

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 2nd July 2023

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Theme of the Weekend Readings

To day we celebrate the gifts God has given us especially the joys of summer.

First Reading

The prophet Elisha rewards with a blessing a woman who offers him care and hospitality.

Second Reading

Saint Paul tells his followers that baptism saves them from the power of sin and death.

Gospel—Jesus instructs his followers.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 8th July 7:00 pm in Rosbercon
Sunday 9th July 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon
Wednesday 5th July 10:00 am Mass
Friday 7th 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

Jim Doolan, Ballyknock, Rosbercon

Anniversaries

Bernard (Barney) Malone, Brownsford—Months Mind
Michael Hanrahan, Tullogher
Peggy Long, Ballyveria
Tommy Lawlor, Leeds and Ballyknock
Brian O'Neill Snr., Tinneranny

Cemetery Masses

The following cemetery Masses take place this week, Monday, Listerlin Old Cemetery, Tuesday, Rosbercon Old Cemetery and Friday, Mullinarrigle Cemetery.

We wish every blessing to **Shauna Power, Ballybeg, and Gavin O'Gara, Chambersland**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 24th June 2023. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

Wisdom

"Love is everywhere, I see it.
You are all that you can be, go on and be with it.
Life is perfect, I believe it.
Come and play the game with me."

John Denver

A Message from Fr. Dan: Our Sister, Mother Earth: Popes, on occasion, write letters to Christians across the world. These letters are known as Papal Encyclicals. Pope Francis wrote a very powerful Encyclical Letter, titled *Laudato Si': On the Care of our Common Home* in July 2019. The Pope wrote this letter in the light of the grave crisis that now faces the earth and the whole of humanity, because of terrible destruction of the environment brought about by blind human greed.

In his letter the Pope presents Saint Francis of Assisi as a model of how we might pull back from the brink. The Pope recalls how Francis reminds us that the earth is our common home and is like a sister, with whom we share our life. The earth is a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. Saint Francis writes, "Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs".

The pope goes on "Guided by the Holy Spirit, Saint Francis lived in simplicity and in wonderful harmony with God, with others, with nature and with himself; he recognized an inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace." He saw "nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness.

Just as happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever he would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise of our most loving Creator." He can teach us that "rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise."

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

In Memory of my Mother

You will have the road gate open, the front door ajar,
the kettle boiling and the table set
by the window looking out at the sycamore
and your loving heart lying in wait.

You will know I am coming, though I sent no word.
For you were lover who could tell
a man's thoughts, my thoughts though I hid them.
Through you I knew Woman and did not fear her spell.

Patrick Kavanagh

Celtic Prayer

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

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
8th/9th July 2023**

Rosbercon: Saturday 8th July at 7.00pm
Margaret and Matty Phelan, Shanbogh
Rena Ryan, School House Road

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 9th July at 9:30 am
Sr. Annette Walsh, Smithstown
Pat Walsh, Listerlin and Ferrybank
The Purcell Family, Smithstown

Collection of Parish Funds 17th/18th & 24th/25th June 2023

Offertory Collection	€ 975.00
Weekly Envelopes	€ 1,305.00
Cemetery Masses	€ 2,305.00
Parish Debt on 28th June 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.

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

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Reflection: The Slow Work of God

Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
We are quite naturally impatient.
We want to reach the end without delay...
We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
We are impatient of being on the way to something unknown,
Something new
And yet it is the law of all progress:
That there are many stages of instability...
And these may take a very long time....
And so, it is with us.
Our ideas mature gradually;
Let them grow, let them shape themselves,
Without undue haste
Don't try to force them on,
As though we could be today what time
Will make of us tomorrow
Only God can say what this new spirit
Gradually forming within us will become.
Give Our Lord the benefit of our believing
That his hand is leading us, shaping us.
Help us to accept the anxiety
Of feeling ourselves in suspense and incomplete

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.

To make you Smile

'Behind every great man is an exhausted woman'.

Lady Fairbairn (1994)

To make you Smile: A priest said to a bride who was holding up a sozzled groom at the altar: 'Take him away and bring him back when he's sober.' 'But father' she replied, 'when he's sober, he won't come.'

Humour: An Irish man explaining to some friends that he thought he saw a ghost one night and took up his gun and shot it. When he got up in the morning, he found that it was only his shirt. 'What did you do then?' asked his friend. 'I knelt down and thanked God that I was not in it.'

◆ **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>)**

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Members of the society will join locals and others, on July 9th, for the annual climb of Tory Hill on Fraochan Sunday. This ancient tradition pre-dates Christianity and is associated with the ancient festival of Lughanasa. Michael Fortune of Folklore.ie will give a talk, on the summit of the hill, on the traditions associated with Fraochan Sunday at 2pm. Climbing/walking to the summit takes, on average, one hour. The society would like to thank Kilkenny County Council for financial assistance received for this event, under the Community Events Grants Scheme 2023.

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION**

The New Ross Active Retirement are having their general meeting on Friday the 7th July at the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am. All welcome to attend.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON CAMOGIE CLUB**

Pride of place must surely go to the twenty-four girls of the Tullogher Under 15 Camogie Team who created history as they won the Division Two Féile Title on Saturday 24 June at Na Piarasigh GAA Grounds in Limerick. They beat Shannon Rovers, Monaleen and Blarney in the group stages before accounting for Clontarf in the semi-final by 2-08 to 0-01. Blarney dispatched the host club Na Piarasigh in the other semi-final to set up a repeat of the earlier group clash. Despite conceding within the first minute the Tullogher girls rallied and a first half scoring spree was followed by a second half object lesson in defending the hard earned lead they'd established. The final score read Tullogher 4-05 Blarney 2-01. Lily Ryan was presented with the trophy and thanked all players as well as the coaches Donal Cummins, Joan Murphy, Ursula Murphy, Marie Ryan and Michael Ryan. A very happy crowd turned out to greet all upon their arrival back in Listerlin on a day which will live long in the memories of all associated with GAA in our parish.

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