

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th June 2023

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The harvest is great and the labourers are few so we pray that the Lord of the harvest may find more labourers for his harvest.

First Reading

I will count you a kingdom or priests, a consecrated nation.

Second Reading

Now that we have been reconciled by the death of his Son, surely, we may count on being saved by the life of his Son.

Gospel

Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 24th June 7:00 pm in Rosbercon

Sunday 25th June 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 21st June 10:00 am Mass

Friday 23rd June 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 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Anniversaries

Jo Holden, Shanbogh

Jack O' Leary, Waterford Road

We welcome into our Parish Community **Ellen Anastasia Ryan**, daughter of James and Deborah, Knockmullen, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Listerlin on Saturday 10th June 2023.

Reflection: The 'Loser's' Blessing

Lord, bless the folk who never quite got there;

The people who intended something fine.

The folk who might have lived a better, nobler existence;

The ones who somehow always failed to shine.

The people who tried to keep their temper;

And yet who seemed to lose it all the more.

The one's who haven't made their name in business;

Who should be rich but always will be poor.

The folk who aren't as clever as they might be;

Who aren't as good and feel their efforts vain.

Lord, bless all these -and me among them

And give us all the heart to try again.

Fr. Ronan Drury RIP

A Message from Fr. Dan: Building Bridges; There is an ancient story told of two brothers, John and James who owned farms side by side. Over 50 years they worked their fields' together, shared knowledge and produce, and lent a helping hand to one another in times of need. One day, a foolish argument broke out between the brothers and caused a rift between them. This was the first serious disagreement the brothers ever had in all of their time together.

The rift began over a small misunderstanding, which can sometimes happen. However, the dispute was not resolved and dragged on over a period of time. With time there was an angry exchange of words, followed by weeks of silence. Things took a very bad turn when James, the younger brother changed the stream's path, making it into a solid border between the two farms.

The elder brother, John, was furious and he resolved to make the barrier between the two farms even more permanent. He went to see an old bearded carpenter who was a friend of the family for many years. He said to the carpenter, "You have known us over fifty years. Have you seen what my brother has done to the stream between our farms. By diverting the stream, James has damaged my farm and I want to teach him a lesson. You see those trees over by the barn? I want you to turn them into a 10-foot-tall fence. I never want to see his face again."

The old carpenter thought quietly to himself for a few minutes, remembering his friendship with both brothers and eventually said: "I see". The elder brother helped the carpenter carry his tools to the wood, and then drove into town. When he came home in the evening, the old carpenter had finished his work. The elder brother walked down to the stream and was stunned by what he saw. He couldn't say a single word. Where the fence, he ordered should have been standing, a new bridge now stood. It was a well-constructed bridge, a work of art, with carved banister. At the same time, the younger brother happened to come to the same spot. When he saw the bridge he ran across and embraced his older brother, and said: "You're something special... building a bridge, after all I've said and done!"

While both brothers were hugging, the old carpenter collected his tools and started walking home. The brothers turned to him and said "Please, stay for a while as we are going to have a bit of a celebration.". But the carpenter just smiled and said enjoy your celebration and realize how much you love one another. You have learned to forgive and appreciate what you have. That is enough for me.

Wisdom: You can drive out nature with a pitchfork, but it will always come running back.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

24th/25th June 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 24th June at 7:00 pm

Peggy Connick and John Connick, Millbanks

Collection of Parish Funds 3rd/4th & 10th/11th June 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,198.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,692.00

Parish Debt on 14th June 2023 € 25,353.61

The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes for the support of Fr. Dan are now available. The usual distributors are asked to oblige and we thank them for their work on our behalf. Part of this collection supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income has to be supplemented.

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.

Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2023

Monday, 3rd July Listerlin Old Cemetery

Tuesday, 4th July Rosbercon Old Cemetery

Friday, 7th July Mullinarrigle Cemetery

Sunday, 20th August St. Moling's Well

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

Cemetery Masses

The following cemetery Masses take place this week, Monday, Ballyneale Cemetery, Tuesday, Shanbogh Cemetery and Friday, Rosbercon New Cemetery.

Reflection: Building on a Rock

There is nothing sure or lasting in this world.
Human opinions change from day to day,
but the words of Christ do not change or pass away.
However, those who listen to his words
but do not act on them, are building on sand.
Time will erase his words from their minds;
Nothing will remain, nothing will come of them.
On the other hand, those who listen to his words
and who do act on them, are building on rock;
They will have something to show for their efforts,
something to be proud of,
and something that will last, last forever.

Change: The past cannot be changed, but the future can be.

No disagreement should spoil a loving relationship.

It is just a matter of learning how to build our bridges.

To make you Smile: At the baptism of her son, a Dublin mother told the priest, 'We are calling him Christy father, because he was born on Corpus Christi'!!

Humour: There is only one thing for a man to do who is married to a woman who enjoys spending money, and that is to enjoy earning 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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Ossory Adult Faith

Development: A pilgrimage, led by Fr. Dermot Ryan and Fr. Kieran O'Shea, to help deepen our understanding of the Scriptures and the life of Jesus Christ who walked there. Travelling February 19th – 26th 2024. € 1,615 including return flights with British Airways (Dub-Tel-Aviv-Dub) and accommodation and buffet breakfast and dinner daily.

Book by calling Kieran and Laura Troy on 057—9355050 or email info@myriam.ie

The **Brian Fortune Memorial Tractor Run** returns this year on the 25th June 2023. Registration from 10:00 am—12:00 noon at Glenmore GAA pitch (Eircode Y34 YR91). Registration is € 20.00 and all the proceeds of the run go to Pieta House. Run commences at 12:00 noon. 100km Car run to Kilkenny. Tractor Run to Slieverue. Refreshments and spot prizes afterwards in the Glen Bar with live band 'Blackstairs Rebel'. All welcome.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People: ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday 8:00 am-8:00 pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

◆ TULLOGHER CAMOGIE CLUB

The u15 girls of Tullogher Camogie Club qualified in group 2 in Kilkenny Feile competition They now go on to represent Kilkenny in Limerick on Saturday 24th June. They will be playing teams from Cork, Limerick and Wexford. To help with costs the girls are holding a cake sale outside Listerlin Church after 9:30 am mass on Sunday 18th June. They also have an online raffle going. All support would be greatly appreciated for these great bunch of girls.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB

Tullogher Rosbercon GAA Club are holding a Golf Classic in New Ross Golf Club on Friday 23rd June 2023. You can support our club by:

Entering a team (Team of 4 € 160.00 including food)

Sponsoring a prize (amount is at your discretion).

Sponsor a Tee Box or a Green € 100.00

TO BOOK A TEE OFF TIME PLEASE CONTACT

Paddy Ryan 087-1656382 or Paddy Gaule 086-3025296

Your help is appreciated.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish
2. 2 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Golf Club
3. 1 x Project Worker in St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross
4. 1 x Environmental Worker in New Ross Parish

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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