

## CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS TO ALL

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### Fourth Sunday of Advent

As we approach Christmas, let us pause to make room in our minds and hearts for the coming of Christ our Saviour.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

The celebration of Christ's birth is very close.

#### First Reading

Isaiah foretells the birth of a very special child.

#### Second Reading

St. Paul gives the message of Christmas.

#### Gospel

An account of Christ's birth.

#### Christmas Masses

##### Rosbercon

Saturday - Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass 08:00 pm

Sunday - Christmas Morning 11:00 am

##### Mullinarrigle

Christmas Eve, Vigil Mass 06:00 pm

##### Tullogher

Christmas Morning 09:30 am

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10:00 am Mass

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 10:00 am Mass

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

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

#### Recent Deaths

Aiden Moran, The Ballagh, Wexford

#### Anniversaries

Stephen Mullally, Ballyconnaught

Jim Ryan, Ballyconnaught

Michael, Eileen, and Catherine Cashin, Shanbogh

Kevin O'Brien, Ballyknock

Tom Connors, Clonlea, Clonroche

We welcome into our Christian Community **Grace Ann Cotterell**, daughter of Anthony and Jessie, Ballykenna, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

**To make you Smile:** A rich king complained that the rough ground hurt his feet. He ordered the whole country to be carpeted in cowhide. It was his court jester who suggested using two small pads to protect his feet!

### A Message from Fr Dan: The Coming of Christ

Over the centuries there have been many powerful leaders in our world. In the last 100 years we have had Tzar in Russia, Hitler in Germany, Mugabe in Zimbabwe, Idi Amin in Uganda and Mussolini in Italy. Some of these leaders seize power but many of them were elected and were popular in their own countries. They all believed that they knew what was best for their own people and for the world and that their rule would make a difference to the wellbeing of the people. But we know power can corrupt and all of these leaders left their countries in a far worse state than they found them.

Many people get involved in politics believing in the democratic system. If they make it into a position of power, they too feel that they can change things for the better. Many others are believers in the power of Education. They believe that by educating the people, they will change their lives for the better and this will lead to a better, more just world. We are all people of hope, looking ahead, looking to live in better times.

The Jewish people at the time of Christ lived in very harsh circumstances. Palestine was a conquered country and the Jews lived under Roman occupation and all that that entailed. Invasion and conquest were nothing new to the Jewish people. The Assyrians had conquered and destroyed the Northern Kingdom. The Babylonian armies had conquered Judaea and exiled the whole population to Babylon. The Jews were to spend 70 years in exile.

In their darkest hours the people never lost their hope that a Messiah would come and rescue them from their cruel fate and liberate them. Their Messiah would be a great military and political leader like their greatest kings, David and Solomon.

However, God's way was not man's way. The Messiah, when he came, was not born in a great palace but in a stable, as a helpless child, born to a young woman named Mary. Jesus brought salvation to the world in a way that no one expected or foresaw. His life by any standard was a failure. His few supporters deserted him when he was crucified. His death looked like the end of the road, the end of the Christian way.

Yet, the coming of Christ which we celebrate on Sunday has made such a difference to humanity over the last two thousand years. To this day Christ has no political power. He invites us to welcome him into our lives and to show the world how the life of faith can bring salvation and redemption to the people. Christ is with us in the ordinary and simple ways of our daily lives. If we stay with him, he fills our lives with light and life and hope. Despite all the difficulties, his love leads to a happiness and joy that 'no eye has seen or ear heard'. Jesus is our Messiah. It is his birth that we will be celebrating at Christmas time.

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## Collection of Parish Funds 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Offertory Collection	€ 871.00
Weekly Envelopes	€ 1,259.00
Parish Debt on 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022	€ 28,353.61

The Christmas Offering Envelopes for Fr. Dan and the Boxes of Weekly Envelopes for Parish Funds for the coming year will be distributed to the homes of the parish this week. Envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for their continued loyalty and generosity to the Parish and to the Priest. We thank our envelope distributors for their fidelity.

The Annual Giving Tree makes a welcome return to Rosbercon Church this year. Through the tree, gifts are brought to the patients of the two local hospitals in New Ross. Parishioners are asked to take a tag from the tree and return the gift requested with the tag on or before the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

The Rosbercon – Mullinarrigle - Tullogher Christmas Draw to help meet the cost of the Renovations of the Churches and the Parish Hall was a fantastic success and Fr. Dan and the Parish Finance Committee thank you very sincerely for your generosity and loyalty to the Parish. The Draw took place on Sunday last, 11<sup>th</sup> December and raised € 8,125.00.

We thank all our generous sponsors:

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### The prize winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: €500.00:** Noreen Murphy, Millbanks  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Voucher Ten Bags of Coal of your choice sponsored by Stafford Fuels:** Mary Murphy, Brownsford Castle  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: €200.00:** Rian & Aaron Lalor, Ballymagill  
**4<sup>th</sup> Prize: €150.00:** Alison Conway, New Zealand  
**5<sup>th</sup> Prize: €100.00:** Declan Phelan, Tullogher  
**6<sup>th</sup> Prize: €100.00 Voucher for Listerlin Fuel & Grocery Store:** Paul Moore, Raheen  
**7<sup>th</sup> Prize: €100.00 Voucher for Joyce's Home Centre:** Tim O'Donoghue, Tinneranny  
**8<sup>th</sup> Prize: €50.00 Voucher for H2O Creative Hair:** Marian Ryan, Glentiroe  
**9<sup>th</sup> Prize: Box of Chocolates:** Mary Vereker, Raheen Villas  
**10<sup>th</sup> Prize: Box of Chocolates:** Maggie Tobin, Listerlin

Fr. Dan and The Parish Hall Committee sincerely thank Trudie's Catering Kitchen, Suttons Bake House and Molloy's Supervalu for their generous sponsorship of the cakes and confectionery for the Senior citizens Party on Sunday last 11<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

**Many congratulations** to Listerlin Tidy Towns Committee who have made such a wonderful contribution to the appearance of the village and Listerlin Church. The Christmas Tree, the Crib and the Christmas decorations and lights look wonderful. So well done to all involved.

**Greetings:** Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council has sent Christmas Cards and Greetings to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. Fr. Dan and Parishioners send special Christmas Greetings and prayers to all our Emigrants. We hope and pray that you are settled and happy in your new country. We miss you and will be thinking of you in the Christmas Season.

### Reflection: A Star is Born

The Magi were led to Christ by the light of a star.

But they saw the star only because

They were not afraid to travel in the dark.

The fact is, we cannot see the stars

In the bright light of day,

But only in the darkness of night;

And the darker the night,

The brighter they shine.

In a sense, all of us are night-time travellers.

However, we need no longer fear the darkness.

A light has come into the world,

A light that shines in the dark,

A light that no darkness can overpower

**Wisdom:** A gracious word may smooth the way; a joyous word may light the day; a timely word may lessen stress; a lovely word may heal and bless

**Humour:** It is better to keep your mouth shut and to appear stupid, than to open it and remove all doubt.

### ◆ MIKE DENVER—CAMPILLE HALL

We are delighted to announce that we have a very special treat coming up for any country music fans. One of Ireland's top entertainers Mike Denver with special guest Aishling Rafferty (winner of Glór Tire) will be live in concert at Campille Hall on Sunday the 5th of March 2023, tickets are available from our Hall Secretary on 087-2183300 at a cost of €30.

### ◆ BOOKKEEPER AVAILABLE LOCALLY

Bookkeeper available locally for your bookkeeping and VAT calculations. Contact number 087-7853079 or email booksandvat@gmail.com.

### ◆ 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
3. Van Driver/Warehouse Person in St. Vincent De Paul

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>)**

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