

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th May 2023

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

As we move into the latter half of the Easter Season our attention moves from the appearances of the Risen Christ to the presence of Christ with us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are disciples of Jesus when we listen to his Words and do our best to live by them.

First Reading

The Samaritans receive the word of God with joy and enthusiasm.

Second Reading

Peter encourages Christians to remain steadfast.

Gospel

Loving Jesus means listening to his word and putting it into practice.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 20 th May	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 21 st May	09:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon	
Wednesday 17 th May	10:00 am Mass
Friday 19 th May	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.

Recent Deaths

Theresa Murphy (née Hamilton), Tinneranny

Anniversaries

Matt and Nan Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flower Hill, Rosbercon
Gerry Hennessy, Marsh Meadows and Glensensaw
Mickey Curran, Hoodsgrove
John and Geraldine Murphy, Castle Island, Co. Kerry
Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan
Eily Rockett, Slieverue
Margaret Fleming, Shanbogh

Many thanks to all who took part in the in **the Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Rosbercon last weekend. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

We wish every blessing to **Richard Phelan, Shanbogh** and to **Tracey Breen, Ballymacelligott, Co. Kerry**, who were married in St. Brendan's Church, Clogher, on Friday 5th May 2023. We pray that Our Lord will bless their marriage and grant them happiness.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Light of Easter: We are very fortunate that in our lifetime we enjoy a quality of life which would have been unthinkable a few generations ago. We have an abundance of material goods. We have an ease of communication that has made the world into a global village. We have seen stunning scientific and technological developments that have changed every aspect of our lives.

Yet, the problems of life and how people across the world relate to each other are as far from being solved as ever. The violence and brutality of the war in Ukraine is truly a wakeup call as to what can happen in the twenty first century. For all of us, issues such as Covid, the cost of living and insecurity about the future are factors in our lives. Materialism has taken hold of peoples' imaginations and the spiritual values that sustained our people for generations are losing their hold.

The result of this is that more and more people are suffering from stress related illnesses especially depression. Doctors and psychologists are concerned that the silent victims of the darkness of depression are reluctant to come forward to seek help and suffer in silence. Sharing our problems with those close to is a great help. For many, having a friend who listens is the first step to a more healthy and happy life.

The Easter Season, which celebrates the life, death and resurrection of Jesus is a constant source of hope and encouragement. The coming of summer gives us some leisure and provides an opportunity for us to grow in our relationship with God. Summer offers us a chance to spend more time with God in prayer. We are invited to be still. Out in nature, we come to know God as our Creator. Jesus himself sought out quiet places in the outdoors to pray. For those who prefer indoors he suggested that we "go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in that secret place..."

We find God every day in what we see, hear and understand but we experience God at a much deeper level when we halt our activities to pray in silence.

Synod 2021-2024 For a Synodal Church: communion, participation and mission.

In October 2021, the Catholic Church's synodal process on the theme of Synodality began. This was the first time that a worldwide listening process and consultation with parishes and dioceses was attempted and many people in Ireland took part in a listening process during the early months of 2022. **Did you take part? Have you been wondering what happened after that?** Much has happened since then. Your participation formed part of a national document that was sent to the Synod office in Rome in August 2022. It also formed part of a global document called *Enlarge the Space of Your Tent*, which was published last October and then formed part of a presentation given by the Irish delegation that travelled to Prague this February for the first ever Continental Assembly of the Catholic Church's synodal process. Please visit www.synod.ie/2023update to find out more.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

20th/21st May 2023

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 21st May at 9:30 am

Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown

Rosbercon: Sunday 21st May at 11:00 am

Philip Wall, Rosbercon

Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh

Cathy Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross

Dates for your Diary

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2023

Monday, 19 th June	Ballyneale Cemetery
Tuesday, 20 th June	Shanbogh Cemetery
Friday, 23 rd June	Rosbercon New Cemetery
Monday, 3 rd July	Listerlin Old Cemetery
Tuesday, 4 th July	Rosbercon Old Cemetery
Friday, 7 th July	Mullinarrigle Cemetery
Sunday, 20 th August	St. Moling's Well

All Evening Masses at 8:00 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm.

Reflection in a Well

Once a young boy stood watching an old man
as he drank from a well in the town square.

After drinking, the man continued to gaze into the well.

The boy approached the old man and asked:

'Who lives down there?'

'God does' answered the man.

'Can I see him?' asked the boy

'Sure, you can,' said the man.

Then taking the boy into his arms he lifted him up
so that he could see down into the well.

All the boy could see, however,
was his own reflection in the water.

'But that's only me,' he cried in disappointment.

'All I see is me.'

'Ah' replied the old man,

'Now you know where God lives.

He lives in you.'

In Memory of my mother

You will have the road gate open, the front door ajar,
the kettle boiling and the table set
by the window looking out at the sycamore
and your loving heart lying in wait.

You will know I am coming, though I sent no word.

For you were lover who could tell

a man's thoughts, my thoughts though I hid them.

Through you I knew Woman and did not fear her spell.

Patrick Kavanagh

Wisdom: Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.

More Wisdom: "If I were to follow my natural impulses, I would continue as your pastor for as long as I live, because I am aware of the many lonesome hours this self-imposed exile will bring to me.

But the cause is greater than the man and the salvation of people must come before all other considerations. While still in possession of my mental faculties, I am making this decision to retire, lest, perhaps later on, my judgement might become obscured by old age and I might begin to consider myself indispensable."

Fr. Edward O'Reilly of Moyne, Co. Tipperary on his retirement in 1946, to his parishioners in Wisconsin, USA

ALONE is a national organisation that enables older people to age at home across Kilkenny. Our work is for all older people and aims to improve wellbeing. We have a national network of staff and volunteers who provide Support Coordination, Practical Supports, Befriending, a variety of Phone Services, Social Prescribing, Housing with Support and Assistive Technology. If you are interested in Volunteering with ALONE or to learn more, please visit www.alone.ie/volunteer/volunteers/. If you or an Older Person you know needs help of any kind, please contact ALONE on 0818 222 024, line open 7 days per week 8 am—8 pm or email: hello@alone.ie

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.

Humour: Two elderly women eating breakfast one morning when one of them noticed something funny about her friend's ear. 'Mildred, do you know you've got a suppository in your left ear?' 'Do I really?' 'A suppository?' Mildred pulls it out and stares at it. 'Ethel, I'm glad you saw this thing. Now I know where my hearing aid is!'

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Coach Trip to Doneraile Court and Mallow on Saturday, May 27th. Cost - € 65.00 for members and € 70.00 for those who are not paid up members for 2023. The cost includes coach hire, a guided tour of Doneraile Court, a walking tour of Mallow and an evening meal at the Talbot Hotel, Clonmel. It does not include the cost of lunch. For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aghlish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com). A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP presents SAME OLD MOON

The New Ross Drama Workshop presents the Same Old Moon by Geraldine Aron directed by Kate O'Keeffe, in St. Michael's Theatre, South Street, New Ross. Admission is € 15.00, tickets are available to purchase online at [St. Michael's Theatre - Centre for the Arts \(stmichaelsnewross.com\)](http://St.Michael'sTheatre-CentrefortheArts.stmichaelsnewross.com) or contact—051-421255.

◆ SUPERVALU TIDYTOWNS WATERS AND COMMUNITIES SPECIAL AWARD 2023

The Waters and Communities Special Award is now open for 2023 via an online portal [Waters and Communities Award - TidyTown Competition 2023](http://WatersandCommunitiesAward-TidyTownCompetition2023) | [Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](http://OnlineConsultationPortaloftheWatersandCommunitiesOffice) . The closing date is Friday, 9 June 2023. Applicants can avail of the opportunity to highlight how they promoted a local stream, river, estuary, canal, lake, or beach and what winning this award would mean to their local community. The award is open to all community groups. See flyer above for more information. To read about previous winners see [Waters and Communities Special Awards - Local Authority Water Programme \(lawaters.ie\)](http://WatersandCommunitiesSpecialAwards-LocalAuthorityWaterProgramme(lawaters.ie)) To apply and to read about other special awards see the TidyTown website: www.tidytowns.ie

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Time is free, but its priceless. You cant own it, but you can use it. You cant keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back."

Harvey Mackay

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