

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th September 2022

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

Of all the idols people worship, money is probably the most common. Jesus says 'You cannot be the servant both of God and of money.' We are here because we want to recognise our God, not just with our lips, but with our hearts.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The proper use of our worldly goods.

First Reading: The Prophet condemns the injustice of the rich of his day.

Second Reading

Paul reminds us to offer prayers for everyone.

Gospel

Jesus does not condemn the steward who provided for his future.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 24th September 7:00 pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 25th September 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 21st September No Mass

Friday 23rd September 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Eileen (Eily) Conway (née Ryan), Toorbeg, Burncourt, Cahir

Anniversaries

Stephen and Peggy Walsh, Smithstown

Annette Kavanagh, Smithstown, Tinahely

Larry Walsh, Kilmacow and Smithstown

Edward and Katie Walsh Ballykenna

Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

Stephen and Mai Cottrell, Ballykenna

Michael Molloy, Tinneranny

We welcome into our Christian Community **Margaret Connors**, daughter of William and Ann, Barret's Park, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Sunday 11th September 2022.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God

Christ came among us to bring salvation and freedom to our world and to our lives. He lived among us for thirty-three years. His public ministry lasted only three of those years. He had a vision and a dream for humanity. He summed up his vision in one short sentence, 'what I command you is that you love one another'. During his years of public ministry, he endeavoured to see that his apostles, his followers and the ordinary people bought into his vision. He knew that his message of love and forgiveness would not become a reality overnight. A vision of love is always a 'slow burner'. It's a case of one step forward, two steps backward! He once compared his kingdom to a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet if sown in good ground, the seed will grow into a fine shrub.

We are Christ's brothers and sisters, his followers. In our lifetime it is up to us to sow the seeds of the kingdom hoping that future generations will reap a harvest. We have to choose good seed and prepared the ground properly so that the seed will take root and grow. But how do we hand on the faith to the next generation. Our young people are living in a world that is losing the faith, not attending Church and going its own way. They see materialism everywhere and they are influenced by what they see around them. To them the Church appears old fashioned, just keeping going, just holding the fort. They see the Church as not addressing their needs or their concerns.

So, what can be done. We know that young people are in a better place today than they have ever been in history. They are well educated and with social media they have the ability to communicate with each other as never before. They are enthusiastic and idealistic as young people always are. To connect with young people requires that we take a radical look at what the church is offering to its followers today.

As yet, we don't know the way forward. It is a work in progress but we know that things will have to change. Many individuals and many groups in the Church are sowing new seeds. However, the seeds are slow to sprout. Nothing is going to change overnight. We need to be open to what is new and not be afraid of things being different. In our own time we keep looking forward and planning. There is no going back. Like the Apostles, in their time, we must launch out into the deep. At the same time, we have to wait in patience and leave many things to the providence of Almighty God.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Wisdom: "I sought my soul, the soul I could not see.
I sought my God and God eluded me.
I sought my brother and found all three"

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 25th September 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 25th September at 9:30 am

John Furlong, Smithstown

Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

Biddy and Ned Roche, Glenpipe

Rosbercon: Sunday 25th September at 11:00 am

Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights, New Ross

Bridget Levingstone, Rathnure, Co. Wexford

Collection of Parish Funds 3rd/4th & 10th/11th September 2022

Offertory Collection € 805.25

Weekly Envelopes € 1,647.00

Parish Debt on 14th September 2022 € 31,727.42

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 2022/2023

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw will now go ahead for an Eighth Year. Bishop Denis Nulty has asked me to thank the people of Rosbercon for their ongoing support. He is also requesting your support for **Year Eight of the Diocesan Draw**. There will be 12 monthly draws, September 2022-August 2023, on the last Wednesday of each month in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. The annual prize fund is € 60,000 and the subscription is € 10.00 per month or € 120.00 per annum. The first draw takes place on Wednesday 28th September 2022. Tickets are available from Fr. Dan or by phoning Anne in the Parochial House, Phone 051-421515: Monday- Thursday, 10:30 am-2:30 pm.

Fr. Dan is asking for volunteers, male and female, to help clean the **Church in Rosbercon**. Please contact Fr. Dan if you can help keep the Church beautiful.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th March 2023 Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

Saturday 6th May 2023 First Eucharist in Rosbercon

Saturday 13th May 2023 First Eucharist in Listerlin

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.

Just a Thought: Who do you say that I am? Jesus asks this question of his followers. The gospel writers in their fashion attempted to answer this most fundamental question. They said that Jesus was: Son of God, Son of Man, Divine Physician, king, prophet, bridegroom, light of the world, the vine, the high priest, the first born of creation, the bright morning star.... What concerns Jesus now is what your answer is to this question! Can we say with Saint Peter, 'You are the Christ the Son of the living God'.

Humour: The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything!

To make you Smile

If you are not sure that you qualify as a true senior citizen, check the following:

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You sit in your rocking chair but you can't make it work.

Your house is too big and your medicine cabinet is too small.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You get winded playing cards and your address book only contains the names of medical specialists.

You feel like the morning after ...but you haven't been anywhere.

You have so many answers but no one is asking you any questions.

Fr. Brian Darcy

◆ St. Molings Chapter St. Vincent De Paul Rosbercon Tullogher

In recent weeks we have experienced increased genuine request for food and back to school costs assistance from within our Parish. Primarily from single parents with children who are in most cases dependent on Social Welfare income from which they have to provide for such necessities as excessive rent, heating costs, clothing and food. Thanks to donations received from Parishioners over the past year we were able to provide the necessary assistance to the best of our financial ability. Given the present economic climate we expect such requests will be a weekly occurrence within our Parish over the winter months. It is important to note all such requests are carefully examined to ensure sincerity prior to any assistance being given. To enable us to provide for such ongoing requests, donations received from Parishioners and Parish Organisation's given to any of our following members will be greatly appreciated.

All corners of our Parish are covered very discreetly by our committee as follows—Catherine and Mary—Tullogher area, Seamus and Richard — Shanbogh area, Brid and Margaret—Rosbercon area. Where children are concerned we tend to move quickly to ensure they are neither hungry or in need of warm clothing or footwear. Committee Members—Richard McElwee, Catherine Cottrell, Mary B. Conway, Brid Vereker, Seamus Waters and Margaret Saunders.

◆ Special Olympics Leinster

Special Olympics Leinster need your help to make a difference. Interested in volunteering at a Special Olympics Club in your area? We would love for you to join us and find out more about volunteering.

Where: St. Marys Sports Hall, St. Marys Secondary School, New Ross.

When: Saturday 24th September 2022

Time: 11:45 am.

For more information please contact Donal on donalcrooker@gmail.com

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