

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 25th June 2023

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TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We have nothing to be afraid of. God knows all our needs.

First Reading

Jeremiah is under pressure but he knows God is on his side.

Second Reading

Sin affects everyone. We are saved through Christ.

Gospel

Jesus reassures his followers and asks for their loyalty.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 1 st July	7:00 pm in Tullogher
Sunday 2 nd July	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 28 th June	No Mass
Friday 30 th June	10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 28th June 2023.

Anniversaries

Peggy Connick and John Connick, Millbanks
Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown

We welcome into our Parish Community **Ollie Kevin Doyle**, son of Martina, Glenbarra, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 17th June 2023.

'A Positive Live-Streaming Legacy', by Fr. Bernard Cotter in the Irish Catholic,

'I predict that live-streamed Masses will be part of parish life from now on. They will keep housebound people in touch with church life. Up to this, many would not have had the necessary equipment. But now, (almost) everyone has. I predict that many funerals will continue to be live streamed in the future, as a means of including family members who are abroad and unable to travel home in time. This may well be one of the positive legacies of these strange times.'

Wisdom: is learning to let go when you want to hang on. Courage is learning to hang on when you want to let go.

Humour: Nothing flatters a man as much as the happiness of his wife; he is always proud of himself as the source of it.

Quote Of The Week

"One's destination is never a place, but a new way of seeing things."

Henry Miller

A Message from Fr. Dan: Our Father who Art in Heaven: The Our Father is the first prayer that many of us learned. It is still many people's favourite prayer. It was given to us by Jesus, and it is the prayer that Jesus prayed many times in his own lifetime. The Our Father was given to the Apostles in the midst of Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem where he suffered and died.

The Our Father is a very complex prayer and contains depths of spirituality. In the first part of the prayer, we ask that God's Kingdom would come, that his will be done and that he would give us our daily bread.

A very important teaching of the Our Father is that God will "Forgive us our Trespases, as we forgive those who trespass against us." Just as there can be no life without food, there can be no life without forgiveness. Without forgiveness our world would be a place of hatred, revenge, and retaliation. It would be a world full of fear and dread. Without forgiveness we cannot let go of hurt and resentment. With forgiveness we return to the same one road, and we continue to travel together. The world of forgiveness is a world where there is a renewal of life, peace, and hope. When we forgive others who have wronged us, we are open to God's mercy towards us, and we become channels of God's mercy towards others. We give to others the gift of forgiveness that God has given us.

The Our Father continues, 'Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil' When we pray not to be led into temptation, we ask God not to put us to the test. A test in the bible is a trial to see how faithful we are. God tested Abraham when he asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. In this part of the Our Father we are asking God to save us from moments in life when we are tempted to choose something other than our loyalty to God. We conclude the Our Father by asking God to deliver us from evil.

The Our Father is the most beautiful prayer that we have. Every time we pray the Our Father, we reflect on how we all belong to the one human family.

Celtic Prayer for the Close of the Year

As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue sky,
So, the dark happenings of our days
Hide the shining of God's face from us.
Yet, if we hold Christ's hand in darkness,
It is enough, since we know that,
Though we may stumble in our going,
God does not fall

To make you Smile: "Saints are all right in heaven, but they are hell on earth".

Cardinal Cushing, Archbishop of Boston.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
1st/2nd July 2023**

Tullagher: Saturday 1st July at 7:00 pm

Michael Hanrahan, Tullagher

Bernard (Barney) Malone, Brownsford—Months Mind

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 2nd July at 9:30 am

Peggy Long, Ballyveria

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.

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Annual Summer Collection Envelopes**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parish Office.

Reflection: Blessed are we in times of darkness.

At times in life, we will all experience confusion and darkness.

This should not over worry us.

It is in our emptiness that we are filled.

It is in our confusions that we are guided.

It is in our weakness that we are strengthened.

It is in our failings that we are forgiven.

It is in our hunger that we are fed.

We believe that God has a homeland prepared for us where all our hungers will be satisfied and all our hopes will be fulfilled.

So, we travel onwards with joy in our hearts and a spring in our steps.

And with a great desire to live life to the full.

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. € 1,615.00 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

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.

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 porches of the Churches of the Parish.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Environmental Worker in Rosbercon Parish
2. 1 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>)**

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.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN ROSBERCON 1887

The 18th September 1887 was an occasion of great celebration in Rosbercon on the opening of the new railway station. The railway linked New Ross with Dublin via Chapel and Macmine Junction prior to which the nearest rail link was either Mullinavat or Ballywilliam Stations. At the time there was little celebration in Ross as the big merchants of the town had fought hard and failed to have the station situated on their side of the river. Although the national railway system had reached Waterford and Wexford by the 1860's it took a further 28 years to reach New Ross.

In the 1850's a rail link was proposed to connect Rosbercon with Thomastown via Inistioge and Listerlin however this never materialised. The new Rosbercon line was an immediate financial success resulting in further plans to extend the line to Waterford, construction of which commenced in August 1898. In its construction it employed 200 men and 40 horses and cart units. According to surviving records, the construction costs of Rosbercon Station were £1033.76 and an additional £235.00 for an engine turntable. The Red Bridge over the Barrow cost £21,234.00. The new Waterford link opened to traffic on 15th February 1904 with a station situated at Aylwardstown.

The construction of the railway system in general, resulted in much needed employment. For example, house No.7 at Ballyverneen accommodated a family of 7. Another very important railway link for New Ross traders was the opening of the Waterford to Rosslare line in 1906 giving a direct link with the UK. In the 1950's/60's Rosbercon Station was a very busy place for almost all town trade and passengers. There was considerable movement of fertiliser, malting grain, roofing felt, cable, leather, beet and livestock all within a relatively small station area. The regular staff resided mostly in the village who worked hard and gave a good service. We can today thankfully look forward to seeing the old station and rail line site converted to a much-appreciated Greenway.

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