

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd October 2022

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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year – Mission Sunday

Jesus told a story about a Pharisee and a tax-collector who went into the temple to pray. The Pharisee boasted that he was not weak and sinful like other people. It is in our weakness, however, that Jesus comes to us as the tax-collector discovered.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are happy that God takes notice of us and listens to our prayer. Filled with trust we bring our prayer to God

First Reading

The Lord hears the prayer of the poor person.

Second Reading

St. Paul is coming to the end of his life and looks forward to a place in the heavenly kingdom.

Gospel

Jesus tells the story of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 29th October No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 30th October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 26th October No Mass
Friday 28th October 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Paul Walsh, Airmount, New Ross

Anniversaries

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace—Months Mind
Richard Holden, Shanbogh
Jack Hartley, Brabstown
Dr. Charlie Kehoe, School House Road
Nuala Kehoe, School House Road
Marie Sheridan
Jack Barron, Tinneranny
Agnes Malone, Hoodgrove
Mary Murphy, Millbanks
John and Mary Knox, Brownstown

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 welcome into our Christian Community **Críoa Lilly Power**, daughter of Darragh and Roisín, Glenbarra, New Ross, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 15th October 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: All Saints

Somehow, it's difficult for us to imagine saints as ordinary people. We would not think of a saint as wearing a uniform, an apron or a pair of overalls. A kitchen apron or a nurses' uniform do not fit into how we imagine saints would look. Saints should be a bit unusual! Indeed, many of the canonized saints were very unusual indeed.

On Tuesday, 1st November, All Saints Day, we celebrate the feast of the vast majority of Saints, some of whom you have met yourself. Sit back for a moment and remind yourself of some of those saints, the really good people you have known and there were many. The poor in spirit, members of your own family, people you have worked with, a neighbour or someone you have simply met by chance. They had their faults and weaknesses but their love and thoughtfulness shone through their lives. Their holiness may not have been noticeable but they were loyal and faithful. Their lives were full of kindness and generosity and they prayed to the best of their ability. They made their own way to God and wherever it was possible to practice the love of Christ, they did so unstintingly.

Many people become saints through the mystery of suffering. The patient sick who are not embittered are an example to us all. The heart-broken spouse whose world has collapsed through the death of a life partner; the single parent buying shoes for their children when they really needed shoes themselves; the person living alone who struggles to serve the community and keep going despite their loneliness. There are so many others we have known who lived 'years without event', whom we felt privileged to have known.

On Tuesday, we will remember the Feast of the Saints. We hope to do something special to celebrate in a happy way. We feel the joy of knowing that our loved ones have gone home to God, to see Him as he is. They have fought the good fight, they have finished the race, they have kept the faith. The winter season with the clocks going back fits the mood of November. During the weeks ahead, the names of those who died in the past year will be given a place of honour in our churches.

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

The Presence of God

Our parents and grandparents and the generations that have gone before us were very aware of the presence of God in their lives. They believed that God was always near and interested in them. They prayed at different times of the day when they remembered God's presence. Their prayers were short and simple, offering their work to God and asking for his help. Examples of their prayer have come to us from folklore; 'Lord hold my hand when I flounder in deep water', or 'Mary, stay with us when troubles abound' or 'A hundred thousand welcomes, Lord. Let me make my home with you, Amen'.

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

29th/30th October 2022

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 30th October at 9:30 am
Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 30th October at 11:00 am
Tom Bradley, New Ross
Carol Walsh, Garranbehy
Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross
Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Collection of Parish Funds 8th/9th & 15th/16th October 2022

Offertory Collection € 771.00
Weekly Envelopes € 1,174.00
Parish Debt on 19th October 2022 € 28,353.61

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

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.

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.

Mission Sunday Appeal: World Mission Day is celebrated universally this Sunday, 23rd October. It is the annual appeal from Pope Francis to support overseas Missions and Missionaries. This appeal takes place in every single parish worldwide where the Church has a presence. A share of the Collection at our Masses this weekend will be our support to the Missions. Please be generous this weekend. Many thanks!

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.

A Special Remembrance Mass will be offered for those who died in the last year (Nov 2021 – Nov 2022). The Mass will be offered in Rosbercon Church on Friday 18th November at 7:00 pm. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council who will be in touch with the families of the deceased. We emphasise that **all parishioners** are invited to this Mass.

The October issue of the **Ossory Times Magazine** is available this week. Please feel free to take a copy from the back of the Church.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes May 2023: The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will make a welcome return next year. The dates for the trip are Tuesday 23rd May until Sunday 28th May 2023. Fr Tony O'Connor is Director of this Pilgrimage. Further details to follow.

Humour: A little girl asked her mother, "Where did people come from?" Her mother answered, "God made Adam and Eve and they had children and that's how all mankind was made." A couple of days later, she asked her father the same question. Her father answered, "Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from." The confused little girl returned to her mother and said, "Mammy, how is it possible that you told me we're created by God and Daddy said we came from monkeys?" Her mother answered, "Well dear, it is very simple. I told you about my side of the family and your father told you about his!!

◆ ST. MOLING'S CHAPTER—ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to express our deepest appreciation for the generous donation recently received from our local GAA Club which will greatly assist us over the coming months. Throughout the winter period we are asking parishioners who become aware of genuine need within our parish to inform us by contacting any of our committee members or by our special helpline number 087-7140112. The local GAA Club is a proven and valuable Parish asset and the ongoing additions and improvements to the Club grounds and facilities is proof of their success.

◆ 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.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Title: A History of the National School System in Ireland

Speaker: Mr Joe Doyle

Date: Thursday, October 27th

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

All welcome

◆ BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

Babysitter available. 16 year old transition year student. I have lots of experience minding and working with small kids. I have completed a Safeguarding Level 1 Course—Safeguarding Guidance for Children and Young People. Available evening and weekends. Tel: 087-1717189.

◆ 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.

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