

## ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th March 2023

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### Third Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel we read about the moving encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman. During it Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her – the gift he called 'living water'. Here we meet Jesus and he offers us the same gift.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings**—The power of God to give life.

**First Reading**—God gives His people water in the desert.

**Second Reading**—The death of Jesus proves God loves us.

**Gospel**—The story of the woman at the well.

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March

No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

#### Weekday Masses

##### Rosbercon

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March

No Mass

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March

7:00 pm Mass

Friday St. Patrick's Day

11:00 am Mass

##### Mullinarrigle

Friday St. Patrick's Day

9:30 am Mass

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

**Please note there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Wednesday morning 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023.**

#### Recent Deaths

Michael O'Neill, Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Walter (Watt) Gahan, Listrolin, Mullinavat

Bridget O'Neill (née Hamilton), Tinneranny, Rosbercon

Angela Feeney, School House Road and Surrey, UK.

#### Anniversaries

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon

Baby Jack Kelly, Co. Galway

Joe Mackey, Mullinakill

Ann Murphy, Darbystown

Jim, John, Ellen and Dan Murphy, Darbystown

Stella O'Neill and John Hore, Wexford

Joan Molloy, Tinneranny

#### St. Patricks Day Mass—Anniversaries

Jo Ryan, Glentiroe

Brigid Maher, School House Road

We welcome into our Parish Community **Jane Catherine Phelan**, daughter of Donal and Mairéad, Shanbogh Upper, who were baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**To make you Smile**—God grant me the serenity to forget those I never liked anyway, the good fortune to remember those I did and the eyesight to tell the difference.

*Terry Wogan*

**A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love One Another':** How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centered and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.*

**Reflection: I am the Great Sun:** from a Normandy Crucifix of 1652

I am the great sun, but you do not see me,

I am your husband, but you turn away.

I am the captive, but you do not free me,

I am the captain but you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me,

I am the city where you will not stay.

I am your wife, your child, but you will leave me,

I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you will not hear me,

I am your lover whom you will betray.

I am the victor but you will not cheer me

I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,

Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame me.

*Charles Causley*

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.**

The Celebrations will be as follows:

**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.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

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

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

Jim Brindley, formerly of Ballybeg and Tramore

Joe Molloy, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

**Collection of Parish Funds 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**Offertory Collection** € 574.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 906.00

**Parish Debt on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023** € 26,853.61

**Lenten Reconciliation Services:** Fr. Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses beginning on the fourth weekend of Lent, Saturday/Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

**Lenten Station Envelopes** together with Trocaire Boxes have been distributed to the homes of the Parish. Please return Lenten Station Envelopes at your convenience. The Trocaire Boxes should be returned to the Church on Holy Thursday.

**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)

**Just a thought for St. Patrick's Day:** As we reflect upon the prayer of Saint Patrick on this St. Patrick's Day, we see that these very powerful, yet beautiful uplifting words, represent a total transformation of the self with complete trust and faith in the Divine, God our Creator. This prayer is known widely as "Morning Prayer," "St. Patrick's Breastplate," or "The Lorica." It's not known whether St. Patrick is actually the author or whether someone else wrote it years later and it was attributed to St. Patrick. But it is widely associated with him and his ministry. See prayer below...

**Communion Reflection: St. Patrick's Breastplate**

I bind unto myself today

The Power of God to hold and lead;

His eye to watch, His might to stay

His ear to harken to my need;

The wisdom of my God to teach,

His hand to guide, His shield to ward;

The word of God to give me speech,

His heavenly host to be my guard!

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me,

Christ to quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**Wisdom:** Although the world is full of suffering, it is also full of the overcoming of it.

*Helen Keller*

**Prayer for the Churches of our Parish**

Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

**Humour**—While creating husbands God promised women that good and ideal husbands would be found in all corners of the world. Then he made the earth round!!

**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.

### ◆ ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

St. Patrick's Day preparations are under way for the annual New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade which will begin in the Irishtown at 2:00 pm. The Theme this year is "New Ross Let's Go Green".

There is still some time and plenty of ways to get involved...

- Would your Club or Organisation like to participate?
- Is your home on the route—you could decorate it?
- Would your business like to enter our shop window competition?
- Are you interested in being a Steward for the day?
- Do you like fancy dress?
- Would you like to dress us and join us?
- Have you seen a house or business decorated that you would like us to look at or post a picture to our Facebook page?

Let us know if you are interested in any way by contacting us on our Facebook page St. Patricks Day—New Ross or phone/text Anthony—0872338350 or Ollie—0872571841.

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the South Kilkenny Historical Society will take place on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church) at 7:30 pm. The AGM will be followed, at 8:00 pm, by a night of remembrance for the late Mary O'Shea RIP, Raheen, Piltown. All are welcome.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw, which took place on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 are as follows:

**1st**—Pat Murphy, Darbystown

**2nd**—Keith Roche, Ballycurran

**3rd**—John Walsh, Brownstown

**4th**—Linda and Aidrian Foley, Tinnakilly

**5th**—Purcell Family, Slievecorrig

**6th**—Pat Meaney, Ballyreddy

**7th**—Robert and Eileen Forristal, Shanbogh

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 08:30 pm.

### ◆ FUN BASKETBALL FOR MOTHERS

Fun basketball for Mams in Glenmore Parish Hall on Thursdays. For more information please contact 087-6414867.

### ◆ SPLIT THE POT

St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split the Pot Winner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> March was Pat Murphy c/o Paddy Ryans Bar. The next draw will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A good laugh is sunshine in the house.

*William Makepeace Thackeray*

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