

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st May 2023

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## Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord

On this day we celebrate the glorification of Jesus, our brother, when the Father called him home to heaven. Jesus wants us to share in his glory. Let us reflect for a moment on the glory to which we are called.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings**—Christ ascends into Heaven.

**First Reading**—Saint Luke describes the Ascension.

**Second Reading**—Christ is present at the Father's right hand.

**Gospel**—St. Matthew's Ascension story.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May

7:00 pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May

No Mass

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

No 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 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

### Recent Deaths

Michael Maher, Hertfordshire, UK, formerly Tinneranny

### Anniversaries

Denis and Katty Power, Darbystown

Cathy Doran, Maiden Lane, New Ross

Philip Wall, Rosbercon

Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh

Andy Kane, Shanbogh

Many thanks to all who took part in the in **the Holy Communion Ceremonies** in Listerlin 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.

### What is Home

Most people have forgotten nowadays what a home can mean, though some of us have come to realize it as never before. Home is a kingdom of its own in the midst of the world, a haven of refuge amid the turmoil of our age, a sanctuary.

A home is not founded on the shifting sands of private or public life but has its peace in God.

For it is God who gives a home its special meaning and dignity, its nature and privilege, its destiny and worth.

Home is the place that God establishes for us in the world, A place where peace, quiet, respect, acceptance, and, to crown them all, happiness, may dwell, whatever else may pass away in the world.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: The Ascension of the Lord:** This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, when Jesus Christ in the presence of his followers, ascended into Heaven. People often ask the question, 'but where is Heaven?'. In the past we had a rather simplistic idea, that earth was here and heaven was somewhere up there in the clouds. We thought of heaven as almost a physical place and people often asked how so many people could fit there?

We are now more aware that the size of the Universe is beyond what the human mind can grasp or even imagine. Like God the Universe is total mystery. No amount of travel will bring us to Heaven! Christ, our God, came among us in human form to teach us the way to live and in this way to find Heaven. He asked his followers to bring his message to the ends of the earth. After two thousand years of Christianity, we still struggle to live from day to day and to remain healthy. We can achieve little on our own.

God recognizes our limitations and our helplessness. So, he sent Jesus to guide and help us. Jesus came as one like us to show us the way to God and to lead us to God. After his life, death and resurrection he ascended to the Father. He assures us that he is not leaving us alone. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. He has gone 'to prepare a place for us.' So, we are not to be troubled. As Jesus said, 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'.

It's a question of faith. Jesus tells us that we now possess the glory of God as his gift and when our earthly life is over, he will come to meet us and welcome us home to God's kingdom. In the meantime, we live in hope.

For our earthly life, we live under the power of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. We are Christ's presence in the world, tending the garden of the Lord. We enjoy his gifts of nature, the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the love of our family and our community. Where two or three of us gather in his name he is with us in a special way.

**Synod 2021-2024 For a Synodal Church:** 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](http://www.synod.ie/2023update) to find out more.

**Love is a popular Word:** 'If I speak the languages of men and of angels, but don't have love, I have become a sounding brass or a clanging cymbal..., If I give all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but don't have love, it profits me nothing.'

St. Paul

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Rosbercon**—Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7:00 pm

Pat Fortune, Shanbogh

**Mullinarrigle**—Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30 am

Edward and Margaret Conway, Listerlin

Sr. Margaret Conway, Holy Faith Sisters and Listerlin

Anna and Martin Woods, Ballymartin, Tullogher

### Dates for your Diary

#### Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2023

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

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

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offering**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

### Reflection

“Always trust your fellow man.

And always cut the cards.

Always trust God.

And always build your house on high ground.

Always love your neighbour.

And always pick a good neighbourhood to live in.

The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle

to the strong, but you'd better bet that way.

Place your bet somewhere between turning-the-other

cheek and enough-is-enough-already.

Place your bet somewhere between haste-makes-waste

and he-who-hesitates-is-lost.

About winning; it isn't important.

What really counts is how you play the game.

About losing; it isn't important

What really counts is how you play the game.

About playing the game; Play to win.”

**Humour:** A man was reading the Bible. He read in the Holy Book that if you prayed for anything for seven years you would get it. So, he prayed for seven years to win the Lotto, but did not win. So, he went back to the Good Book and read, 'If you do not receive what you prayed for after seven years, pray for a further seven years and it will be granted' So the man prayed for a further seven years but did not win the Lotto. So, in his desperation he called out to God, 'O God, give me a break'. And he heard a voice call back 'You give me a break, buy a lotto ticket'!

**To make you Smile:** Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning you need two hearts and one diamond. By the end you wish you had a club and a spade!

**Wisdom:** We are not all in the same boat, but we are in the same storm.

**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.

**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/](http://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](mailto:hello@alone.ie)

#### ◆ THE GLENMORE TULLOGHER ROSBERCON COMMUNITY GAMES

The GTR Community Games Area athletics finals will be taking place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 6:30 pm in the Rosbercon sports grounds. Entries from boys and girls will be taken who live in the catchment area of Glenmore Tullogher Rosbercon.

#### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Coach Trip to Doneraile Court and Mallow on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com)) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, [maryearyan@gmail.com](mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com)). A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

#### ◆ KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Ferns Diocesan Day Pick-up Points are as follows Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 73.00 including two meals. Please contact Nicholas Bowe on 087—9418661.

#### ◆ 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 - TidyTowns Competition 2023 | Online Consultation Portal of the Waters and Communities Office](#). 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 \(lawaters.ie\)](#) To apply and to read about other special awards see the TidyTowns website: [www.tidytowns.ie](http://www.tidytowns.ie)

#### ◆ AN OPEN EVENING ENTITLED “JOURNEY THROUGH GRIEF”

An open evening entitled “Journey Through Grief” with Denis O'Connor is being held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 07:30 pm in St. Michael's Pastoral Centre, Michael St., New Ross. This event is organised by New Ross Bethany Bereavement Support Group.

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Lao Tzu

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