

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 30th July 2023

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

The theme of wisdom dominates today's liturgy. Wisdom is a priceless thing and is something we all need. All of us act foolishly at times.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are told what is of value in life.

First Reading—King Solomon asks God for wisdom.

Second Reading

God turns everything to good for those who love him.

Gospel—The Parable of the Treasure and the Pearl.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5th August 7:00pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 6th August 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon
Wednesday 2nd August 10:00 am Mass
Friday 4th August 10:00 am Mass

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

Bishop Niall Coll will celebrate the Morning Mass in Rosbercon on Wednesday next 2nd August at 10:00 am All are welcome to attend and Bishop Coll would like to meet the people after Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will not take place on Wednesday.

Recent Deaths

Tim Roche, Curragh Lane, Tullogher

Anniversaries

Walter and Maura Ryan, Listerlin
John and Mary Grennan, Ballycurran
Margaret Malone, Listerlin
Sony, Packie and Thomas Long, Ballalog
Kitty Lawlor, School House Road

We welcome into our Parish Community **John Tadhg Keane**, son of Seán and Donna Marie, Wexford, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Conn Óg John O'Callaghan**, son of John and Margaret, London, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 22nd July 2023.

To make you Smile: You can't stay young forever, but you can be immature for the rest of your life!

A Message from Fr. Dan: "I've started, so I'll finish": I'm probably no different from most people when I admit to being slow to begin a project, fearing the end result is going to be a shambles. We put off so many things until the long evenings of summer. It is now time to tackle those projects that we hoped to complete this summer.

There is great wisdom in trusting that the completion of our tasks will come only after several attempts, false dawns, and, maybe more importantly than anything else, recognition that I may not be able to achieve my goal on my own. It is a most liberating experience to realise that one needs help. One of the happiest surprises in life is how often we discover people who are willing to work with us, share our load and accompany us on a particular journey.

The great success stories that make headlines are nearly always preceded by great struggle, effort, apparent failure and many moments of self-doubt. There are always 'nay sayers' who presume "it couldn't be done". Yet things get done and we are often captivated by what has been achieved.

For every one of us, there is a potential success story... tailor made for you and me, made to fit each personality. However, we may need to start and start again, but, often with the helping hand of another, the love and support of another, the task is finally completed. Here lies the truth: We need each other. Together we can achieve headline success stories! The important thing is to make a start.

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

Blessing of Saint Fursey, Irish Monk, 597A.D.

The arms of God around my shoulders,
The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head,
The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead,
The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears,
The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils,
The vision of heaven's company in my eyes,
The conversation of heaven's company on my lips,
The work of God's Church in my hands,
The service of God and neighbour in my feet,
A home for God in my heart,
And to God, the Father of all, my entire being, Amen.

The Last Laugh

'I made hay while the sun shone. My work sold. Now, if the harvest is over and the world cold, give me the bonus of laughter as I lose hold'

John Betjeman

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

5th/6th August 2023

Tullagher: Saturday, 5th August at 7:00 pm

Joan Roche, Curragh Lane, Tullagher

John Finn, Glenballyvalley

Rosbercon: Sunday 6th August at 11:00 am

Michael Fleming, Chambersland

Collection of Parish Funds 15th/16th & 22nd/23rd July 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,205.50

Weekly Envelopes € 1,114.50

Parish Debt on 26th 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.

The opening event of the **New Ross Guitar Festival** will take place on Thursday evening August 10th at 8pm at the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, featuring Redmond O'Toole, a classical guitarist of great distinction, who has performed extensively throughout Europe and the USA, including touring with the Chieftains. Redmond performs on a unique 8 string Brahms guitar and has been described by the Irish Times as 'Ireland's most distinctive guitarist'. A performance not to be missed. General Admission: € 20.00. Tickets available at St. Michael's Theatre Box office or on the door. All parishioners of Rosbercon Parish will be offered discounted tickets at € 15.00. Just mention it to the staff at St. Michael's Theatre or on the door on the night.

A Blessing: May the light of your soul guide you.

May the light of your soul bless the work you do with the secret love and warmth of your heart.

May you see in what you do the beauty of your own soul.

May the sacredness of your work

bring healing and renewal to those who work with you

and to those who see and receive your work.

May your work never weary you.

May it release within you wellsprings of refreshment, inspiration and excitement.

May the day never burden you.

May the dawn find you awake and alert, approaching your new day with dreams, possibilities and promises.

May evening find you gracious and fulfilled.

May you go into the night blessed, sheltered and protected.

May your soul calm, console and renew you.

The Gardener

Have I lived enough? Have I loved enough?

Have I considered Right Action enough?

Have I come to any conclusion?

Have I experienced happiness with sufficient happiness?

Have I endured loneliness with grace?

I say this, or perhaps I'm just thinking it.

Actually, I probably think too much.

Then I step out into the garden,

where the gardener who is said to be a simple man, is tending his children, the roses.

Mary Oliver

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.

Wisdom: "The diamond cannot be polished without friction, nor the man perfect without trials"

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA NOTES**

On Saturday 5th of August, The Marble City Cyclers will be in the local area cycling from Inistioge to Mullinavat and stopping off in the club rooms for refreshments. There will be over 500 cyclists participating between the hours of 10.00 am to 2:30 pm so please exercise caution and obey the stewards on the roads please.

On the playing field, the Junior E hurling team will play O'Loughlin Gaels in the knockout championship next Monday the 31st July at 7:30 pm in Brownstown. The Junior Hurling team are playing in the 1st round of the league championship v Kilmacow on Friday 4th of August at 7:30 pm in Mullinavat. All support is welcome.

◆ **ST. MOLING'S ROSBERCON TULLOGHER 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 Brid Vereker.

◆ **CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE**

Experienced childminder available locally with garda vetting, for more information please email Roisin at kilkennyireland999@gmail.com

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