

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th July 2023

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## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

God speaks his word to us in many ways. Jesus compared the word of God to a seed which can make our lives fruitful. However, if a seed is to produce a harvest it must be planted in good soil. What kind of soil do we offer God's word?

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

God's word is never empty or false. It is like rain that freshens the soil.

**First Reading**—God's word gives life.

### Second Reading

St. Paul tells us that present suffering cannot be compared to future glory.

**Gospel**—The parable of the Sower.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 7:00 pm in Rosbercon  
Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July No Mass  
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July No 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 noon. All are welcome to attend.

We were delighted to welcome **Sr. Nuala Glynn from the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary** to speak at our Masses in Rosbercon Parish last weekend. Sr. Nuala gave us a great insight into the lives of the Missionary Sisters and their work around the world. Sr. Nuala has written to thank all parishioners for their generosity in supporting her collections and was overwhelmed by the € 1,960.00 that was collected. Once again thank you all for your continued support for the missionaries and we will keep the Sisters in our prayers.

### Recent Deaths

Pat (Patsy) Kirwan, Cappagh, Glenmore

### Anniversaries

Kathleen Mackey, Mullinakill  
George Peters, Slievacorragh  
John and Mary Rochford, Shanbogh, Rosbercon

**Wisdom:** Life is full of irony; it takes sadness to know what happiness is, noise to appreciate silence and absence to value presence.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: The Kingdom of God:** God sent Jesus, his beloved Son, into the world for the purpose of establishing the Kingdom of God on earth. Jesus did this through his teaching, his healing and the example of his life. After his resurrection Jesus left it to us his followers, in every generation, to establish God's influence in every walk of life.

The Kingdom was very much on the mind of Jesus throughout his life. Altogether, in the New Testament, there are about one hundred and fifty references to the Kingdom. In Today's Gospel, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Sower. Jesus is sowing the seeds of the Kingdom and assures us that the seeds will come to fruition in good soil. Once the Kingdom is in place, 'all will be well, and all manner of things will be well.'

In other places, the Kingdom is referred to as a hidden treasure, a precious pearl, a father welcoming home a lost son, a healing miracle and even as the calming of a storm at sea.

How do we establish God's Kingdom today? It might be to struggle for greater human justice, or to try to provide daily bread for the poor, or to defend human rights. It could be to have a more loving family life or to care for the plight of refugees.

In the gospel stories Jesus tells us that the presence of God is all around us. God is especially present at Mass where he offers his people the body of Christ as spiritual food. God's presence is with us in our work, in our decisions, in our education, and in all our activities that contribute to human well-being.

We do our best to co-operate with God in bringing about the best world that can be achieved. God the Father inspires us. Jesus accompanies us and the Spirit of God guides us. In this work of God, we all travel together.

*(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)*

### Turning enemies into friends:

When Abraham Lincoln was running for president of the United States

There was a man called Stanton, who never lost an opportunity to vilify him.

Yet, when Lincoln won the election

He gave Stanton a post in his cabinet. Why?

Because he considered him the best man for the job!

And Lincoln was proved right.

Stanton gave him loyal service.

Asked why he didn't destroy his enemies, Lincoln replied,

'Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?'

**To make you Smile:** 'If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans'.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

**Rosbercon**—Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7:00 pm

Michael Ryan, School House Road

John Cullen Garranbehy

**Mullinarrigle**—Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 9:30 am

Margaret Malone, Listerlin

### Collection of Parish Funds 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

**Offertory Collection:** € 1,055.00

**Weekly Envelopes** € 2,120.00

**Cemetery Mass Listerlin** € 2,235.00

**Parish Debt on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023** € 23,853.61

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.

### Parish Sunday Envelopes – Other Ways to Donate

Parishioners who would like to give their weekly contribution to the parish through the Parish Bank Account may do so as follows:

**Parish Bank:** Bank of Ireland, The Quay, New Ross, Co. Wexford.

**Account:** Rosbercon Church Current Account No 1

**IBAN:** IE80 BOFI 9066 3811 4991 85

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

If you choose to contribute to the Parish Bank Account, please include your name or envelope number with your donation as a reference. If you wish to make online donations to the parish, you can do so through the Donate Button on the Parish website. If you have any difficulty, please contact Fr. Dan.

### Go raibh mile maith agat.

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 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—9355050 or email [info@myriam.ie](mailto:info@myriam.ie)

### Reflection

#### Scaffolding

Masons when they start upon a building

Are careful to test the scaffolding.

Make sure that planks won't slip at busy points.

Secure all ladders, tighten bolted joints.

And yet all this comes down when the job is done,

Showing off walls of sure and solid stone.

So if, my dear, there sometimes seem to be

old bridges breaking between you and me,

Never fear, we may let the scaffolds fall

Confident that we have built our wall.

*Seamus Heaney*

**Humour:** Never laugh at your wife's choice, look who she married!

### To make you Smile:

St. Jerome in his study kept a great big cat.

It's always in his pictures with his feet upon the mat.

Did he give it milk to drink in a little dish?

When it came to Fridays did he give it fish?

If I lost my little cat I'd be sad without it;

I should ask St Jerome what to do about it;

I should ask St Jerome just because of that,

For he's the only saint I know who kept a pussy cat.

**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 Worker in New Ross Parish

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or

086-3642592. Email: [rosberconparish@gmail.com](mailto:rosberconparish@gmail.com). **Department**

**of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and**

**Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

### ◆ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER CAMP

St. Joseph's AC are holding their Summer Camp at the parish grounds in Rosbercon from July 24th to July 28th inclusive from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm daily. The cost is € 60.00 per child and all are welcome. To book your place you can visit St. Joseph's AC Facebook page and sign up or you can contact Pat Power on 086—6043079. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

The Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Club recently held a presentation night in Paddy Ryan's Bar. The club presented over € 6,900.00 to different clubs and charities in our local community:

1.	Rosbercon Parish Hall	€ 2,000.00
2.	Rosbercon Church	€ 1,500.00
3.	St. Joseph's Athletic Club	€ 1,000.00
4.	Meals on Wheels New Ross	€ 1,000.00
5.	Shambough School	€ 600.00
6.	Tullogher GAA Club	€ 200.00
7.	Tullogher Camogie Club	€ 200.00
8.	New Ross Pipe Band	€ 200.00
9.	Ballyneale Cemetery	€ 200.00

We would like to thank everyone for their support in helping us raise such a massive amount of money which will greatly benefit the different clubs and charities.

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Smell the sea and feel the sky, let your soul and spirit fly".

Van Morrison

(This quote is a line from the song 'Brand New Day' which was featured on his 1970's album 'Moondance').

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