

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th March 2023

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Second Sunday of Lent

On Mount Tabor Peter, James and John got a glimpse of the glory that was hidden in Jesus. Through faith we too glimpse the glory of the risen Jesus who lives on in the Church and in each of us. Let us reflect for a moment on this.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We praise the Lord of Glory who leads us through the Season of Lent to the light of Easter.

First Reading: God makes a promise to Abraham.

Second Reading: God saves us and calls us to be holy.

Gospel

Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James and John, his most trusted followers.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11th March 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 12th March 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon
Wednesday 8th March 10:00 am Mass
Friday 10th March No 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.

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

Recent Deaths

Angela Feeney, School House Road and Surrey

Anniversaries

Maura Young, The Paddocks, Rosbercon and Cooleen, Tullogher
Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley
Josie, Kehoe, Ryleen and Garrenbehy
Helen Malone, Ballygriffen
Christy Ward, Ballymartin
Josie and Tom Cashin, Tinnakilly
James and Mary Murphy, Glensensaw
Andy and Nellie Lawlor, Ballyknock
Billy Rochford, Bullawn, New Ross
Mary and William Doolan, Curraghmore

We welcome into our Parish Community **Fíadh Selina and Phoebe Kylie O'Connor Murphy**, daughters of Craig and Carrigan, Listerlin, who were baptised in the Church of St. David, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 25th February 2023.

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.**

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Priest in the Parish: This summer will mark my 18th anniversary as the priest in Rosbercon Parish. Being in the parish for seventeen years is a gift. Now, when I celebrate a funeral Mass, I know the person whose funeral I am celebrating. I know the grieving family, and who is related to the deceased. This pastoral knowledge is a true gift for me, the fruit of nothing but time.

People also speak more freely. It's the result of building up relationships over the years. Working with parishioners to be a gift from God, all the more so when I have had the chance to get to know the people.

So, I am wondering now what the future holds for the parishes of Ireland. Every diocese has its own way of coping with the reducing number of priests. Some places cluster parishes, others create pastoral areas or families of parishes. The end result is the same: fewer priests serving people whom they do not know personally. The opinion offered by the Independent TD Michael Healy-REA contains a grain of truth: once a parish loses its resident priest, as his local parish of Kilgarvan did, the Church loses its "hold" on the parish. A vital link is broken.

And the priest suffers too. He needs to be part of a community: being part of several communities is not the same thing. We ask if lay people could do much of the work that priests do, when priests are no longer available? Could lay people be formed and trained to run parishes? The number of priests is declining. We have prayed for vocations and have not received a positive answer: so maybe God has other plans for his parishes?

Some dioceses provide an opportunity for priests from other countries to work here. This can lead to complications. Foreign dioceses need their own priests. Also, there are cultural differences between countries that are sometimes hard to resolve. Some priests succeed, for others the result is frustration.

Irish Catholic priests provide a unique service to those parishes in which they serve; they get to know their people and the people get to know them. In the future, when those close relationships are no longer available, will other relationships take their place? Surely God has more surprises for us!

From the Irish Catholic – Adapted.

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.

To Make you smile: 'Bagpipes sound exactly the same when you have finished learning them as when you start'.

Sir Thomas Beecham (1879-1961)

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 11th/12th March, 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th March at 7:00 pm
Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon
Baby Jack Kelty, Co. Galway

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 12th March at 9:30 am
Joe Mackey, Mullinakill
Ann Murphy, Darbystown
Jim, John, Ellen and Dan Murphy, Darbystown
Stella O'Neill and John Hore, Wexford

Collection of Parish Funds 18th/19th & 25th/26th February 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,420.50
Weekly Envelopes € 1,074.50
Parish Debt on 1st March 2023 € 26,853.61

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

The February draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 22nd February in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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

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Trócaire boxes have been delivered to the homes of the parish. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

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.

Reflection

The View from the Hilltop

Jesus went up into the hills to pray.

The hills were special to Jesus.

He preached his most famous sermon from a hilltop.

He was transfigured on Mount Tabor,

And he died on Mount Calvary,

He ascended to heaven from Mount Olivet.

He loved hills and mountains. Why was this?

Was it because he grew up among the hills of Galilee?

Or was it because heights enlarge our vision

And cause our spirit to soar?

Lift us up, Lord, that we may see further.

Strengthen our faith that we may see beyond the horizon.

And when the valley closes us in

Help us to remember the view from the hilltop.

Following the collection on the weekend 18th/19th February at our weekend Masses in Rosbercon Parish **for the recent earthquake disasters in Turkey and Syria**, we have now sent a cheque to Bishop Coll in the amount of € 2,000. We are delighted to be able to help those who need it most. Your support of the collection was greatly appreciated.

Saint Teresa of Avila who suffered a lot of sickness once said, "I never realized how well I was until I gave up thinking how ill I was."

Humour: A teacher was testing the children in her class to see if they understood the idea of getting into Heaven. She asked them, "If I sold my house and my car and gave all the money to the poor, would I get into Heaven?" "No", the children answered. "If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the grass and kept everything nice and tidy, would I get into Heaven?" Again, the answer was, "No". Now she was smiling, they are getting the idea, she thought! "Well then, if I was kind to animals, and loved my family, would that get me into Heaven?" she asked. Again, they all answered "No!" She was bursting with pride for them. "Well", she continued, "then how can I get into Heaven?" A five-year-old boy shouted out, "YOU GOTTA BE DEAD."

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.

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 cooperation.

Wisdom: Love and Kindness are never wasted. They always make a difference. They bless the one who receives them, and they bless you, the giver.

◆ 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".....So lets get our groups together, our floats ready, the shop windows decorated and our own windows ready and make this year bigger and better than ever before. The Committee welcome anyone interested in Volunteering to help out on the day. For more information or an application form check out our Facebook page - St. Patrick's Day—New Ross or phone Anthony on 087-2338350 or Ollie on 087-2571841.

◆ 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>)**

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