

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th February 2023

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Fifth Sunday of the Year

We are Christ's disciples. As such we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Christians have a duty to spread the light of their faith.

First Reading

Let your light shine.

Second Reading

Paul preaches a crucified Christ.

Gospel

Christians are the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11th February 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 12th February 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 8th February 10:00 am Mass

Friday 11th February 10:00 am 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 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Anniversaries

Anna Lawless, Ballykenna—Months Mind

Michael Rigby, Ballyconnaught

James, Hanora and Margaret Rigby, Ballyconnaught

James, Mary, Paddy and Breda Cummins, Tullogher

Jimmy Fanning, Glenballyvalley

James Phelan, Tullogher

Joana Murphy, Treenaree

Mai Hartley, Brabstown

Denis Walsh, Ballyconnaught, Tullogher

Bill and Jimmy Purcell, Kilbrahan

Alice Sinnott, Rosbercon

Margaret Long, Guilcough

Tony Brennan, Shanbough

Thomas Gaule, Bunmahon formerly of Annfield Lane

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

We welcome into our Christian Community **Eve Margaret Ryan Kearney**, daughter of Patrick and Aoife, Ballalog, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 28th January 2023.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Beauty: Outside a Metro Station in Washington, DC, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. The man playing the Bach pieces was Joshua Bell, playing incognito as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities, organized by the Washington Post

During the 45 minutes that Joshua Bell was playing approximately 2,000 people went through the station. In all only 6 people stopped to listen. The first was a middle-aged man but he stopped for only a few seconds. Next a young man leaned against the wall to listen but then looked at his watch and started to walk again. A number of small children stopped to look at the violinist but in each case the parent tugged them along hurriedly. Joshua Bell played continuously for 45 minutes. Six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 people gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The collection came to \$ 32.00.

After an hour Joshua Bell finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. What no one knew was that Joshua Bell is recognized as one of the greatest musicians in the world. Outside the Metro he played one of the most intricate pieces of music ever written on a Stradivarius violin worth \$ 3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played to a sold-out theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$ 100.00 each. He played the same pieces in the theatre in Boston as he played outside the Metro Station.

This experiment raised several questions: In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? If so, do we stop to appreciate it? One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, on one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

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@jwtravel.ie

The Strength of Love

There is a comfort in the strength of love;
Twill make a thing enduring, which else
Would overset the brain or break the heart.

William Wordsworth

Humour: At the pearly gates, St. Peter greeted a priest and a politician and assigned them their rooms. "Father, here are the keys to one of our nicest rooms. And for you TD, the keys to our finest penthouse suite." "This is unfair," cried the priest. "Listen," St. Peter said, "Priests are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first politician we have ever seen."

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

11th/12th February, 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th February at 7:00 pm
Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbogh

Rosbercon: Sunday 12th February at 11:00 am
Ann Forristal, Shanbogh

Collection of Parish Funds 21st/22nd & 28th/29th January 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,016.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,746.00

Parish Debt on 1st February 2023 € 26,853.61

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

The January draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 25th January in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Paddy & Mary Grennan who won 7th Prize of € 200.00 and Bridget & Thomas Ryan who won 10th Prize of €100.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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.

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:

Wednesday 1st February at 7:30 pm

Enrolment Mass for Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church.

Saturday 11th February at 7:00 pm

Confirmation Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

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.

"Anois teacht on Earraig"

The great Gaelic Poet,

Anthony Raftery wrote in his poem Cill Aodain;

'Now that spring has come, days will get longer,

And after Brigid's Day I will raise my sails'.

We have entered the month of February, St Brigid's month,

the beginning of Spring, month of lambs, calves and foals;

Month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

We experience new life and light as nature

awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer

and the snowdrops and daffodils will soon be plentiful.

We pray, 'God of nature, Lord of light, you have

Given us a world to respect and preserve.

We ask God's blessing on our fragile earth and on

the people who live upon the earth, through the

gentleness of your son Jesus Christ.

Amen.

To make you smile: A recent study has shown that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it!

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.

Wisdom

Nearly all happiness comes into our lives through doors we don't even remember leaving open.

◆ 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>)**

◆ 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

◆ SPANISH SPEAKER WANTED

Mature person learning Spanish seeking group or individual for conversation practice. Please contact 087-4144598.

◆ 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 on the night. Your support for this fundraiser would be much appreciated.

◆ BOOKKEEPER AVAILABLE LOCALLY

Bookkeeper available locally for your bookkeeping and VAT calculations. Contact number 087-7853079 or email booksandvat@gmail.com.

◆ MIKE DENVER—CAMPILLE 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 Campille Hall on Sunday the 5th of March 2023, tickets are available from our Hall Secretary on 087-2183300 at a cost of € 30.00.

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