

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 20th August 2023

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Twentieth Sunday of the Year

In today's Gospel we meet a pagan woman who had the most extraordinary faith in Jesus, a faith that was rewarded with the cure of her sick daughter. During the Mass let us bring our needs and concerns to God, whose children we are.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We are reminded that persistent faith is fruitful.

First Reading: God's laws are simple to understand.

Second Reading: Paul longs for the Jews to realise that Jesus is their Messiah.

Gospel: The Canaanite woman is persistent.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 26th August: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 27th August: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 23rd August: 10am Mass

Friday 25th August: 10am Mass

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

Anniversaries:

Jimmy Bookle, Mullinakill

Jim Vereker (Junior), Assumption Terrace

Tom & Bessie Doyle, Rosbercon

Bridie Gaule, Slievencorragh and deceased family members.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Holy Well Part 2: What will be the significance of Holy Wells like that of Saint Moling into the future? What will be the place of Holy Wells in future catholic devotion?

At Saint Moling's well, the people are able to worship God through the mediation of Saint Moling who lived his life in Mullinakill, leaving a mark of his saintly activities on the landscape in the form of a well that he called up. Blessing oneself with water from the well or bringing water home connects a person with God himself. God cannot be identified with the well water nor is the well water itself divine, but through the action of Saint Moling a person can contact God through their devotion to the well.

The consecration of the well at Mullinakill by Saint Moling is celebrated each August by the pattern that takes place at the well. The pattern day is one of the major feast days in the life of the parish. Saint Moling is our local saint, one of us, who first brought the faith to our community.

The continued existence of holy wells and their use for devotional purposes is one of the many signs that Christian practices are far from dead in Ireland. We hope and pray that for many years to come Saint Moling's well will continue to attract pilgrims seeking healing of body and soul. As we advance into the twenty first century, we are very happy to have a shrine of such beauty and tranquillity in our parish.

In the film Shirley Valentine, the main character Shirley laments her stay- home life which is mostly spent in the kitchen of her home. Her husband Joe is out working all day and her two children have left home. Shirley explains:

"I've led such a little life and even that will be over pretty soon. I've allowed myself to lead this little life when inside me there is so much more and it's all gone unused, and now it never will be.

Why do we get all this life if we never use it?

Why do we get all these feelings, and dreams and hopes?

That's where Shirley Valentine disappeared,

She got lost in all this unused life

To make you Smile: -After a meeting attended by the late Denis Healy, Deputy Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, his wife Edna said to him, 'We can go now, Denis. I don't think there's anyone else you haven't insulted.'

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Forgiveness:

'When we forgive, we free ourselves from the burden of Bitterness and we free the other person from the burden of guilt.

But our forgiveness must come from the heart which means it must be true, sincere and warm.

A cold forgiveness is not much use.

Forgiveness should start now.

Putting it off only deepens the wound, prolongs bitterness and postpones happiness

Life is so short, time is fleeting.

Today is the day to forgive.

Lord, deliver us from the poison of bitterness, and give us the grace to forgive from the heart those who have offended us.

Then we will know the warmth of your forgiveness'

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.

'Love and Power': "What is love but a face, instantly recognisable in a sea of faces?

A spotlight rather than a panning shot. This is very different to power, which is a matter of numbers, of crowd scenes.

I heard of an inscription on a stone set up in North Africa over two thousand years ago which reads: 'I, the captain of a legion of Rome, have learned and pondered the truth, that there are in life two things, love and power, and no man can have both.'

Some twenty centuries later I add my own name to that inscription". Malcolm Muggeridge

To make you Smile: 'Life is a jest, and all things show it. I thought so once, but now I know it'.

God, Faith and Me: Faith is a wonderful treasure of a belief in the things which we have not yet seen, and yet have experienced. Faith is like a journey along a road. At times it can be level, at times it can throw up hills and obstacles and we may not know what is around the next bend. Yet, faith is what accompanies us in those difficult times. It is the promise that we hold in our hearts of hope in troubled times, of a light in the dark to guide our steps. Faith is a truly precious pearl, given to us by the King of Heaven, a King who humbled himself to share in our humanity. Let us rejoice in our faith and pray that it will remain with us.

Just a Thought: One of gifts that many of us inherited from our parents and grandparents is a sense of the presence of God in our lives. God is a God who loves, supports and cares for us every moment of our lives. We believe that God is with us here and now in the world that God has created. This belief leads us to constant communion with God. Those of us who are old enough to remember our parents and grandparents know that they had a prayer to cover every chore of the day. Each action was done in partnership with God and became a prayer. In our very busy lives today, it would be good to reflect now and again on our God as we go about our work. 'My life is God's precious gift to me. I live enclosed in God and God is enclosed in me'.

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 26th/27th August 2023:

Rosbercon: Sunday 27th August at 11.00am

Kathleen Brennan, Waterford

Paddy & Nellie Brennan, England

Pat O Neil, Slievecorragh

Collection of Parish Funds 5th/6th & 12th/13th August 2023:

Offertory Collection: €697.00

Weekly Envelopes: €928.00

Parish Debt on 15th August 2023: €23,853.61

Reflection: An Irish Wish

God be good to you in all your days,

God be kind to you in all your ways.

God give strength to you when crosses lean,

God send light to you, the clouds between.

God give peace to you in times of strife,

God bless everything that fills your life.

God send joy to you when grief is o'er,

God make way for you at Heaven's door

Wisdom: Courage is fear holding on a little longer.

Humour: The great comfort of turning 49 is the realisation that you are now too old to die young!!

◆ **South Kilkenny Historical Society**

Heritage Week 2023 Event

Mystery Tour of Mooncoin

Sunday, August 20th

Starting point and time: Main gate Mooncoin Parish Church at 2.30pm

Free - all welcome

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