Philip, 'we learned in school that Jesus sits on God's right hand'.

◆ **ST JOSEPHS ATHLETIC CLUB**

Work continues at pace on the construction of a 700m walking track installed around the perimeter of the club grounds at Albatross Sports Centre. The development also includes the installation of 21 energy efficient LED street lights around the track so it can be illuminated and enjoyed by everyone all year round. We have a lot of work done but, we have more to do.

The club will host the annual Richie Young Memorial 5k Run/Walk on Sunday 11th September at 12 noon at the Pink Rock, Glenmore. The event is open to runners, walkers and families. This is a donation event where the proceeds are split between St Josephs AC and our chosen charity partner. This year we are proud to announce that the charity chosen is BUMBLEance, The Children's National Ambulance Service. More information can be found at <https://www.bumbleance.com/> Just arrive, predict your 5k time, donate and have some fun.

The club will host the Inter Schools running shield on Friday evening, 16th September starting at 6:30pm. This event is open to all kids attending Listerlin, Ballyfacey, Glenmore, Shanbogh and St Canice's National Schools. The winning school will take the perpetual shield back to their school. So make sure you come along in plenty of time to register and have some fun.

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