

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th September 2022

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Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year

Jesus tells the story about a rich man who refused to share even the crumbs from his table with a starving beggar who sat at his gate. One great evil in the world today is the terrible indifference towards one's neighbour. All of us stand in need before God.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We gather to praise God's goodness for giving us a fruitful harvest and to ask his mercy for our shortcomings.

First Reading

The Prophet, Amos, warns the wealthy about their selfishness.

Second Reading

St. Paul instructs his young follower, Timothy.

Gospel

The Gospel reminds us that wealth can insulate us from seeing the needs of others.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1st October 7:00 pm in Tullogher

Sunday 2nd October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 28th September 10:00 am Mass

Friday 30th September 10:00 am Mass

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

The Opening Mass for the School Year for **Our Lady of Lourdes School** will be celebrated in Rosbercon Church on Friday 30th September 12:00 pm. All welcome

Recent Deaths

Jean Lackey (née Heathcote), Brownstown, Tullogher

Anniversaries

Jack Snr. And Theresa O'Leary, Waterford Road

Margaret (Peggy) Porter (née O'Leary), Waterford Road

John Furlong, Smithstown

Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

Biddy and Ned Roche, Glenpipe

Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights

Bridget Levingstone, Rathnure, Co. Wexford

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.

Taizé Prayer services resumed on Friday 16th September at 8:00 pm in Good Counsel College Chapel, New Ross, and will continue every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month thereafter. All are warmly invited. For more information visit Taizé Wexford on Facebook or www.taize.fr

A Message from Fr. Dan: Saint Francis of Assisi

In these times of climate change and global warming, many people are becoming interested in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is on the 4th October. Our present Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Francis of Assisi. The Pope once remarked: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Many people associate Saint Francis with his love of animals and birds, and indeed of all creation. On one occasion it was reported that Francis preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say! Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister. He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation was a companion to Francis. In the Cantic of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship celebrated: Francis speaks of - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death. Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

The United Nations Conference on 'Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change' will be held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from the 6th - 18th November 2022. We pray that as the nations of the world reflect on global warming and caring for creation, they will embrace the vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself. Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. May the Lord give the world his Peace!

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted)

Hymn in honour of Our Lady: O Mary of graces and mother of Christ; May you direct me and guide me aright. And may you protect me from Satan's control; And may you protect me in body and soul. And may you protect me by land and by sea; And may you protect me from sorrows to be; A strong guard of angels above me provide; May God be before me and God at my side.

Amen.

To make you Smile: 'Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society'.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Humour: The teacher asked her class to sketch a picture of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Sam's picture, which showed four people sitting in a plane, so she asked him which Bible story it was meant to represent. 'The flight to Egypt', said Sam. 'I see and this must be Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus,' the teachers said, 'but who is the fourth person?' 'Oh that's Pontius – the Pilot', replied Sam!

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

1st/2nd October 2022

Tullagher: Saturday 1st October at 7:00 pm

Bridget Croke, Brownsford

Bernadette Phelan, Tullagher

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 2nd October at 9:30 am

Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

Rosbercon: Sunday 2nd October at 11:00 am

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

David (Daithí) Bridley, Ballybeg and School House Road

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.

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.

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.

October Station Envelopes and November Offering Envelopes

will be distributed to the homes of the Parish shortly. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for the names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for doing this work on behalf of the parish

Reflection: How wealth is judged

A week ago, the sycamore tree was loaded with gold.

However, instead of sitting back and enjoying it

The tree began to give it away.

At first it was just a leaf here and a leaf there,

Whenever the wind asked for a contribution.

But soon it was giving it away in fistfuls

without being asked,

And without a thought for a wintry tomorrow.

Wealth is judged,

not by the amount that is accumulated,

But by the amount that is given away.

The only wealth that is worth having

Is the wealth of the heart.

To close one's heart is to begin to die;

To open it is to begin to live.

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.

◆ 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—Tullagher 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—087-7140112

◆ LADIES GAELIC FOOTBALL FINAL

The under 12s of Tullagher Rosbercon Ladies Gaelic Football Club are playing their Roinn B Final Sunday 25th September at 13:30 pm in Clara GAA Grounds on the outskirts of Kilkenny City. After a campaign which began last spring they finished second in a group of six and now face their near neighbours Thomastown in what promises to be an enthralling occasion. All support would be greatly appreciated. The panel of twenty have trained diligently every Monday evening and have made amazing progress over the course of the year. The very best of good luck to this wonderful crew as they attempt to bring home the silverware which would be a just reward for their endeavours throughout 2022.

◆ LINE DANCING

Line Dancing will be held on Tuesdays in Rosbercon Hall, 7:00 pm—Beginners and 8:00 pm—Other Dancers. Great exercise and fun for more information please contact Sara on 087-9792483.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The South Kilkenny Historical Society has organised a lecture on Ireland's entry to the EEC, to mark the 50th anniversary of the referendum to join the union. The speaker is Dr. Eugene Broderick This lecture will take place on Thursday next (September 29th) in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's church) and will commence at 8pm. All welcome.

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