

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 29th January 2023

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Fourth Sunday of the Year

Theme of the Weekend Readings: In the Beatitudes we see the values that a Christian could live by. While they present a great challenge, they also offer great rewards.

First Reading: The Lord will enter his Temple.

Second Reading: Jesus is one of us.

Gospel: Jesus is presented in the Temple.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4th February: 7.00pm Mass in Tullagher

Sunday 5th February: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 1st February: 10am Mass

Friday 3rd February: 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:

Jerry Sinnott, Tinnerrary

John Maddock, Rahora

Pat Ryan, Kilbrahan & Guilcough

Kitty, Kevin & Paddy Foley, Rahora

Oisín McLoughlin, Smithstown

Stephen & Mai Cottrell, Ballykenna

Mary Long, Ballyveria

James & Margaret Long, Ballyveria

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Agnes Hayes, Fethard on Sea

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

New Bishop of Ossory: Fr. Niall Coll, a native of Donegal, was ordained Bishop of Ossory in succession to Archbishop Dermot Farrell in Saint Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny on Sunday last, 22nd January 2023. We hold Bishop Niall in our prayers. May his ministry in our diocese be blessed and fruitful in the years ahead.

The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord, Candlemas Day will be celebrated on Thursday 2nd February. Candles will be blessed during Mass on Wednesday morning 1st February.

The Feast of St. Blaise is celebrated on Friday 3rd February. Fr. Dan will bless throats on Friday morning and also after the weekend Masses next Saturday/Sunday 4th/5th February.

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.

After an absence of three years, it was great to have **The Giving Tree** this Christmas. The response was hugely generous and this year over 70 gifts were delivered to the residents at the Community and New Houghton Hospitals. The Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council wish to thank all the parishioners who kindly contributed by returning the requested gifts. Your kindness and thoughtful are much appreciated. A special thanks to Noreen Murphy who prepared the tags with named gifts. The Giving Tree has been running for a long number of years in the parish and is very much in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

A Message from Fr Dan - Spring-Time – Lá Féile Bríde:

"We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the Spring,

Awakens all the fields and flowers, and calls the birds to sing".

We celebrate **Saint Brigid's Day on Wednesday, 1st February**, traditionally, the first day of Springtime. We have noticed the lengthening evenings and the increase of light in recent mornings. The old people used to say you can see the "cock's step" in the increase of daylight after the 6th of January. So, praise God for this beautiful time of the year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds will soon be busy building new nests and the snowdrops and the daffodils are beginning to peep out of the earth. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.

Praise God too for Saint Brigid, one of the great ladies of our faith story. Her life and her care enabled people to blossom and develop.

"All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.

She loved the poor, the sick, the sore and helped them on their way.

She laid her cloak out on the Ground and watched it grow and grow.

In wells and streams and fields of green Saint Brigid's blessings flow"

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

Poem "We sing a song to Brigid" is by Clare Maloney

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On the feast of St Brigid, we ask God's blessings for the year ahead. Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland after Saint Patrick.

Prayer to Saint Brigid: Brigid, Mary of the Gael, let your mantle pass over me and keep me under its protective covering until I am with you in Heaven. Amen

Reflection: Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
Cover those who are troubled and anxious
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
And in our world
Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
Of body, mind and spirit.

Saint Blaise: Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He is reputed to have miraculously saved a young boy from choking from a fishbone in his throat. We pray to Saint Blaise especially on his feast day, 3rd February. He is known for his power to protect us from ailments of the throat.

Prayer to Saint Blaise: 'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may Our Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
4th/5th February 2023**

Sat 4th Tullogher @ 7.00 pm

Anna Lawless, Ballykenna (Months Mind)
Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught (1st Anniv)
James, Mary, Paddy & Breda Cummins, Tullogher
Jimmy Fanning, Glenballyvalley
James Phelan, Tullogher

Sun 5th Listerlin @ 9.30 am

Mai Hartley, Brabstown (4th Anniv)

Sun 5th Rosbercon @ 11.00am

Bill & Jimmy Purcell, Kilbrahan
Alice Sinnott, Rosbercon

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.

Wisdom: The advantage of telling the truth is that you don't have to remember what you said.

Humour: Walking with Grandma.

I like to walk with grandma. Her steps are small like mine
She doesn't say 'now hurry up', she always takes her time.
I like to walk with Grandma, her eyes see things like mine do.
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew.
Most people have to hurry; they do not stop to see.
I'm glad that God made Grandma, unrushed and young like me.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA DEVELOPMENT DRAW
2022 – 2025**

Winners of January 2023 Draw

1st Prize of €250 Mary Mulligan, Glenballyvalley
2nd Prize of €100 John & Margaret Barron, Curraghlane
3rd Prize of €100 Seamus & Geraldine Phelan, Smithstown

4th – 7th Prize of €50

4 Martin Kennedy, Ballykenna
5 Mary Grennan, Ballycurran
6 Donal & Catherine Cummins, Brownstown
7 Dermot Heffernan, Ballyneale

Next Draw: February 2023

8.30 pm on Tuesday, 28th February 2023

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their AGM on Friday the 3rd February in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10.30 am all members welcome.

◆ **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>)**

◆ **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

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