

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th August 2023

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

In times of difficulty, we find it natural to turn to God. But God wishes us to turn to Him at all times. We are especially aware of the presence of God at Mass...

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

God takes away our fears and gives rest to our souls.

**First Reading:** Elijah finds God in the gentle breeze.

### Second Reading

Paul reaches out to the Jews, his own people.

**Gospel:** Jesus calms a storm at sea.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	7:00 pm Vigil of the Assumption
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	11:00 am Feast of the Assumption
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00 am Mass
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10:00 am Mass

#### Mullinarrigle

Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	9:30 am Feast of the Assumption
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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.

**Holy Water** is now in the Fonts of the Churches of the Parish. We are encouraged to bless ourselves as we enter and leave the Church.

**The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**, this year falls on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass will be celebrated in **Rosbercon** on Monday at 7:00 pm and the Mass of the Feast will be on Tuesday at 11:00 am. Mass in **Mullinarrigle** will be on Tuesday at 9:30 am.

We wish every blessing to **Amy Shiely, Castle Annaghs and Eoin McGillicuddy, Co. Kerry**, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2023. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

We welcome into the Christian Community **Méabh Johanna Wilkinson**, daughter of John and Christina, Belleville, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: The Holy Well:** This year we will be celebrating Mass at Saint Moling's Well on Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August at 2:00 pm. The pattern is celebrated annually at the well, not on the feast of Saint Moling but on the feast of Saint Bernard, the 20<sup>th</sup> August, should it fall on a Sunday, or if not on the next Sunday following. The association of Saint Bernard with the well came from the influence of the monks of Jerpoint Abbey.

In ancient times people had a deep reverence for water and venerated their wells with wonder and gratitude. Water emerging from rocks on the mountain or from a spring in the field was looked upon as a small miracle. Water was God's gift, celebrated in all ancient religions. Many of the sagas of ancient Ireland celebrated the holy well. The salmon of knowledge was flushed from the holy well of Segais into the Boyne. Mere contact with the salmon gave a person supernatural power!

After the coming of Christianity, holy wells were no longer seen as having divine or miraculous powers of their own. Rather they were seen as a source of God's grace where people could go and pray for healing.

After the reformation there was an upsurge in traditional devotions in Ireland. Holy wells and patterns became central to being a catholic. Stations of the Cross began to appear at holy wells. Priests began to celebrate Mass at the wells, as well as giving sermons and leading people in prayer. What is interesting is that rich and poor alike attended these celebrations, and the presence of the priest ensured that there was no conflict between the traditional devotions and the teaching of the Church.

By the late eighteen hundreds, the holy wells had come to be regarded with suspicion by the authorities because of disorderly religious and non-religious practices associated with them. However, a new appreciation of Ireland's Gaelic past has given them a new lease of life. The wells and the patterns have come to be seen as expressions of a genuine Irish spirituality. In the nineteen hundreds, statues of Our Lady and of local saints were added at the site of the wells. In this way celebrations at holy wells included local devotions as well as the devotions of the universal Church. The statue of Saint Moling proudly overlooks the well dedicated to his honour in Mullinakill.

We sincerely thank the members of the Saint Moling's well committee who care for the well, the shrine and the grounds at Mullinakill. Your work is very much appreciated.

**To make you Smile:** -The bible tells us to forgive our enemies; it doesn't tell us to forgive our friends!

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 9:30 am

Jimmy Bookle, Mullinkaill

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am

Jim Vereker Jnr., Assumption Terrace

Tom and Bessie Doyle, Rosbercon

### Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2023

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August St. Moling's Well

**This Mass will be celebrated at 2:00 pm.**

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.

**To make you Smile:** A Jesuit, a Dominican and a Franciscan were marooned on a desert island. Under a palm tree they discovered a magic lamp. Sceptical, they rubbed it and sure enough a genie appeared and offered them three wishes. Since there were three of them, they decided that it would be fair for each to get one wish.

The Jesuit thought for a moment and said he wanted to teach at the world's most famous university. *Poof*, he was gone. The Dominican wished to preach in the world's largest church. *Poof*, he was gone. The Franciscan looked around and thought, 'Gee, I already got my wish.'

**'Them and Us':** We grow up believing that we live in a hostile world, divided between 'them' and 'us'. The way that this belief affects us is put very neatly by Doc in John Steinbeck's novel, *Cannery Row*: "It has always seemed strange to me," said Doc, "The things we admire in men – kindness and generosity, openness, honesty, understanding and feeling – are the companions of failure in our system. And those things we detest – sharpness, greed, acquisitiveness, meanness, egotism and self-interest – are the traits of success. And while men admire the quality of the first, they love the produce of the second". To stand outside today's culture that dominates life is very difficult. For to seek truth, goodness and beauty is to walk alone!

### Reflection: Slow me down Lord:

Slow me down Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady me with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my days

the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves

with the soothing of the streams.

Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking one-minute holidays.

Slow me down to look at a flower;

to chat with a friend,

to read a few lines from a book.

Slow me down Lord.

Slow me down.

Slow me down.

**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:** How beautiful it is to stay silent when everyone expects you to be enraged.

**Humour:** Lord, give me coffee to change the things I can and wine to accept the things I can't!

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Heritage Week 2023 Event

Mystery Tour of Mooncoin

Sunday 20th August 2023

#### Starting point and time

Main gate Mooncoin Parish Church at 2:30 pm.

Free - All Welcome

### ◆ ST. MOLING'S WELL PATTERN

The annual St Molings Well pattern mass in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 20th August at 2:00 pm. The mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny, come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St. Molings Well on August 20th.

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