

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 23rd July 2023

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Sixteenth Sunday of Year A

We go to Church, not because we are saints, but because we are sinners, sinners who know that we are sinners, but who are willing to strive for something better. And God is patient with us and lenient in his judgments.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

How God cares for the weak and sinful.

First Reading—God is a lenient judge.

Second Reading—The Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Gospel—The parable of the wheat and the weeds.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 29 th July	No Mass
Sunday 30 th July	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon	
Wednesday 26 th July	10:00 am Mass
Friday 28 th July	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.

Recent Deaths

Peter Holden, Ballycroyne, Glenmore
Ann Minogue, Boley, Ballycullane

Anniversaries

Jim Doolan, Ballyknock –Months Mind
Michael Ryan, School House Road
John Cullen, Garranbehy
Tom Mullally, Ballyeden
William McDonald, Murrintown, Wexford and Ballyneale

We welcome into our Parish Community **Méabh Colette and Cillian Andrew O’Riordan**, daughter and son of Barry and Anne, Brownstown, who were baptised in St. David’s Church, Listerlin on Saturday 15th July 2023.

To make you Think—Take time to think, it is the source of power. Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom. Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young. Take time to be quiet, it is the moment to seek God. Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others. Take time to love and be loved, it is God’s greatest gift. Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness. Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of. Take time to pray it is the greatest power on earth.

A Message from Fr. Dan: World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly - 23rd July 2023: In July 2021 **Pope Francis** established a World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which was celebrated for the first time on Sunday, 25th July 2021 when Pope Francis celebrated Mass in Rome. During the Mass, Pope Francis reminded us that grandparents and the elderly deserve our respect and praise. Among the greatest people we are likely to meet in our lives could be our own grandparents. Throughout their lives they had to endure war, shortages, scarcity and hours of hard tedious work. Times were tough in many different ways. Grandparents sacrificed everything to take care of their families and gave their children better lives than they themselves had. For their grandchildren they are caregivers, teachers and playmates. They are trusted advisors for their adult children who are now parents themselves.

For many families, grandparents provide regular child care. In some cases, they are primary caregivers to their grandchildren. They are a valuable resource because they have so many stories and experiences from their own lives to share. Children understand more of who they are and where they come from, through their connection with their grandparents. Grandparents can get away with a little spoiling, which gives them a special place in a child's heart, and they tell the best stories!!

On Wednesday, 26th July we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus.

Prayer of Pope Francis for Grandparents:

Dear Grandmother, Dear grandfather,
May our Lord, Jesus Christ be always close to you.
We thank you for all you have contributed to life and for the gifts you continue to give to your families
And to our community.

We pray that your closeness to God will bring you
The health and the strength you need to continue
Your journey on the road of life.

May you continue to enjoy your life, your work,
And your prayers.

May your memories always be happy and may you
Achieve your dreams for the future.

One day we will all be united in God’s Kingdom,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen

Wisdom

“Life is mostly froth and bubble.

Two things stand like stone:

Kindness in another’s trouble

Courage in your own.”

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

29th/30th July 2023

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 30th July at 9:30 am

Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

Rosbercon: Sunday 30th July at 11:00 am

Kitty Lawlor, School House Road

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.

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.

The Cemeteries of our parish are sacred places which hold the remains of our beloved dead. Many thanks to all those who care for their graves. Your work is very much appreciated.

Reflection: A Prayer at the end of the Day

Grant, O Lord, that each day

Before we enter the quiet and peace of sleep,

We may reflect on the day that is just passed.

Grant, O Lord that every wrong deed may be forgiven,

And every unkind thought set right.

Let nothing go down into the depths of our being

Which has not been forgiven and sanctified.

Then we shall be ready for the new day that will dawn,

So that we may enjoy each day in its turn.

Help us to look forward with love and hope

to the events that each day brings.

who art both judge and saviour

holy judge and loving saviour.

Humour

The class teacher asked, "Now, Johnny, tell me, do you say prayers before eating?" "No Miss," little Johnny replied, "I don't have to – my mum is a good cook!"

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Bríd Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Bríd 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. **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.

◆ ST. MOLING'S ROSBERCON TULLOGER CHAPTER, ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Since December we have experienced a substantial increase in requests for food, school expenses and heating requirements. We expect such requests to continue throughout the coming winter months which will put us under financial pressure. Currently, parishioners are our only source of funds. For example we recently had to support a family with three young children, the father, had recently lost his employment through no fault of his own. The mother contacted us for immediate help as they had neither money or food in the house at the time. We immediately provided both food and other necessities until his unemployment benefit arrived which took four weeks to process.

In another case an elderly lady was living on her own and depending solely on her social welfare income. She suffers from considerable ill health which requires constant heat but she can only afford to light a fire a few nights a week due to the cost of coal and timber. This resulted in her having to go to bed early to keep warm. In many such cases St. Vincent De Paul is the only available source of assistance.

In our Parish we will do whatever we can to alleviate such genuine cases and will leave no stone unturned to prevent children in particular from going hungry. Any person wishing to assist us financially at this time can do by contacting any of the following committee members on 087-7140112. Whatever we receive will be greatly appreciated. Richard McElwee, Mary B Conway, Seamus Waters, Catherine Cottrell, Margaret Saunders and Bríd Vereker.

◆ NEW ROSS GUITAR FESTIVAL

Redmond O'Toole will be playing in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Thursday 10th August at 08:00 pm. Tickets are €20.00 and are also available online on www.newrossguitarfestival.ie/ www.stmichaelsnewross.com.

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