

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th February 2023

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First Sunday of Lent

Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil. But through prayer, fasting and fidelity he overcame the tempter. We too face temptations. We reflect for a moment on our own particular temptations.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

With Lent we begin a period of special prayer and change each year.

First Reading: The fall of Adam and Eve.

Second Reading: Jesus overcomes the power of sin.

Gospel: Jesus is tempted three times.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4th March 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 5th March 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 1st March 10:00 am Mass
Friday 3rd March 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

Anniversaries

Jim Phelan, Listerlin
Paddy Saunders, Rosbercon
Catherine Maher, Tinneranny

Eight ways in which we can love our neighbour during Lent

The Love of Listening: But you must really listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just listen.

The Love of Affection: Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handouts.

The Love of laughter: Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying 'I love to laugh with you'.

The Love of Solitude: There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to others.

The Love of a Favour: Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Love of a Written Note: This can be a simple "Thanks for the help!". A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime.

The Love of a Compliment: A simple and sincere "You look great in red!". "You did a super job!" or "That was a wonderful meal!" can make someone's day.

The Love of a Cheerful Disposition: The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted

A Message from Fr Dan: Lent 2023 – Ash Wednesday last week marked the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. This is the time every year when we make a special effort to fast, do penance, reflect on our faith and perform acts of charity. In this way we prepare for the great celebrations of Holy Week; the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. It is through the events of the first Holy Week that we attain redemption.

On Ash Wednesday we wear ashes on our foreheads to remind us that we came from the earth and to the earth we will, one day, return. As the ashes is placed on our foreheads we think of the words of Jesus, "**Repent and believe in the Good News.**" The Good News is that we are loved by God and by his Son. Jesus Christ.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. The ashes remind us also that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with changed hearts. God's mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent. The Stations of the Cross are most commonly prayed during Lent on Fridays, and especially on Good Friday. Many of us were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. Our parents made sure that what we did for Lent was really penance. Throughout our history Christians have found that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were a great help in coming close to Christ.

Nowadays some prefer to look at personal habits that need work or to reach out to people in need. The priority is to grow closer to Christ. We are not asked to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort. We can pray, fast and give alms. For almost 50 years our people have contributed generously to **Trocaire** during the Lenten Season. Trocaire is the Irish language word for "compassion". Trocaire turns the compassion of the Irish people into life-changing support for some of the poorest people in the world.

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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

To mark the Lenten Season: Spend time with this weekend's Gospel. Be with Jesus in the desert. Ask Him for the grace to listen to Him and spend time with him in prayer during Lent. Ask for the grace you need most.

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

Trocaire: The focus of this year's Trocaire Lenten Campaign is on the drought crisis in Somalia and on how Trocaire is working with communities to help them rebuild after losing crops, livestock and homes due to the drought. We are all asked to play our part! We are asked to do without something each day so that what we save can be donated to charities like Trocaire.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

4th/5th March, 2023

Tullagher: Saturday 25th February at 7:00 pm

Maura Young, The Paddocks, Rosbercon and Cooleen, Tullagher

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 26th February at 9:30 am

Christy Ward, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 26th February at 11:00 am

Josie and Tom Cashin, Tinnakilly

We are all looking forward to the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church on Friday 24th 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 25th February at 7:00 pm—Confirmation Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

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

Friday 24th 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 28th February at 7.30pm—First Eucharist Enrolment Mass for Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church.

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

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

Tuesday 28th March at 11:30 am

First Penance – Rosbercon Church.

Wednesday 29th March at 11:30 am

First Penance – Listerlin Church.

Thursday 30th March at 2:15 pm

First Penance in Shanbogh School.

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

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

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

Saturday, 6th May at 11:00 am

Celebration of First Eucharist in Rosbercon Church

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

Saturday, 13th May at 11:00 am

Celebration of First Eucharist in Listerlin Church

Reflection: Lent: *Springtime of the Spirit*

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe

And makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn

They let go of their old leaves,

And endured a winter of poverty.

Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of the old habits,

And to face our spiritual poverty,

In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter

We will feel young again in our discipleship.

Wisdom: “Lent is a good time for sacrificing. Let us deny ourselves something every day to help others”.

Pope Francis

Humour: In the Garden of Eden, in the happy time before the Fall, Adam and God would sometimes talk things over in the shade of a big tree. “Why did you make Woman so beautiful?” Adam asked. “So, you would love her,” God answered. Adam thought about this for a while. “Then why did you have to make her so unthinking?” Adam wondered. “So, she would love you”, came the reply.

To Make you smile: Woman to her friend: ‘My husband is always travelling and is only home one month in the year’. Friend: ‘How very sad for you’. Woman: ‘Yes, but a month goes by very quickly!’.

The Cemetery Committee at their meeting on the 15th February 2023, expressed concern about the amount of peat moss being used in the middle portion of Rosbercon Cemetery. This causes problems with the ongoing maintenance of the Cemetery. We thank you for your co-operation.

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. 2 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>)**

◆ 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

St. Joseph’s Athletic Club split the pot which was held on Thursday 16th February 2023. The winner of € 108.00 was Dave Roche, Rosbercon. The next draw will take place on the 2nd March.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT AGM

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their General Meeting on Friday 3rd March 2023 in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am. All members welcome.

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