

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th September 2022

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### Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

We measure people's commitment to a cause by the sacrifices they are prepared to make for it. We cannot hope to be genuine followers of Christ without making sacrifices. What does it mean for me to be a Christian?

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Following Christ has its rewards and it also makes demands on us.

#### First Reading

We need the gift of wisdom in life.

#### Second Reading

Paul shows concern for a former slave.

#### Gospel

We are reminded of the need to be single minded in life.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September No Mass

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September No Mass

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

#### Anniversaries

Breda Walsh, Brownsford—Months Mind

Andy Murphy, Brownsford

Michael Phelan, Tullogher

Fitzgerald Family, Cooleen

Jim Conway, Listerlin

Laurence Fortune, Shanbogh

Nancy Power, Ballybeg

Margaret and Matty Power, Shanbogh

**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.

We wish every blessing to **Ciara Barron, Curraghlane** and to **Eric Wall, Mooncoin**, who were married in the St. Aidan's Church, Tullogher on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2022. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

We also welcome into our Christian Community **Liam Eoin Dixon**, son of Andrew and Karen née Gorry, Rosbercon and England who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

**A Message from Fr Dan: A Prayer as our Schools Reopen:** Loving God, we ask you to wrap our school family in a cloak of love and protection as our schools reopen at this time.

Bless our Boards of Management and Staff as they continue the work that they have already begun to ensure a welcoming and safe environment for all. Bless our parents as they again entrust their children to our schools. Help us to work together to help the children and young people to become the very best that they can be.

Above all, God of Love, we ask you to extend your hand of blessing on our pupils as they joyfully reunite with their friends and with the school community. May they continue to progress in their studies and always know that they are safe, secure and protected.

We know that much is different this year, but we are confident that through the efforts of so many dedicated people, God's love and care for each of us will never change. May we show the same love and care for one another in all we do and say this year. Amen.

#### September Prayer

I thank you, Lord, God Our Father,  
for all that was good during the Summer –  
for the love my family gave me,  
for the company of friends,  
and for the sunshine on warm days.

I thank you for the people who cared for me,  
At those times when I felt sad and down at heart.

Now I ask for your help as I begin a new school year,  
and I pray your blessing on every day in this school.

Show us how to work together for the good of all.  
May we share our talents and abilities to the full  
and grow in knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

During this school year,  
let us become builders of your ways  
and instruments of your peace  
in our part of the world.

We ask this school year blessing,  
Trough Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen

#### **A Prayer for Balance for Students and others!**

Help me, God, to find a balance between study and leisure.  
When work must be done, let me realise that I am here to learn  
and cannot be going to parties. Let me also see that life is more  
than books and being a person comes before grades.  
A snowball fight, a walk around a lake or a simple talk with a  
friend will do wonders when studies get me down.  
Lord, guide me along this balanced line.

Amen

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## Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 pm  
Catherine Mernagh, Windmill Lane

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11:00 am  
Jo Malone, Hoodsgrove

### Collection of Parish Funds 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> August 2022

<b>Offertory Collection</b>	€ 516.30
<b>Weekly Envelopes</b>	€ 508.70
<b>Parish Debt on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022</b>	€ 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.

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

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.

### To make you Smile

'God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into the ones I did like, and the eyesight to tell the difference'.

*Terry Wogan*

### Just a Thought

My life is a gift of God, given not in years, but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and he plans it to be the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone, never to return and tomorrow and all that it holds is still secret. Only today is mine and on this day, I offer my life to God with all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive my gift graciously!

### Reflection

'O that today you would listen to his voice, harden not your hearts'

To adopt a hard heart-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart is a closed heart, so it can't receive.

A hard heart inevitably becomes a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

Lord, grant that softened by the rain of your grace,

and warmed by the sun of your love,

Our hearts may be turned from a desert into a garden.

**Wisdom:** The best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God.

**Humour:** Life would be a nobler thing if we avoided petty tittle-tattle about our neighbours, but the evenings would be terribly long.

**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.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The winners are as follows:

1st Prize—Padraig and Liam Walsh

2nd Prize—James Freeman

3rd Prize—Martin Kennedy, Ballykenna

4th Prize—Declan Grennan, Ballycurran

5th Prize—Jack Duggan

6th Prize—Paddy Phelan, Ballyfoyle Upper

7th Prize—Eamonn Bookle, Mullinakill

The next development draw will take place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 08:30 pm.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE AND CLASSIC CLUB

Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage and Classic Club will hold their Annual Road Run on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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, Tullogher arriving in Listerlin at 2:15 pm. **Cars** will travel to New Ross, St. Mullin's, Graiguenamanaagh, Inistioige, 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.

### ◆ 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 **9th October**. Groups who register will receive a litter picking kit worth over € 100.00. The Kilkenny City event on 9th October is also open to sporting clubs, hobby groups, businesses and schools. Further details/registration at <https://cleanup.kilkenny.ie/>

### ◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies:

1. Office Administrator in New Ross Parish Office
2. Fishing Lake Attendant

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply.** See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)

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