

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 6th August 2023

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The Transfiguration of the Lord

We may never experience anything as powerful as the Transfiguration, but every day in countless and seemingly small ways, God does break into our world and our daily lives. This week, let us open our hearts so that we may hear Jesus speaking to us. May we slow down and look for moments of small but important times of transfiguration in our daily lives.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: The Transfiguration of Our Lord.

First Reading: His robe is as white as snow.

Second Reading: We heard this ourselves, spoken from Heaven.

Gospel: Jesus' face shone like the sun.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 12th August: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 13th August: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigue
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 9th August: No Mass
Friday 11th August: 10am Mass

Anniversaries:

Joan Roche, Curraghlane, Tullogher
John Finn, Glenballyvalley
Fitzgerald Family, Cooleen, Tullogher
Michael Fleming, Chamberland, and deceased members of the Fleming and Hayden families

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

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 9th August 2023.

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.

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2023:

Sunday, 20th August: St Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at 2.00 pm

A Message from Fr Dan: Celebrating Matt Talbot: Matt Talbot was born in Dublin on the 2nd of May in 1856. He was the second eldest of twelve children. He lived at home with his mother for a number of years in the North Strand area. He left school at the age of twelve and went to work in a wine merchant's shop and by the age of thirteen he was a hopeless alcoholic.

At the age of 28, disgusted with the life he was living, Matt took the pledge and never again touched alcohol for the remaining forty years of his life. His first years of sobriety were especially difficult but regular prayer and daily attendance at Mass gave him strength to persevere. In time he developed a deep faith and became known for his life of prayer, fasting and service. Matt understood that every person who has an addiction of any kind is a beloved child of God. That is their true identity. He knew that nothing could change the truth that he was a beloved child of God. He also knew that alcohol and other drugs create uncertainty and dependence in a person's life. Drugs, including alcohol make the addicted believe that they need them to be confident, to function and cope with life.

Even in the depth of his addiction Matt Talbot never forgot the truth that he was created by God and that God has a plan for his life. Through his prayer and life of service he came to see that God is more powerful than any addiction. He went to Jesus with his addiction and found freedom. He lived for forty years without alcohol until his sudden death on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday, 7th June 1925. We ask him to intercede for us so that we will always believe that the power of God is the greatest power in the world and it can overcome everything.
(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

Prayer: Christ in Creation

No flower in field, No fish in stream, No bird on wing,
No shape on shore, No star in sky, No living thing
but is rich in Him, and blessed in Him, and sings of Him,
Jesus, praise to you. Amen.

To make you Smile: Boy: 'Mummy, you know that vase you were always worried I might break? Well, your worries are over.'

'The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise.'

MarkTwain

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.

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World Youth Day 2023: was held in Lisbon, Portugal from Tuesday 1st August to Sunday 6th August. Pope Francis attending the event this weekend. Since the beginning of World Youth Day in 1986 by the late Pope John Paul II, it has been held in cities across the world such as Buenos Aires, Paris, Toronto, Rome, Sydney and most recently in Panama City. The purpose of World Youth Day is to take up the main concern of Pope John Paul II, a renewal of faith that will reach young people. Throughout the past 25 years of World Youth Day, huge numbers across the globe have come together to pray and worship in a festive atmosphere of music, song and more. Please pray for the young people from our Diocese who are attending this year's Youth Day and seeking God in their lives.

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.

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 Brahm's guitar and has been described by the Irish Times as 'Ireland's most distinctive guitarist'. A performance not to be missed. General Admission: €20. 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. Just mention to staff at St Michael's Theatre or on door on the night.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2022/2023: The July draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 26th July in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Anne O'Sullivan who won 3rd Prize of €500. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

To make you Smile: An elderly lady was invited to an old friend's home one evening for dinner. She was impressed by the way her friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as; honey, love darling etc. The couple had been married for 60 years and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was out of the room the lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say 'I think it's wonderful after all those years that you still call your husband all those loving names'. The elderly lady replied, 'I have to tell you the truth. His name slipped my mind about ten years ago and I'm scared to death to ask the cranky old so and so what his name is!'.

Collection of Parish Funds 29th/30th July 2023:

Offertory Collection: €629.00
Weekly Envelopes: €436.00

Parish Debt on 2nd August 2023: €23,853.61

◆ **Meals on Wheels**

New Ross Meals on Wheels hold their Annual Church Gate Collection this weekend at Parish Masses.

◆ **St Molings Well Pattern**

The annual St Molings Well pattern mass in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 20th August at 2pm. 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.

Reflection: The Summer Day:

Who made the world? Who made the swan and the black bear?

Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper I mean-
the one who has flung herself out on the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down

-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.

Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.

Now she snaps her wings open and floats away.

I don't know exactly what a prayer is.

I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.

Tell me, what else should I have done?

Doesn't everything die at last and too soon?

Tell me what is it you plan to do

with your one wild and precious life.

-Mary Oliver

Wisdom: 'Our lives are like the course of the sun. At the darkest moments there is the promise of daylight.

Humour: A boy asked his father: 'What is a man?' The father replied 'A person who takes responsibility for his family and his house and takes care of them'. Then the child said 'I hope I will be a man like Mum one day'.

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