

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th February 2023

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Seventh Sunday of the Year

Jesus tells us that God loves all people, deserving and undeserving. And he urges us to imitate this all-embracing love of God.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are called by Our Lord to be his people. We truly belong to him when we love our neighbour.

First Reading

We must not let the sun go down on our anger.

Second Reading

Our dignity stems from our belonging to Christ

Gospel

There is always an extra mile to go for the sake of others.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 25th February 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 26th February 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Ash Wednesday 22nd February 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Friday 24th February 10:00 am Mass

Mullinarrigle

Ash Wednesday 12:00 Noon

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 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 22nd February (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is a tradition in the parish of parishioners attending daily Mass during Lent. We will have daily Mass every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 10:00 am.

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish shortly. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

Anniversaries

Biddy Doyle, Glenpipe

Tony Murphy, Tinneranny

Thomas Greene, Shanbogh

Brian and Mary Fortune, Shanbogh

Joe Doran, Assumption Terrace

We welcome into our Christian Community **Mason John Dempsey**, son of John and Rebecca, Milebush, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 11th February 2023.

Following this week's letter from **Bishop Niall Coll on the recent disasters in Turkey and Syria**, we will hold a collection this weekend 18th/19th February at our weekend Masses in Rosbercon Parish. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A Message from Fr Dan: Prayer: We are constantly being encouraged to pray. It is very interesting to consider how people pray. There are as many ways to pray as there are people who pray. Many pray through thoughts, words, actions or before a crucifix. Some pray silently. Many like to gently sit or kneel before the blessed sacrament, spending quiet time in the presence of the Lord. They will tell you that in the Church they feel the calming peace of Christ reviving their spirits.

We visit the Church regularly to light candles. The warmth heals us and the flame carries our prayer to the Lord. The glow of the candle symbolises our love for God, and our warm feelings about the people we pray for.

Many people find music very prayerful. Music opens us up to the mystery of God. Equally poetry, art, drama and the world of nature often takes us to new and better places. The sight of new-born lambs in the field in spring, daffodils, light shining through stained-glass windows and the rising or setting of the sun are life-giving and calming. A kind word, a generous act, the laughter of children, the contentment of old age are all sacred moments.

Many of us get in touch with God by reciting the words of familiar prayers that we learned as children. There are times when we simply speak to God as we do to a friend. At other moments, the words of scripture bring us closer to the Lord as we place ourselves in the story of His love for His people.

We can pray alone, with loved ones or with our parish community at the weekend Masses. We pray to give thanks, to unload our burdens, to ask help, to seek comfort, or to find a way forward. All prayer nourishes our friendship with God. Beginning each day with a prayer and spending a little time before sleep remembering the moments, when God held us by hand during the day, calms our spirits. We need each day to experience the love of God and when we pray, we are aware of the presence of God's loving Spirit and we are grateful.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

To Make you smile: 'When people talk about the weather, I always feel they mean something else'.

Oscar Wilde

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

25th/26th February, 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 25th February at 7:00 pm

Jim Phelan, Listerlin

Collection of Parish Funds 4th/5th & 11th/12th February 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,116.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,375.00

Parish Debt on 15th February 2023 € 26,853.61

Diocese of Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes makes a welcome return. Package details are 5 nights, May 23rd to 28th 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

Reflection: Prayer for my Future

Lord, there are many things in my life that I do not understand,
So many questions about the future that I need to ask.

What is your plan for me?

What is the work You want me to do?

All I really know is that You love me.

Show me the road you want me to walk;

To Fulfilment, to happiness, to holiness.

And because You are calling me to a life of service,

Give me the strength to say 'Yes'

And the grace to begin even now to prepare myself

For the challenge of a life spent in Your service.

Help me to care for people.

I ask this in Jesus' name

Amen

Read at the Confirmation Enrolment Mass on Wednesday 1st February, 2023

Wisdom: In a world where you can be anything; Be Kind

Humour: A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, "Let my bother have the first pancake. I can wait." The oldest boy turned to his younger brother and said, "You be Jesus."

Prayer in time of Anxiety:

"Go forth in peace. Be still within yourself,

May the winds be gentle upon your face,

And your direction be straight and true

as the flight of a bird. Walk in beauty and harmony

With God and his people."

The Call of the Wind: We have been through some windy days and stormy nights as winter fades away and spring beckons and waits to give birth to new life. The trees are starting to produce their buds; daffodils, crocus and tulip are peeping through the soil waiting to catch a glimpse of the spring sun. The wind that tossed everything about has in effect cleared the way for new life. On Wednesday we begin the Season of Lent. Lent is a time to reflect again on our lives, to offload the baggage and make the burdens lighter. Here we are again this Lent, a people looking for hope amid the hurts and storms of life.

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.

◆ 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. **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

◆ 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

◆ 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—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 € 30.00.

◆ 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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