

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th June 2023

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## Feast of the Most Holy Trinity

Today we celebrate the greatest mystery of our faith, namely, the mystery of the Trinity. God is Father, Son and Spirit. We celebrate the family of God; the love of the Father, the friendship of Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We reflect on the character of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### First Reading

The Lord is a God of tenderness and compassion.

**Second Reading:** Speaks of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Gospel:** Jesus came to show his love for the world.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 7:00 pm in Rosbercon  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

**Rosbercon**  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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

Bernard (Barney) Malone, Brownsford

### Anniversaries

Tom Kennedy, Ballykenna—Months Mind  
Jim Ryan, Guilcough More  
Con Ryan, School House Road  
Rita Kennedy, Ballyconnaught

### Reflection: A Wise King

In ancient Ireland a king was expected:

To be a listener in the woods; to be a gazer at the stars.  
To be silent in the wilderness; to be talkative in company.  
To be silent where secrets were concerned; to be mild in the Mead Hall.  
To be stern in battle; to be gentle towards allies.  
To be a physician of the sick; to respect the old.  
To be strong towards the powerful; to be weak with the feeble.  
Not to speak of anyone in their absence; to give but not to ask.  
Through cultivating these habits, the young prince became a worthy king.

*Brian Darcy (Adapted)*

**To make you Smile:** A bee is never as busy as it seems; it's just that it can't buzz any slower.

**A Message from Fr. Dan:** This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of the Blessed Trinity; Father, Son and Holy Spirit: "The Glory of God is a human being fully alive". (St. Irenaeus). This is our deepest vocation; to be a good human being and to be a good Christian. We cannot be one without the other. Our deepest calling is to become the people God intended us to be.

During our life on earth, we are and always will be, incomplete, imperfect. That is why we say, 'To err is human'. None of us is fully kind, fully patient, or fully moral or virtuous. We cannot live up fully to our laws or to our ideals. That is why we resent the demand that we be faultless; to be faultless is to be a bit inhuman!

Therefore, a good-humoured acceptance of human imperfection is essential if we are to be happy. We accept our limited selves and at the same time we work to develop our talents. We are a mixture of good and bad, strong and weak, faithful and unfaithful, angel and devil.

Our task in life is to overcome our faults and to develop our God-like qualities. So, we try to be unselfish, loving, loyal, compassionate, just, truthful, chaste and so on. We try to overcome fear, guilt, shame, anxiety, lying, dishonesty and the thousand vices that are part of life. We reverence good and moral people because of the help and example they give us. We reverence the three persons of the Blessed Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit who come to help us in our weakness.

On this Trinity weekend, we celebrate the love which the Father, Son and Spirit have for each one is us. It is this love that helps us to feel loved and to be able love others. It is love that makes us fully human, the people God means us to be. That is our happiness. In difficult times, when we feel that no one loves us, we can ask God for help, and even the worst day will not be as bad as we expected. God guides us each day and helps us to become more fully human.

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, (Adapted)*

**The Blessed Trinity:** We cannot understand the mystery of God in Three Persons. We can, however, enjoy the incredible beauty of God the Father in his creation. We cannot understand how a baby born in Bethlehem could be God but we can read with awe the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. We cannot understand the Holy Spirit that Jesus said he would send us but there have been times when that Holy Spirit has enveloped us in his love.

### The Trinity by Patrick Kavanagh

"Yet sometimes when the sun shines through a gap,  
These men know God the Father in a tree.  
The Holy Spirit is the rising sap,  
And Christ will be the green leaves  
That will come  
At Easter from the sealed and guarded tomb".

**To make you Smile:** An old man lay on his deathbed. His family argued about whether he had already died. 'Feel his feet', suggested his son; 'no one ever died with warm feet.' The old man opened one eye and said, 'Joan of Arc did', and died.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7:00 pm

Theresa Murphy, Tinneranny—Months Mind  
Helen Birmingham, South Knock, New Ross

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00 am

Jim Vereker Snr., Assumption Terrace  
John Joe Lewis, Assumption Terrace  
Paddy and Winnie Barron, Tinneranny

### Collection of Parish Funds 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Offertory Collection** € 643.50

**Weekly Envelopes** € 981.50

**Parish Debt on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2023** € 25,353.61

**The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes** for the support of Fr. Dan will be available from the weekend of the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> June. 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, 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.

### Pilgrimage to the Holy Land led by Ossory Adult Faith

**Development:** Would you like to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, visit the places we hear of each time we read the Scriptures: Bethlehem, Nazareth, Garden of Gethsemane, Calvary, the River Jordan, Mount of Temptation, Jericho, Cana, the Mount of Beatitudes, Sea of Galilee, Capernaum and so much more... 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 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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 93 55050 or email [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie)

### 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 8:00 am—8:00 pm or email: [hello@alone.ie](mailto:hello@alone.ie)

**Humour:** A priest in Florida complained that it was very difficult to get the Christian message across to his parishioners. 'It's so beautiful here in winter' he said 'that Heaven doesn't interest them and it's so hot here in summer that hell doesn't scare them'.

### Reflection: Digging

By God, the old man could handle a spade.

Just like his old man.

My grandfather cut more turf in a day than any other man on Toner's Bog.

Once I carried him milk in a bottle

Corked sloppily with paper.

He straightened up to drink it,

then fell to right way

Nicking and slicing neatly,

heaving sods over his shoulder,

going down and down for the good turf.

Digging.

The cold smell of potato mould,

the squelch and slap of soggy peat,

the curt cuts of an edge

Through living roots awaken in my head.

But I've no spade to follow men like them.

"Going down and down for the good turf.

Digging".

*Seamus Heaney*

**Wisdom:** "If God were not willing to forgive sins, Heaven would be empty".

**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.

### ◆ KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 2nd 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.

### ◆ NIGHTFEVER

Students, Parents, Grandparents, Friends and the wider Community are invited to pray for all sitting exams this summer. Drop in and light a free candle and say a prayer for exam success in St. Mary's and St. Michael's Church, New Ross on Tuesday 6th June from 07:00 pm to 08:00 pm.

### ◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday the 9th June at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of theTullagher Rosbercon Development Draw which was held on the 30th May 2023:

1st—Purcell Family, Slievecorrig

2nd—Pat Lawlor

3rd—Sean Meaney, Ballyreddy

4th—Eoin Ryan, Tinneranny

5th—Richard Dollard, Smithstown

6th—Billy Croke, Brownsford

7th—Camogie Club, Brownstown

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 20th June 2023 at 08:30 pm.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"May you live as long as you want, and never want for as long as you live". - Irish Proverb

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