

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th October 2022

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Twenty Ninth Sunday of the Year

On this Sunday, prayer and faith are very closely connected. It's because we have faith that we pray. At the same time prayer sustains our faith. We need to pray, not just when we are in trouble, but as often as possible.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We celebrate the goodness of God who answers our prayers, sometimes in ways we cannot understand.

First Reading: Moses holding up his hands in prayer gains victory for his people.

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds his follower Timothy to preach the good news.

Gospel: Jesus tells a story to show us the importance of persevering in prayer.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 22nd October: 7.00pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 23rd October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 19th October: 10am Mass

Friday 21st October: 10am Mass

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

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.

Anniversaries

Jean Lackey, Brownstown **Months Mind**

Peggy Power, Shanbogh

We wish every blessing to Nan Berry, Millbanks and to Larry Connors, Hewettsland who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Wednesday 12th October 2022. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes have been distributed to the homes of the parish. We thank the envelope distributors for their work on our behalf. Part of the October Station collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love one another as I have loved you', says Christ. The way of Jesus is made known to us by the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. In presenting the way of Jesus to us, the Church has given us lots of rules and regulations and practices to help us to know what Jesus is like and what he wants us to do so that we can live good lives, by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We have to be careful, however, that the rules and regulations do not take on a life of their own. This had happened in the Jewish faith at the time of Christ. The religious leaders in Judaism at the time of Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They presented the teachings of Moses to the people but as happened later in the Church their rules and regulations took over. Keeping rules was seen as being faithful and loving of God. And so, washing in certain ways and washing after coming from the market place was essential. People knew immediately that you were a religious person if you observed the rules to the letter.

Jesus however was a person full of common sense. He spoke to the people about their God and his love for them. He spoke to them of how they could love their God by loving their neighbour. Good and decent living was much more important than keeping rigidly to rules and regulations.

Because Jesus spoke with authority many people followed him, and still do. In our Church today we, too, have lots of rules and regulations and traditions. These can take on a life of their own. The keeping of these rules can be seen as Christian and loyal and all important.

Christ, however spelled out clearly the most important rule that we must observe. We must love our God with all our heart and soul and also love our neighbour as ourselves. We must care for ourselves and our neighbour by being just and honest, by being forgiving and compassionate, by not being greedy or envious. That is the way of Christ. (From Ennis Parish Newsletter)

A Candle was Lighting:

I visit the Churches of the parish regularly. I am in the Church in Rosbercon every day. Candles are always burning in the candelabras. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of late autumn.

Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks'. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

22nd/23rd October 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 22nd October at 7.00 pm

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace **Months Mind**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 23rd October at 9:30 am

John and Mary Knox, Brownstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 23rd October at 11:00 am

Dr. Charlie Kehoe, Nuala Kehoe and Marie Sheridan

Jack Barron, Tinneranny

Agnes Malone, Hoodsgrrove

November Masses for the Holy Souls

It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Fr Dan will offer masses during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to place the names of those you would like to have remembered in the boxes before the altars of Rosbercon, Mullinarrigle (Listerlin) or Tullogher Church. Masses will begin on Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day.

Reflection: The end of our Story – as described by Pope Francis

We are all small and defenceless before the mystery of death. However, what a grace if at that moment we safeguard in our hearts the flame of faith. Jesus will take us by the hand, as he took Jairus' daughter by the hand, and will repeat to each one: "Tal'itha cu'mi"; "Little girl, arise!" (cf. Mk 5:41).

I invite you, now, to close your eyes and think about that moment: of our death.

Each of us think about our own death, and imagine that moment that will come, when Jesus will take us by the hand and tell us: "Come, come with me, arise".

There, hope will end and reality will abide, the reality of life.

Jesus himself will come to each of us and take us by the hand,

With his tenderness, his compassion, his love.

This is our hope in the face of death.

For those who believe, it is a door that is thrust open wide;

for those who doubt, it is a glimmer of light that filters through an exit that is not quite completely closed.

But for all of us it will be a grace, when this light, of the encounter with Jesus, illuminates us.

Wisdom: "Always keep your face towards the sunshine – and shadows will fall behind you". Walt Whitman

Humour: A woman invited some people to dinner. At the table, she turned to her six-year-old daughter and said, "Would you like to say the blessing?" "I wouldn't know what to say," the little girl replied. "Just say what you hear Mammy say," the mother said. The little girl bowed her head and said: "Dear Lord, why on earth did I invite all these people to dinner?"

◆ Listerlin Cemetery Meeting

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 25th October at 8.00 pm in St. David's Church, Listerlin regarding the possibility of an extension to the existing Listerlin Cemetery. All interested parties please attend.

◆ 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.

◆ Cleaner Wanted

5 - 10 hours per week - weekend work.

Fixed term contract.

Apply in writing to:

The Principal,

St. Canice's National School,

Rosbercon, New Ross, Co. Wexford, Y34 VH61.

◆ Meals 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.

◆ New Ross Drama Workshop

Our local Drama workshop are delighted to present an evening of 3 x One Act Plays in St. Michaels Theatre on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st October. Tickets are €12.00 each and the plays are suitable for Adult Audiences only. To book please phone 051 421255.

◆ St. Josephs Athletic Club

St Joseph's Athletic Club has recently developed a 1,400 square metre walking / running track that can be used all year round at its club grounds at Albatross Sports Centre, Rosbercon. A brand new timer LED lighting system has also been installed as part of the project. The new walking track is available to the public to use at any time, day or night.

The project has been part funded by the Sports Capital Grant Programme.

Our aim is to raise €14,000 by selling each of the 1,400 square metres of the track for €10 per sq/mtr in order to meet the remainder of the project cost.

A Go Fund Me page has been set up to help raise the funds and can be found by visiting <https://stjosephsac.ie/donate>

On Friday 11th November at 7pm, we will be hosting an opening evening of the new track. We will also be launching our Go Fund Me campaign that same evening. Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall.

We are delighted to announce our special guest attending on the evening to officially open the facilities is renowned Kilkenny hurling manager, **Brian Cody**.

We hope you can all come along and celebrate with us.

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