

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 1st October 2023

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

We have the freedom to say 'Yes' or 'No' in life. But this means we are responsible for our actions. We sometimes abuse our freedom, but God helps us to change and repent.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

God shows us the right and the wrong path in life.

First Reading—Our attitudes have consequences.

Second Reading—Paul's ancient hymn to Christ.

Gospel—The parable of the two sons.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 7th October 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher
Sunday 8th October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 4th October 10:00 am Mass
Friday 6th October 10:00 am Mass

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

Recent Deaths

Patrick Anthony Dooley, Hoods Grove, Rosbercon
Brigid "Biddy" Reade (née Aylward), Lukeswell, Mullinavat
Seamus Nolan, Tinneranny and Luton

Anniversaries

Joan Lackey, Ballyneale and Manchester—Months Mind
Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy
Kathleen Doran, Rosbercon
David "Daithi" Brindley, Ballybeg and School House Road
Jim Brindley, Tramore and Ballybeg
John Furlong, Smithstown
Pat Dooley, Garranbehy

God is with us: Liam Lawton composed the beautiful hymn 'The Clouds' Veil' which we hear sung regularly by the Parish Choirs. The words of the opening verse can be of great help to us, reassuring us that God is with us especially in times of fear and anxiety:

Even though the rain hides the stars, Even though the mist swirls the hills, Even when the dark clouds veil the sky, God is by my side. Even when the sun shall fall in sleep, Even when at dawn the sky shall weep, Even in the night when storms shall rise, You are by my side. God is by my side. God is by my side.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Saint John Henry Newman: On Monday 9th October the Church will celebrate the feast of Cardinal Newman. John Henry Newman was born in London on the 21st February, 1801. He was the eldest of six children, three boys and three girls. His father was a banker and Newman was educated locally before entering Trinity College, Oxford. A brilliant student, he delighted in reading his Bible and, following a period in Oxford, he was ordained an Anglican priest.

At that time in Newman's life, while he saw the Catholic Church as being in error, he worried about the lax nature of the Anglican faith. Newman wrote extensively aiming to make the Church of England more disciplined and sounder in its doctrine. He had a huge influence, but this did not prevent him being much criticised. In 1842, Newman withdrew from public life to live a monastic life, writing and reflecting until, three years later, he was received into the Catholic Church. Ordained a priest in 1846, he wrote many articles, books, poems and prayers. Most of us will be familiar with his hymn, 'Lead Kindly Light', and prayer, 'O Lord, support us all day long until the shadows lengthen, the evening comes, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest and peace at the last.'

At the invitation of the Irish Bishops, Newman came to Dublin to found the Catholic University of Ireland which later evolved into University College Dublin. Newman was deeply interested, and involved, in education. His writings defended Church doctrine and social justice. He was a man of deep faith and spirituality and his writings reflect the depth of his spiritual life.

In 1879 Pope Leo XIII honoured England by making John Henry Newman a Cardinal. He died in 1890 and on the 13th October 2019, Pope Francis presided at his Canonization.

A number of Cardinal Newman's sayings have entered our daily speech: 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often'. 'Growth is the only evidence of life' and 'I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep his commandments'.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

Prayer for Forgiveness.

'O Lord, remember not only the men and women of good will, but those of ill will. But do not remember all the sufferings they have inflicted upon us; Remember the fruits we have bought, thanks to this suffering—our comradeship, our loyalty, our humility, our courage, our greatness of heart which has grown out of all this, and when they come to judgement, let all the fruits which we have borne be their forgiveness.'

Prayer found pinned to the jacket of a small Jewish child found dead in the Camp of Ranevstobok during the Second World War.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 7th/ 8th October 2023

Tullagher: Saturday 7th October at 7:00 pm

Bridget Croke, Brownsford

James Power, Glenballyvalley

Sean Phelan, Curraghlane

Rosbercon: Sunday 8th October at 11:00 am

John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford

Ned O'Neill, Ballyknock

Collection of Parish Funds 22nd/23rd September 2023

Offertory Collection € 442.00

Weekly Envelopes € 553.00

Parish Debt on 20th September 2023 € 22,353.61

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 € 899.00 PPS).

World Mission Day, Sunday 22nd October 2023: On this Sunday each year Pope Francis appeals for spiritual and financial support for our overseas missionaries. The Pandemic has made the work of our missionaries so much more difficult. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our **support** of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Thank you for your generosity.

Friend

A friend is many different things
to each and everyone,

Someone to share your worries with,
someone to share your fun.

A friend will always be there
to lend a helping hand,
and when you need to think things out
your friend will understand.

A friend will give opinions,
discuss things and advise,
and when you feel uncertain
a friend will say what's wise.

And when you want to cry
your friend will give a shoulder
and the bond between the two of you
will deepen as you grow older.

For once a friendship is started
it goes from strength to strength,
and you'll always treasure special times
that both of you have spent.

For friendship is important,
the most special thing by far.

A friend is warm and wonderful
and everything you are.

Anonymous

To make you Smile

Two old Dublin ladies were talking about saints. One of them leaned across the fence and said, 'Mary, you know my husband is a pure saint.' To which Mary replied, 'Well Bridget you are lucky, because mine is still alive.' I suppose that's what makes a saint anyway. You have to be dead first.

Fr. Brian Darcy

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.

◆ NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

The New Ross Active Retirement will have their general meeting on Friday the 8th October in the Youth Centre, Nunnery Lane, New Ross at 10:30 am. All Welcome to attend.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw which was held on the 26th September 2023 are as follows:

1st—Mary Grennan, Ballycurran

2nd—John Murphy, Treenaree

3rd—Tommy Grennan, Wexford

4th—Martin and Anne O'Sullivan, Ballykenna

5th—Kevin Murphy, Brownsford

6th—Alex Kickham, Tinneranny

7th—Paddy Phelan, Ballyfoyle Upper.

Annual Draw

1st—Mark Malone, Tullagher

2nd—Joe Murphy, Ballyfoyle

3rd— James Lyng, Hoodsgrove

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 31st October 2023 at 08:30 pm (first Draw in second year of 2022-2025 series).

◆ 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.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Activities Assistants, New Houghton, New Ross

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com. **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

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