

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd January 2023

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Third Sunday of the Year

'The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light'. This is how St. Matthew describes the impact of Jesus' coming. That light shines on us now as we gather in the Lord's name.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The beginning of Jesus' Ministry.

First Reading

Isaiah looks forward to the light that Christ will bring.

Second Reading

St. Paul appeals for unity among his followers.

Gospel

Jesus begins his public life.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 28th January 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 29th January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 25th January 10:00 am Mass

Friday 27th January 10:00 am Mass

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.

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

John Roche, Thomastown and formerly Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Bob Quinn, Millbanks, New Ross

Martin Nolan, Rosbercon

Michael Ryan, Glentiroe

Tommy Dwyer

The Hill we Climb:

"So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with. We will rebuild, reconcile and recover in every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country. Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful. When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."

(From a poem read by Amanda Gorman at President Joe Biden's inauguration.)

A Message from Fr. Dan: Spring-Time in the Church: In mid-winter as we are now, only the barest signs of Spring are visible. But we have no doubt that Spring is just around the corner even though the ground still carries many of the dead leaves of last Summer. We continue to live in a time of change, in society, in political life, in the Church and in our parish. As the old certainties pass away, we can be both fearful and excited at what the future will bring.

Our Diocesan and Parish structures have served us well in the past but they assumed a large number of priests and a model of church where the priests provided the necessary Church services for the people.

For many years, theologians and church leaders have been saying that now is the time when all baptised people will take their rightful places in church life. However, it has taken the huge reduction in the number of priests to bring us to the moment where lay people can flourish.

As we move into the future, guided by our new bishop, Niall Coll, we can choose to resist change or to be open and excited about what is happening in our parish and in the diocese. But like the coming spring, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God will break through the withered beauties of last year and carry us forward to enjoy what is new and fresh in the world.

New Bishop of Ossory: Fr. Niall Coll, a native of Donegal, will be ordained Bishop of Ossory in succession to Archbishop Dermot Farrell in Saint Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny on Sunday next, 22nd January 2023 at 3:00 pm. Over the weekend we are asked to hold Bishop-elect Niall in our prayers. May his ministry in our diocese be blessed and fruitful in the years ahead.

Catholic Schools' Week this year is celebrated from 23rd January to 27th January. This week provides Catholic Schools with an opportunity to celebrate their work. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools: Walking together in Faith and Love". Schools are invited to reflect on the relationship between home, school and parish.

Prayer for Catholic Schools' Week: 'Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic Schools. Help us respond well to the faith that we have received so that we will become true followers of Jesus.

Amen.

Posters for Catholic Schools' Week are on display on the Notice Boards of the Churches of the Parish.

I shall not pass this way again

I expect to pass through this world but once;
Any good thing therefore, that I can do, or any
kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,
let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it,
for I shall not pass this way again.

Anon

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

28th/29th January, 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 28th January at 7:00 pm

John Maddock

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 29th January at 9:30 am

Pat Ryan, Kilbrahan, Guilcough

Kitty, Kevin and Paddy Foley, Rahora

Oisín Mc Loughlin, Smithstown

Mary Long, Ballyvaria

James and Margaret Long, Ballyvaria

Rosbercon: Sunday 29th January at 11:00 am

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Collection of Parish Funds 14th/15th January 2023

Offertory Collection € 559.00

Weekly Envelopes € 676.00

Parish Debt on 18th January 2023 € 26,853.61

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: A Celtic Prayer

I rise today with God's strength to direct me

God's wisdom to guide me

God's eyes to look before me

God's word to speak to me

God's hand to uphold me

God's pathway before me

God's shield to protect me

God's host to save me –

From temptation

From one man or many

That seek to destroy me

Amen

Humour

A dad was reading Bible stories to his young son. He read, "the man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city, but his wife looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt." His son asked, "What happened to the flea?"

Wisdom

"It takes nothing to join the crowd. It takes everything to stand alone".

To make you smile

Shortly before he died in 2001, Harry Secombe received the following telegram from his great friend Spike Milligan: 'I hope you die before me, Harry. I couldn't bear to have you singing at my funeral!'

Hans F. Hansen

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.

◆ BOOKKEEPER AVAILABLE LOCALLY

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

◆ 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.

◆ 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>)**

◆ 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.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Family at War: The Hales Brothers and the Irish Revolution

Speaker: Liz Gillis

Date: Thursday, January 26th

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church)

◆ CHILDMINDER WANTED

Childminder wanted to mind children in their own home before school and occasionally after school. Number of mornings vary each week, days required known well in advance. Immediate start.

Contact: 086-0889588/087-2036830.

◆ LISTERLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

Scoil Mholinge Listerlin National School are now taking enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2023. Enrolment Forms can be obtained by contacting the school on 051-427305 or email office@listerlinns.com

◆ SPANISH SPEAKER WANTED

Mature person learning Spanish seeking group or individual for conversation practice. Please contact 087-4144598.

◆ ALONE PARENTING GROUP

The monthly coffee morning of the Alone Parenting Group will be hosted at the Drum Youth Project & Health Café in the Good Shed Square, MacDonagh Junction on the first Tuesday of the month from 11:00 am-1:00 pm.

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