

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th September 2023

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## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

At the beginning of our Weekend Masses we ask God to forgive us our failings and to help us to forgive others.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings:** God is generous with his forgiveness. It follows that we forgive one another.

**First Reading:** The Old Testament writer tells us that we must let go of anger and wrath and instead forgive others.

**Second Reading:** St Paul tells us how we influence each other.

**Gospel:** If we want God to forgive us we must be willing to forgive one another.

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.

### Weekend Masses:

Saturday 23rd September: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 24th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 20th September: No Mass

Friday 22nd September: No Mass

### Recent Death

Mary Rockett, Slieverue

### Anniversaries

Jean Lackey, Brownstown

Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

Michael Molloy, Tinneranny

**Just a Thought:** 'Draw close to God and he will draw close to you'. James 4:8. One of the gifts we have inherited from our Celtic ancestors is a vivid sense of the presence of God in our lives. Those of us who remember our parents and grandparents praying, know that they had a prayer to cover every chore of the day. They had little time for long formal prayers. Instead, each action was done in partnership with God and became a prayer. 'My life is God's precious gift to me. I live enclosed in God and my God is enclosed in me'.

**To make you smile:** The old believe everything; the middle-aged suspect everything; the young know everything!

**A Message from Fr Dan:** The Kingdom of God: Christ came among us to bring salvation and freedom to our world and to our lives. He lived among us for thirty-three years. His public ministry lasted only three of those years. He had a vision and a dream for humanity. He summed up his vision in one short sentence, 'what I command you is that you love one another'. During his years of public ministry, he endeavoured to see that his apostles, his followers and the ordinary people bought into his vision. He knew that his message of love and forgiveness would not become a reality overnight. A vision of love is always a 'slow burner'. It's a case of one step forward, two steps backward! He once compared his kingdom to a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet if sown in good ground, the seed will grow into a fine shrub.

We are Christ's brothers and sisters, his followers. In our lifetime it is up to us to sow the seeds of the kingdom hoping that future generations will reap a harvest. We have to choose good seed and prepared the ground properly so that the seed will take root and grow. But how do we hand on the faith to the next generation. Our young people are living in a world that is losing the faith, not attending Church and going its own way. They see materialism everywhere and they are influenced by what they see around them. To them the Church appears old fashioned, just keeping going, just holding the fort. They see the Church as not addressing their needs or their concerns.

So, what can be done. We know that young people are in a better place today than they have ever been in history. They are well educated and with social media they have the ability to communicate with each other as never before. They are enthusiastic and idealistic as young people always are. To connect with young people requires that we take a radical look at what the church is offering to its followers today.

As yet, we don't know the way forward. It is a work in progress but we know that things will have to change. Many individuals and many groups in the Church are sowing new seeds. However, the seeds are slow to sprout. Nothing is going to change overnight. We need to be open to what is new and not be afraid of things being different. In our own time we keep looking forward and planning. There is no going back. Like the Apostles, in their time, we must launch out into the deep. At the same time, we have to wait in patience and leave many things to the providence of Almighty God.

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**Mass Intentions for Sunday  
24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

**Listerlin @9.30 am:**

Stephen & Peggy Walsh, Smithstown  
Annette Kavanagh, Smithstown  
Larry Walsh, Kilmacow & Smithstown  
Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

**Rosbercon @11.00 am:**

Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher  
Mai Purcell, Kilbrahan

**Collection of Parish Funds 1st/2nd & 8th/9th September 2023:**

Offertory Collection: €1020.45  
Weekly Envelopes: €1599.55  
Parish Debt on 13th September 2023: €23,853.61

**Reflection:** My Purpose in Life

God has created me to do him some definite service.  
He has committed some work to me  
which he has not committed to another.  
I have my mission.

I may never know it is in this life,  
but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain,  
a bond of connection between persons.  
He has not created me for naught.  
I shall do good; I shall do his work.  
Therefore, I will trust him.

Whatever I do, where I am,  
I cannot be thrown away.  
If I am in sickness,  
my sickness may serve him.  
If I am in sorrow,  
my sorrow may serve him.  
He does nothing in vain.  
He knows what he is about.

Cardinal Newman

**Wisdom:** "How beautiful it is to find someone who asks for nothing but your company."

**Humour:** A man ninety years old was asked to what he attributed his longevity. 'I reckon' he said with a twinkle in his eye, 'it's because most nights I went to bed and slept when I should have sat up and worried!'

**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.

**St Mary's Cathedral Tour:** This weekend sees the launch of an interactive tour of St Mary's Cathedral. By means of QR codes visitors can interact with and learn about the fascinating history of this wonderful building. Built by the people of Kilkenny in the 1840s, it has a rich legacy of sacred art, design and prayer. The tour will be available all year-round for a daily pass at a cost of €5. The tour, however, will be free of charge this Sunday 17th September for the people of our Diocese and beyond. A second phase of the tour will also launch in the weeks ahead.

The **2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage** to Lourdes led by our Bishop Most Reverend Niall Coll DD will take place from Tuesday May 21st to Sunday May 26th inc. The organising committee are confident in offering places to pilgrims in need of assistance, youth helpers, support staff and able-bodied pilgrims. The youth section is organised through the head of RE in Secondary Schools and places are limited. A follow up announcement and posters on Church Notice Boards will carry further details. (Prices have yet to be established but the 2023 cost was €899 PPS).

**St. Canices National School**

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon is now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infants 2024. An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051-422813 or by emailing [info@stcanicesns.com](mailto:info@stcanicesns.com)

**Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Club**

Tullogher Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their annual road run on Sunday 17th September. Registration at 11:30 am run will start at 1:00 pm from Rosbercon Parish Centre. Refreshments after the race back in the hall.

**Tullogher Rosbercon Community Alert**

Tullogher Rosbercon Community Alert would like to inform people that the emergency response alarms for older persons are now available. Please contact Joe Conway 085 1740896 or Brigid Healy 087 9020552 for further details.

**Rosbercon Cemetery Rubbish Dumping**

It has been brought to the attention of the Cemetery Committee of the increased dumping of rubbish in the graveyard. We are reminding all parishioners to take all of their old flowers, baskets, wreaths etc with them when they are leaving the graveyard. There are no bins available in the graveyard. All of our parish cemeteries are sacred spaces and we kindly ask everyone to show respect and consideration for others.

**Vinyl Records Project**

The New Houghton Hospital Activities Team are requesting donations of old vinyl records from the 1940's, 50's and 60's. This is part of a music interaction project with residents. All donations will be carefully maintained and catalogued. Please contact 086 3642592 for further info.

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