

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th October 2022

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Thirty First Sunday of the Year

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us and we pray for them. They pray for us. Where they have gone, we hope to follow. In the Gospel of today's Mass, we see the Lord's compassion towards the tax collector, Zacchaeus.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Zacchaeus, the star of today's Gospel, takes Jesus at his word and changes his life.

First Reading

God loves all of creation and encourages all who fail to turn back to him.

Second Reading

Paul writes of his joy at the faith of his community.

Gospel

The story of Zacchaeus, the reformed tax collector.

Weekday Masses

All Saints Day

Tuesday 1st November 2022 (Holy Day of Obligation)

Rosbercon

Monday 31st October 7:00 pm

Tuesday 1st November 11:00 am

Mullinarrigle

Tuesday 1st November 9:30 am

All Souls Day

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Rosbercon 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Mullinarrigle 12:00 Noon

Rosbercon

Friday 4th November 10:00 am Mass

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5th November 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 6th November 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

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

Recent Deaths

Antoinette Enright (née Kiely), Abbesside, Dungarvan

Anniversaries

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

Eddie Wilson, Castlemoyle, New Ross

John Handrick, Assumption Terrace

Grace, Jimmy and John Heffernan, Ballyneale

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 **Eoin Patrick James Grennan**, son of Michael and Jane, Ballyreddy, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 22nd October 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: Praying for our Dead: What happens when a person dies? We have many consoling images and beautiful stories that shield us from the reality of death. But what is that reality. Beliefs and views vary. Many modern-day humanists believe and proclaim that we cease to exist at the moment of death. Nothing remains but our memory of our dead and perhaps some inspiration drawn from their lives. Many Jewish groups believed this in Jesus' day. Many world religions have some belief of the spirit being set free from the body to live on in some way.

Our church teaches that our bodies are a vital part of what we are. The body and soul become separated at death to await resurrection where they will be reunited and raised up to live eternally in an altogether new creation. For each individual, how they lived in this life, their goodness and their prayer together with God's mercy will have an impact on the life to come. Of course, at this point we are talking mystery.

Many people ridicule the idea of resurrection. They think in terms of the resurrection being merely a resuscitation, a mere return to bodily life as we experienced it on earth. But that's not the Catholic position. As Jesus points out, our risen bodies, like his risen body will be different than they are now. Our bodies now are mortal, vulnerable and fragile liable to aging, illness, accidents and death. In the resurrection, we will be like the angels. Our bodies will no longer be mortal or vulnerable meaning that our own efforts at survival will no longer be necessary.

In eternal life, we believe that we will be an altogether new creation. Our lives and the lives of all people will be perfected beyond our wildest dreams in the communion of saints. God makes all things new as the Scriptures tell us. Suffering, sin, pain and death will be no more. God will be all in all. When we die, we do not cease to exist but we awake to the immortality of our souls and to the resurrection of the body and to eternal life in the world to come.

Where there is soul there is beauty; where there is soul there is love; where there is soul there is life; where there is soul there is hope.

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Wisdom: 'As tools become rusty, so does the mind. A garden uncared for soon becomes smothered in weeds and a talent neglected withers and dies.'

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

5th/6th November 2022

Tullagher: Saturday 5th November at 7:00 pm

Tom Murphy Ballyfoyle

Maura and Mikey Phelan, Tullagher

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 6th November at 9:30 am

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown

Mary and Thomas Maher, Derrylackey

Rosbercon: Sunday 6th November at 11:00 am

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh, Assumption Terrace

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny

Collection of Parish Funds 22nd/23rd October 2022

Offertory Collection € 575.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,462.00

Parish Debt on 26th October 2022 € 28,353.61

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity.

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.

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 Tullagher Church. Masses will begin on Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls’ Day.

A November Thought: One day.... One day, you will lose someone you can’t live without, and your heart may be broken. You may never completely get over the loss of your beloved. However, our beloved dead live on in our hearts as also in God’s kingdom. Even though your heart may not seal up, you will come through. Your heart may never heal completely and may still hurt from time to time. But you can learn to dance again even though you dance with the limp!

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council would like to send a Christmas Greeting Card for 2022 to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. Please let us have the names and addresses of any family members, friends or neighbours whom you wish to receive a card. The emigrants will also be remembered at our Parish Christmas Masses. Names may be handed in to the Parochial House or to the Parish Office. Names may be posted, texted or Emailed to Fr. Dan at danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

Halloween Humour: Nora Bone was delivering a new plastic skeleton to the Doctor’s Office. As she waited at the main desk, Nora was aware that the waiting room, full of patients, were staring at her. So, she smiled and said “I am bringing him into Doctor Henderson”. An old lady said sympathetically, “My dear! Isn’t it a bit late for the Doctor?”

Reflection: A Poem for November

But once I pass this way, and then no more.

But once – and then the silent door swings on its hinges;

Opens.... closes, and no more I pass this way.

So, while I may, with all my might,

I will give sweet comfort and delight,

to all I meet upon the pilgrim Way.

For no one travels twice the great Highway,

That climbs through darkness up to light,

Through night and day.

John Oxenham

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.

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

◆ ST. JOSEPH’S ATHLETIC CLUB

Good luck to St Josephs club members who are running the Dublin City Marathon on Sunday 30th October. Taking on the gruelling 26 miles are Jack Duggan, Michael Power, Shanua Power, Maggie Helen O’Connor, Stephen O’Connor, Hanora O’Connor, Susan Bolger, Maria Griffin, Anne Watkins, Breda Hennessey, Tom McDonald, Anita Barry, Rocky Mernagh, John Joe Lawlor, Eamon Bookle, Vinny Mackey.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday 4th November at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane at 10:30 am. New members always welcome.

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