

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th November 2022

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Thirty Second Sunday of the Year

The liturgy today is dominated with the assurance of an afterlife. It is a splendid hope. It is a journey to the promised land of eternal life. This hope rests, not on anything human, but on the word of Christ and on the power of God.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We believe in eternal life after death.

First Reading: A woman and her sons have the strength to endure martyrdom because of their faith in the resurrection.

Second Reading: St. Paul prays that God may strengthen his people.

Gospel: Jesus answers those who doubt the resurrection of the dead.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 12th November: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 13th November: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 9th November: 10am Mass

Friday 11th November: 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

Fr. Michael Norton, P.P. Rosbercon

Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Maura and Mikey Phelan, Tullogher

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown

Mary and Thomas Maher, Derrylackey

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrrove

Phil Fortune, Shanbogh

Elizabeth (Betty) Walsh, Assumption Terrace

Thomas, Kate and Jimmy Carroll, Balybeg

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny

We welcome into our Christian Community **Kahlan Willow Wafer**, daughter of Alan and Helen, Listerlin, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 29th October 2022.

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.

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.

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 7.00pm. 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.

A Message from Fr Dan: The film Kramer V Kramer which I saw for the first time in 1980 made a deep impression on me. Made in 1979 the story of the film centres on a family with one child. The husband, Ted, is a very successful designer in a company where he is about to be made a partner. The price he has to pay for his success is that he must devote all his time, energy and resourcefulness to his work. Joanna, his wife and Billy, his son seldom see him. Even when he is at home Ted is preoccupied with his work. When Joanna complains, Ted offers her any money she wants to spend on herself and on their son.

One day Joanna can take it no longer and decides to leave Ted. She leaves their son with Ted until she can find a job and a place to stay. Ted cannot believe that Joanna really wants to go. Only after she has gone does the reality of what has happened really strike him. He tries to take care of Billy and at the same time devote as much time as he can to his work. Soon it becomes clear that both his work and Billy are being neglected. Billy, who is missing his mother, becomes troublesome and the company Ted works for start to give him a hard time as they notice that his work is deteriorating.

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Ted is faced with a crisis. He must choose between his relationship with his son or his success in his job and the affluence it brings him. Ted chooses to make Billy his main concern and a charming relationship develops between father and son. Ted has to pay a great price for this relationship. He loses his job and then he has to carry a huge financial and emotional burden when Joanna seeks custody of their child in the courts.

We see a strange twist of fate when Ted, in the process of losing his claim to his child, re-establishes his relationship with Joanna. At the end of the film, we are left with the feeling that Ted's crisis has been an invitation to make his relationship with Joanna and Billy a priority and we hope he can continue on down the road he has chosen.

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 danieljavanagh49@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.

To make you Smile: November:

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
No comfortable feel in any member –
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,
November! Thomas Hood (1799-1845)

Just a Thought: Our Homeland is in Heaven: Belief in life after death is woven into the fabric of our Christian faith. Our Christian practices, Masses, and private prayers are all centred on the belief that those who have preceded us into death continue to embrace a new experience. Yet when we try to describe what lies before us in death we become uncertain. What we do know is that our future life with God is not only superior to this life but also unimaginably different. The Scripture tells us that 'Eye has not seen or ear heard what God has prepared for those who love Him'. 'From the tree of life each leaf must fall – the green, the gold, the great and small, each in God's own time he gathers them all together.'

But why:

But why – of all things he is Lord.
By heavenly hosts adored,
Seeks he for love from such as I?
Oh why?

Wisdom: "Opportunity may knock once but temptation bangs on the door forever."

Humour: A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time, she would take her eyes off the book and reach up and touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up "Grandad, did God make you?" "Yes, sweetheart," he answered, "God made me a long time ago". "Oh," she paused, "Grandad, did God make me too?" "Yes, indeed," he said, "God made you just a little while ago." Feeling their respective faces again, she said, "God's getting better at it, isn't he!"

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.

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. This donation 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!

LISTERLIN CEMETERY MEETING

Following on from our meeting of 25th October last it was decided to proceed with discussions on the possibility of extending the current graveyard which is almost full at this stage. We would encourage parishioners to attend our next meeting which will be **Tuesday 8th November at 8pm** in St. David's Church to further discuss the progression of this matter.

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