

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th November 2022

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### Thirty Third Sunday of the Year

As Christians, we are followers of Christ. We do our best to witness to the life and teaching of Christ in our daily lives; especially his message of unconditional love. To be good and faithful witnesses we need help from on high. Therefore, it is to God we now turn for the courage and strength we need.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings**—The readings focus on the end of the world and Christ's second coming.

**First Reading**—The early Christians believed that the end of the world was near.

**Second Reading**—We are reminded of the value of work.

**Gospel**—The early persecution of Christians felt like the end of the world. and the second coming of Christ.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 am Mass

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 am Mass

**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.

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

### Recent Deaths

Denis O'Connor, Park Cottage, Wexford

### Anniversaries

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

John Walsh, Waterford Road, New Ross

Richard and Alice Cody, Ballycurran

John Fripps, Mooncoin

James Lalor Jnr., Tinneranny

We welcome into our Christian Community **Annie Rose Morrissey**, daughter of Brian and Karen, Glenpipe, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Hope:** Desmond Tutu said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." You don't get out of bed in the morning without hope. We have hope in many things. Hope in God, hope in family, hope that our efforts will bear fruit, hope we'll overcome a sickness, hope that life holds beauty, hope our children will live well.... Hope is the reason we keep on, keeping on.

Through the many dark times that come in every person's life, light will always prevail as long as that person keeps hope alive in her heart. Life is hard and there will always be dark times, but in the end, the light always prevails.

We continue to face many challenges: the rise in the cost of living, the winter weather, the shortages caused by the war in Ukraine, the confusion and fear caused by illness. To come through, people need to have the light of hope.

We remember that through all the challenges of life, God is always with us. Jesus gives us great hope when he tells us, "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life". We pray that the light of Christ will dwell in our hearts and minds giving us the hope to go on.

*(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.*

**Safeguarding Awareness:** Next week-end, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022 - the Feast of Christ the King – is designated by the Church in Ossory as **Diocesan Safeguarding Awareness Weekend**. During the weekend the Church focuses on the importance of safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, and of ensuring good safeguarding practice throughout the Diocese. Good Safeguarding practice is a priority in our parishes, our schools and in all sporting and cultural organisations. It is important for all of us who work with children and vulnerable adults to ensure our safeguarding practice is up to date and in line with national requirements. Good safeguarding practice is integral to ministry - it is not an option.

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact **Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives**, Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close or Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. Please note Safeguarding Statements are displayed in the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

**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](mailto:danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com)

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**Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday,  
19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30 am

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Staisa Lawlor, Glenpipe

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am

Joan, John and Loretta Hennessy, Rosbercon

Kenneth Rogers, Snr.

**Collection of Parish Funds**

**29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> October & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,344.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,560.00

**Parish Debt on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022** € 28,353.61

**Support for the Parish**

Fr. Dan thanks you so much for your support of the Parish. The offerings for the support of the priest are very generous. Also special thanks to those who return the weekly envelopes so faithfully and support the Offertory Collection at Mass.

**Rosbercon Parish Draw**

It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to maintain the Buildings of the Parish we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Tickets will be distributed to the homes of the parish during the coming weeks at a cost € 2.00 each or a book of 6 for € 10.00. Each household and wage earner is asked to buy three books or as many as you can!! This Draw has been very successful over the years and Fr. Dan is confident that it will be this year also.

**Reflection: *The human spirit.***

Our spirit is our most precious possession.

It is our greatest source of energy.

However, while it can be very strong,

It can also be very brittle.

It can be an oak unmoved in a storm,

Or a frail reed swaying in the wind.

It can be a piece of granite or a piece of China.

What is it that enables the spirit to soar,

And what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.

Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.

Failure shrinks it; success enlarges it.

Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.

Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.

Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.

Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

**Wisdom**

‘Who does not thank for little, will not thank for much’.

**Humour**

A Religion teacher asked her children to take some time on Sunday afternoon following Mass to write a letter to God. They were to bring their letters back the following morning. One little boy wrote ‘Dear God, we had a good time at Church today. Wish you could have been there!’

**To make you Smile**

◆ **ROSBERCON CEMETERY**

The Cemetery Committee at their meeting on the 9th November 2022, expressed a preference for uniformity of surface in the middle portion of the Cemetery. The Committee agreed that any change to the surface of existing plots in the middle Cemetery, would need to be agreed in advance with the Cemetery Committee.

◆ **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 23<sup>rd</sup> May until Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Fr. Tony O’Connor is Director of this Pilgrimage. Further details to follow.

◆ **LISTERLIN TIDY TOWNS**

Listerlin Tidy Towns group would like to thank all of the volunteers in our community who helped the group to prepare Listerlin village for its recent appearance on the Nationwide programme on RTÉ. This help ensured that Listerlin looked its best in time for filming.

Listerlin Tidy Towns would also like to express our sincere gratitude to Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Club for their recent most generous donation of part of the proceeds from their Annual Road Run and also the Tullogher Rosbercon Gaelic Mothers and Others. These donations will ensure that Listerlin Tidy Towns can put further projects in place to keep our corner of south Kilkenny beautiful. Go raibh mile maith agaibh!

◆ **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.

◆ **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.

◆ **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. Office Administrator in New Ross Parish Office
2. Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish

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>)**

◆ **SHANBOGH NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

We are currently accepting applications for the school year 2023/2024. For an application form, contact us at our website [shanboghns.ie](http://shanboghns.ie), on 051-880308 or at [shanboghns@gmail.com](mailto:shanboghns@gmail.com). Closing date for applications is Friday, 9th December, 2022.

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Don’t wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn how to be happy right now, otherwise you’ll run out of time”.

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