

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th January 2023

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Second Sunday of the Year

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We bring our failings to the Lord asking for his forgiveness and healing.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Jesus is our Saviour.

First Reading

God's Chosen One will bring salvation.

Second Reading

Paul reminds Christians of their call to holiness

Gospel

John the Baptist introduces Jesus.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 21 st January	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 22 nd January	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 18 th January	10:00 am Mass
Friday 20 th January	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.

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

Fr. Dan is available to visit parishioners especially those who are sick. Please contact Fr. Dan at 051-421515 or 087-2335432.

Recent Deaths

Angela Browne née Feeney, School House Road and Surrey

Anniversaries

Conrad Rogenhagen, Millbanks—Months Mind
Paddy Hennessy, Hoodsgrove
Peggy Brophy, Ballinaraha, Glenmore
Seamus, Siobhan, Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown
Jerry Moore, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon
Margaret, Molly and Jack Cullen, Hoodsgrove
Monica O'Connor, Irishtown, New Ross
Paddy Curran, Hoodsgrove
Michael O'Sullivan, Raheen

God's Call

God's call is mysterious; It comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call. This call is uninterrupted. God is always calling us.

A Message from Fr Dan – The Sound of Silence: Many people are attracted to silence and solitude. They find the peace and quiet of nature very much to their liking. Some people are attracted to the seashore to gaze on the vast ocean. Others find their way to the great outdoors. Others again take up hill walking or mountain climbing. All these activities put us in touch with solitude. The ancient Chinese sage Confucius once said, 'it is good to listen to solitude'. The poet W. H. Davies wrote in 1911, 'What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare. A poor life, this, if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare'.

Many people find God in silence and solitude. Nelson Mandela found God in the quietness of his prison cell. Finding God helped him to endure twenty-seven years of isolation on Robin Island in South Africa. The ancient Irish monks and mystics retreated to quiet and remote places to study, reflect and pray. It was in the solitude that they heard the voice of God calling them. Christ himself, when he wished to pray and commune with his Father, sought a lonely place where he could be alone and undisturbed.

Many people go on pilgrimage to experience the presence of God. They leave their home and work for a short time to travel to places like Lourdes, Knock, Fatima, or Medjugorje. We see on television how Muslims go on pilgrimage to Mecca. Pilgrims agree that going on pilgrimage brings not just relaxation and healing but an encounter with God and with their own spirits. It is important for all of us to escape occasionally from the hassle of the world. Psychologists tell us, that the quiet hours of sleep are so necessary for our well-being, and they recommend daily periods of quiet and rest. It is important to take time out in all walks of life 'to stop and stare'. How we decide to do it is up to us.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Prayer for Migrants and Refugees: For over a hundred years the third Sunday of January is devoted to the plight of Migrants and Refugees worldwide. Many are suffering because of war and persecution. Let us welcome those who seek refuge in Ireland. A trait associated with Celts according to tradition was always to welcome the stranger. We can recite this Prayer for our strangers: **Lord, be present with migrants and all those who are dispossessed. Be present to those who cannot be with their own people. Be present to those who long to see even one friendly face. Be among those who yearn for a warm greeting. Help us to reach out to your people to create a just world for all. Amen**

Wisdom

"It's just that most things, the things we want the most.... happen slowly. Hearts heal slowly. Love grows slowly. Trees grow slowly. It's weeds that grow fast".

Allison Fallon

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

21st/22nd January 2023

Rosbercon: Sunday 22nd January at 11:00 am

Bob Quinn, Millbanks, New Ross

Collection of Parish Funds 31st December 2022/ 1st January and 7th/8th January 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,511.00

Weekly Envelopes € 3,824.00

Parish Debt on 10th January 2023 € 26,853.61

Christmas Offerings: Once again many thanks to parishioners for your generosity to the Christmas Collection. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. May the New Year which stretches out before us be especially blessed for you.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th March 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

Saturday 6th May 2023

First Eucharist in Rosbercon

Saturday 13th May 2023

First Eucharist in Listerlin

Reflection: The Good by Brendan Kennelly

"The good are vulnerable

As any bird in flight.

They do not think of safety,
Are blind to possible extinction
And when most vulnerable
Are most themselves.

The good incline to praise,
They have the knack of seeing that
the good is not destroyed
although forever threatened.

The good go naked in all weathers,
and by their nakedness rebuke
the small protective sanities
that hides them from themselves.

Always they retain a kind of youth.

The vulnerable have the grace of any bird in flight,
Content to be itself,
Accepting what the earth or sky intends.
I think I know one or two among my friends".

Humour

Attending a wedding Mass for the first time, a little girl whispered to her mother, 'Why is the bride dressed in white?' 'Because white is the colour of happiness, and today is the happiest day of her life' replied the mother. The child thought about this for a while, then said, 'So why is the groom wearing black?'

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.

◆ ROSBERCON TULLOGHER CHAPTER ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to all Parishioners who contributed to our recent Christmas Annual Collection and to the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Convent for their most welcome donation of both money and food. This year to date genuine requests for assistance primarily for food and fuel has substantially increased. Over the Christmas period we assisted one family who found themselves in a situation where Social Welfare Payments were delayed. If we had not intervened Christmas for the family would have been very challenging to say the least. Due to the donations received it was all very quickly sorted out. We expect increased food requests to continue during the Winter months. There is no doubt poverty exists and we will respond to the best of our ability.

Once again, thank you most kindly Chapter Committee.

◆ BOOKKEEPER AVAILABLE LOCALLY

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

◆ MIKE DENVER—CAMPILE 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 Campile Hall on Sunday the 5th of March 2023, tickets are available from our Hall Secretary on 087-2183300 at a cost of € 30.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 1 x Office Administrator in New Ross Parish Office
2. 1 x Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish
3. 1 x Van Driver/Warehouse Person in St. Vincent De Paul
4. 1 x Project Worker on St. Michael's Theatre
5. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Golf Club

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>)**

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw; which was held on the 10th January 2023.

1st-Joanne Phelan

2nd-Mark Malone, Tullogher

3rd-Orlaith Todd, Shanbogh

4th-Tom and Laura Murphy, Brownsford

5th-Willie (no. 3) Ryan, Guilcough

6th-Jackie and Shane Delahunty, Ballycurran

7th-Steve Cotterell, Ballykenna

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 08:30 pm.

◆ GTR COMMUNITY GAMES

A meeting of GTR (Glenmore, Tullogher, Rosbercon) Community Games will be taking place in the Glen Bar, Glenmore on Thursday 26th January 2023 at 08:30 pm and all are welcome to attend.

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