

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th January 2023

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### Baptism of Our Lord

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptised by John the Baptist in the waters of the Jordan. He did so in order that he might free us from the power of sin and give us a new way of living.

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We celebrate Jesus' baptism and our own baptism.

#### First Reading:

The life of Jesus is foretold by the Prophet Isaiah.

#### Second Reading

St. Peter speaks of the blessings that come through Jesus.

#### Gospel

Jesus is baptised.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7:00 pm in Rosbercon  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January No Mass  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am Mass

**Please note there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday morning, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

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

#### Dates for your Diary

##### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

##### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023

First Eucharist in Rosbercon

##### Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023

First Eucharist in Listerlin.

#### Recent Deaths

Maria Dooley, Rosbercon, New Ross  
Des Kirwan, Millbanks, Rosbercon

#### Anniversaries

Biddy Power, Glenballyvalley  
John and Mary Doolan, Ballyneale  
Jackie Tubritt, Raheen  
John and Peggy Tubritt, Raheen  
Catherine, James and John Rice, New Ross  
Biddy Doolan, Waterford

**A Message from Fr Dan** – One hundred and seventy years ago the world was plagued by the cholera epidemic. In his poem **In Memoriam**, Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote "Ring out old shapes of foul disease". Could he ever have guessed that his words would ring true again for our time of Covid. The human spirit is strong and now again, we look to see the light of hope and the promise of better times ahead as we embrace 2023.

**Extract from In Memoriam; Ring out, wild bells, by Alfred Lord Tennyson written in 1846:**

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let it die.  
Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let it go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring in the nobler modes of life;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.  
Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.  
Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted*

#### A Prayer for the New Year

Month of January, month of frost, month of wind and rain, month of darkness! O Lord, be with us this January. We do not know what is in store for us during this year but we can be certain God will be with us. Lord Jesus, your birth bound heaven and earth in harmony and peace. Establish that peace among nations and peoples of today. Lord, we ask you to overcome the walls of hatred between nations; clear the way for those who work for peace, move the hearts of those who govern. We place this year under the protection of God.

Amen

#### A Thought for the New Year

'Though we live in a world that dreams of ending, That always seems about to give in. Something that will not acknowledge conclusion; Insists that we forever begin'.

*Brendan Kennelly*

**Getting married in the Catholic Church –what is needed?** The couple must first contact their local Parish Priest where they live and book the Church where they wish to marry. They must ensure they have a priest to perform the ceremony. A Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form must be completed for each person by the priest. For this the following are required: Baptismal Certificate, Confirmation Certificate and Proof of Freedom to Marry. The couple will be required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course. It is always best to check with your priest regarding local regulations and practices in the Parish and Diocese.

#### Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the early years of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may the children of our parish grow up in faith and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give all parents your sustaining grace and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

#### 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.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 7:00 pm  
Paddy Hennessy, Hoods Grove

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9:30 am  
Seamus, Siobhan, Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 11:00 am  
Conrad Rogenhagen, Millbanks, Rosbercon—Months Mind  
Margaret, Molly and Jack Cullen, Hoods Grove

**Collection of Parish Funds 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Offertory Collection** € 1,930.00  
**Weekly Envelopes** € 2,895.00  
**Parish Debt on 30<sup>th</sup> December 2022** € 26,853.61

**St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2022/2023**

The December draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Tullogher Rosbercon GAA Club who won 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize of € 500.00 and Rosbercon Parish Hall who won 8<sup>th</sup> Prize of € 100.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

The Annual **Giving Tree** is in Rosbercon Church again this year. Through the tree, gifts are brought to the elderly patients of the two local hospitals in New Ross. Many thanks, to all who have returned gifts. Remaining gifts need to be returned at this time.

**Tullogher-Rosbercon Community Alert**

We would like to wish all parishioners a happy, safe and prosperous 2023. As always, the number for reporting suspicious activity is 083-1999585. Please make a call or send a text irrespective of how minor you deem your suspicions to be, as you may save a fellow parishioner becoming the victim of a scam or crime. Add this number to your phone contacts if you haven't already done so. Please stay safe and continue to watch out for each other.

**Tullogher Camogie Club**

Our Christmas Cabaret which was held on Tuesday night, 27<sup>th</sup> December was a great success, raising € 1,480 for the club. Many thanks to those who came on the night and those who supported us. A particular thanks to our sponsors.

**Humour**

The teacher was telling the Bible story of Sodom and Gomorrah to her class, explaining that when Lot's wife looked back, she turned into a pillar of salt. Suddenly little Johnny interrupted saying 'My mommy looked back once while she was driving and she turned into a telephone pole.'

**Wisdom:** Good manners and soft words have brought many difficult things to pass.

**Reflection**

**The Fiddler of Dooney by W. B. Yeats**

When we come at the end of time  
To Peter sitting in state  
He will smile on the three old spirits  
But call me first, through the gate.

For the good are always merry  
Saved by an evil chance  
And the merry love to fiddle  
And the merry love to dance

And when the folk there spy me  
They will all come up to me  
With here is the Fiddler of Dooney  
And dance like a wave of the sea

**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.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> January in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am. All Welcome.

◆ **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—CAMPIL 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 Campil Hall on Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, tickets are available from our Hall Secretary on 087-2183300 at a cost of €30.

◆ **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. 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>)

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