

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th November 2022

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Feast of Christ the King

Today we honour Christ as our King. We honour him best by helping to spread his message of love and forgiveness.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We celebrate the Feast of Christ Our King remembering that the King's life ended on a cross.

First Reading

The choosing of David as King of Israel.

Second Reading

Jesus is given all the titles of a king.

Gospel

Jesus promises Heaven to the good thief.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 26th November 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 27th November 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 23rd November 10:00 am Mass

Friday 25th 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.

Christmas Reconciliation Services

Confessions for Christmas will be heard after the weekend Masses in Tullogher and Mullinarrigle on Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th November and after the remaining weekend Masses of Advent.

There will be a **Special Mass with Anointing of the Sick** for the 'Over 55s' of the parish in Rosbercon Hall on Sunday 11th December at 3:00 pm followed by a reception and music. The Mass and Reception will be followed by the Parish Draw at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

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

Recent Deaths

Maggie O'Connor, Tinnakilly

Canon Tom Murphy, Inistioge

Fintan Murphy, Farrentemple, The Rower

Anniversaries

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Stasia Lawlor, Glenpipe

Kenneth Rogers Snr.

Joan, John and Loretta Hennessy, Rosbercon

We welcome into our Christian Community **Rian Roche**, son of Thomas and Cairíona, Cooleen, Tullogher, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle on Friday 11th November 2022. We also welcome into our Christian Community **Kate Irene Grennan**, daughter of Declan and Irene, Rahora, Tullogher, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 12th November 2022.

A Message from Fr Dan: Christ the King: This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. An old priest said after the Vatican Council, 'My Christ used to be Christ the King, but now he has to be Christ the Carpenter'. Yet in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus says to Pilate; yes, I am a King. For this I was born and for this I came into the world'.

Today we live in a world of democracy where kings have no place. But the Feast of Christ the King is very important for our times, for his Kingdom and his kingship are totally different from the kingdoms of the world.

Christ is a king who cares. He calls himself the good shepherd who cares for his flock. He searches for us and when he finds us, he keeps us safe from harm. When we stray from him, he comes for us and heals our lives and gives us his strength. Yes, Christ has been immensely good to each one of us. He continually leads us to the right path and accompanies us on our journeys. Christ knows our needs and listens to our prayers. One day he will welcome us into the kingdom of Heaven.

Christ is a king who offers his grace to the world that needs his love so badly. As Pope Francis repeats again and again. Christ offers forgiveness and mercy to his people. He replaces our natural weakness and failings with his greater love, compassion, kindness and courage. He doesn't force us to do anything. He respects our freedom and leaves us to make our own decisions for or against him each day.

Christ's greatest commandment is the commandment to love God, to love ourselves and to love our neighbour. Christ has a special love for the poor, the sick, the lonely and the rejected. He came to serve rather than be served. It is the goodness and sacrifice of his life that persuade us to follow him. We meet Christ in the 'bits and pieces of everyday, a laugh here a kiss again and sometimes tears' As Patrick Kavanagh wrote. 'Christ is the pearl necklace around the neck of poverty'

Prayer of Saint Jerome

'Holy Spirit, open my ear to hear Christ's word. Open my mind to understand Christ's message. Open my heart understand Christ's action in my life. May my heart never grow dull, and may my ears be always be listening for the voice of Christ.'

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Mass Intentions for Saturday/Sunday

26th/27th November 2022

Rosbercon: Saturday 26th November at 7:00 pm

Matt, Norah and Luke Cody, Ballyrue

Anna Travers, Dublin

Luke Hennessy, Glensensaw

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 27th November at 9:30 am

Maureen Croke Long, Thomastown

Rosbercon: Sunday 27th November at 11:00 am

Kate Lee, Kilbrahan

We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations and November Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

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

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 11th 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

Remembering

Everybody loves to be remembered.

But if we want to be remembered

We have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing.

Wrongly used it can bring death rather than life.

Rightly used it is a form of immortality.

It keeps the past alive.

Those we remember never die.

They continue to walk and talk with us.

Their influence is still felt among us.

There is nothing stronger or more helpful than a good remembrance.

We remember all who have died.

And their memory most definitely brings life to us today.

Just a thought: "What is Christmas?" It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings, rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

Wisdom: "There are two educators: the one that teaches us how to make a living and the one that teaches how to live".

Humour: The young boy of sixteen thought his father was so foolish that he could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when he got to twenty-one he was astonished at how much his father had learned in five years!

On Wednesday 23rd November, **Billy Keane, journalist and son of John B. Keane, will appear at a fundraising art sale and auction in the Brandon House Hotel.** Billy will speak on 'Growing up in Listowel in the Keane Household'. The sale comprises over 180 original pieces from artists across Ireland, which have been generously donated to the event organisers, Rathgarogue Community Co-Operative Society. Billy will also facilitate the auction on the evening. Art viewings available on the day from 4:00 pm with interview, sales & auction taking place between 7:00—9:00 pm. € 10.00 entry. For further information contact Fran on 087-6630136 or find Rathgarogue Community Co-Operative Society on Facebook or Instagram for more details. All funds raised will go towards new community facilities in Rathgarogue.

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.

◆ 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. **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, on 051-880308 or at shanboghns@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is Friday, 9th December, 2022.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

On Thursday November 24th Mr. Patrick Mannix will deliver a Lecture on sport healing Civil War wounds - 'Blood, Sweat and Tears – Sport and the Irish Civil War'. Time: 8:00 pm, Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

The Tullagher Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their Christmas Party Night on Friday 2nd December in the Rhu Glen at 08:30 pm. 4 Course Meal and Music by Pat Cooney. Tickets € 25.00. All welcome. For more information on tickets please contact Jamie Doyle—087-6869137, Bob Saunders—086-1060689.

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