

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th February 2023

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### Sixth Sunday of the Year

Jesus says 'If you are bringing your offering to the altar and remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering.'

#### Theme of the Weekend Readings

Jesus asks us to look into our hearts to discover why we do the things we do.

#### First Reading

God has given us the freedom to do good or evil.

#### Second Reading

True wisdom comes from God.

#### Gospel

Jesus proposes new standards of goodness for his followers.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	No Mass
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	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](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

#### Recent Deaths

Mary Hall, Bishopstown, Cork  
Jack Connors, Tinnakilly, Rosbercon

#### Anniversaries

Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbogh  
James Gaule, Listerlin  
Josie Cotterell, Ballykenna  
Ann Forristal, Shanbogh  
Paschal, Dooley, Hoodsgrrove  
Teresa Handrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon  
Peter, Mary and Thomas Quinlan, Mullinarrigle  
John Heffernan, Ballyneale

We welcome into our Christian Community **Caolán John Cotterell**, son of Moling and Hazel, Listerlin, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

#### Wisdom

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched – they must be felt with the heart.

*Helen Keller*

We are all looking forward to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 11:00 am.**

To help us all to prepare, the following Celebrations have been arranged and it is a requirement that all families attend:

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00 pm**—Confirmation Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00 pm**—Confirmation Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7:30 pm**—Ceremony of Light in Rosbercon Church for Parents, Children and Sponsor.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 am**—Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church by Fr. Dan Cavanagh.

#### Rosbercon Parish First Eucharist Programme 2023

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 7:30 pm**—First Eucharist Enrolment Mass for Parents and Children in Listerlin Church.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30 pm**—First Eucharist Enrolment Mass for Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church.

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9:30 am**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 11:00 am**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

#### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

First Penance in Rosbercon Church at 11:30 am

#### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March

First Penance in Listerlin Church at 11:30 am.

#### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2:15 pm

First Penance in Shanbogh School.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 11:00 am**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 9:30 am**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 7:30 pm**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

#### Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am

Celebration of First Eucharist in Rosbercon Church.

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30 pm**—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

#### Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May at 11:00 am

Celebration of First Eucharist in Listerlin Church.

**World Day of Prayer for the Sick:** On Saturday this weekend we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The reason for this is that on the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 1858 Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette for the first time.

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is famous for a number of other reasons: On this date since 1993 we celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We reflect on the needs of all who suffer from illness and those who care for them.

It was the 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 that the recently deceased Pope Benedict announced his retirement. It was on this day in 1990 that Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in prison.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 am

Tom Murphy, Tinneranny

### 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.

### Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes makes a welcome return. Package details are 5 nights, May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> inclusive, fares from € 879.00 pps Anyone wishing to travel, bookings for our Pilgrimage, can be now made directly with Niamh in Joe Walsh Tours Tel: 01-6852244 Email: [niamh@jwtttravel.ie](mailto:niamh@jwtttravel.ie)

### Pilgrimage

To be on the move slowly: To be seeking for treasures that do not rust: To be comfortable with your heart's questions. To be moving towards the holy ground of God's presence with empty hands and an open heart. Consider Peig Sayer's reminiscences about her return journey to the Great Blasket Island, after a pilgrimage to a blessed well outside Tralee.

*"It was a lovely night, the air was clean, full of brilliant stars and the moon shining on the sea. I could hear too the murmuring of the sea running in and out through the cleft of the stones and the music of the oars cleaving the sea across to Ventry."*

### Reflection: Signposts on the footpath to peace

To be glad of life, because it gives you a chance to love, to work, to play and to look up at the stars.

To despise nothing in the world except what is false and mean.

To fear nothing except what is cowardly.

To be guided by what you admire and love,

Rather than by what you hate.

To envy nothing that is your neighbour's

except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner.

To think seldom of your enemies, often of your friends,

And every day to keep Christ company for a little time:

And to spend as much time as you can, in God's outdoors.

These are little signposts on the footpath to peace.

### A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine Prayer for you

And asked the Lord above

To fill your heart and bless your soul

With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love

The kind that's meant to stay

Just like the generous love

You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family

And from every cherished friend.

Then I asked the Lord to give you

His life that knows no end.

The feast of Saint Valentine is celebrated on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

**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.

### Life

I'm here for a short visit only

And I'd rather be loved than hated.

Eternity may be lonely.

When my body is disintegrated

And that which is loosely termed my soul

Goes whizzing off through the infinite

By means of some vague remote control,

I'd like to think I was missed a bit.

Noel Coward

### ◆ 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. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Golf Club

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

**◆ 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](mailto:office@listerlinns.com)

### ◆ ST. CANICE'S NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon is now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infants 2023. An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051 422813 or by emailing: [info@stcanicesns.com](mailto:info@stcanicesns.com)

### ◆ GLENMORE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

The GCDC (Glenmore Community Development Group) are hosting The Vat Pak, the Mullinavat based drama group in Glenmore Hall on Saturday 25th February 2023 at 08:00 pm, with a Tommy Marron play, 'Nobody's Talking to Me'. Admission is € 10.00 with all proceeds going to the proposed Glenmore Café/Shop project. There will also be a raffle on the night with prizes galore and light refreshments will be served. Your support for this fundraiser would be much appreciated.

### ◆ 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 5th of March 2023, tickets are available from our Hall Secretary on 087-2183300 at a cost of € 30.00.

### ◆ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB—SPLIT THE POT

The winner of St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split the Pot, which was held on 2nd February 2023 is Bill Gorey—€ 101.00. The next draw will take place on the 16th February.

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

The South Kilkenny Historical Society are holding a lecture on County Kilkenny and Some Links to 100 Years of the Revenue Commissioners.

**Speaker:** Mr. Brian White

**Date and Time:** Thursday 23rd February 2023 at 08:00 pm

**Venue:** Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite the Church)

**Admission:** € 5.00 (free to Society Members)

All Welcome to attend.

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