

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 24th September 2023

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

There is nothing small or petty about God. His ways are very different to ours. At Mass we ask our God to open our hearts and minds to his presence with us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

God's love and generosity are beyond our understanding.

First Reading—God's ways are above our ways.

Second Reading—Christ means everything to St. Paul.

Gospel—God's generosity is beyond our comprehension.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 30th September No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 1st October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 27th September No Mass

Friday 29th September No 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.

Anniversaries

Mai Purcell, Kilbrahan—Months Mind
Stephen and Peggy Walsh, Smithstown
Annette Kavanagh (née Walsh), Smithstown
Larry Walsh, Kilmacow and Smithstown
Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe
Edward and Johanna Lanigan, Listerlin
Mai Lanigan (née Southy), Listerlin
Bernadette Phelan, Tullogher

Hymn in honour of Our Lady

O Mary of graces and mother of Christ; May you direct me and guide me aright. And may you protect me from Satan's control; And may you protect me in body and soul. And may you protect me by land and by sea; And may you protect me from sorrows to be; A strong guard of angels above me provide; May God be before me and God at my side.

Amen.

Prayer for Peace

Let nothing ever disturb you, Nothing, affright you;
All things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance attains to all things;
Who God possesses in nothing is wanting;
Alone God suffices.

Saint Teresa of Avila

A Message from Fr. Dan: Saint Francis of Assisi: In these times of climate change and global warming, many people are becoming interested in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is on the 4th October. Our present Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Francis of Assisi. The Pope once remarked: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Many people associate Saint Francis with his love of animals and birds, and indeed of all creation. On one occasion it was reported that Francis preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say!

Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister. He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation were companions to Francis. In the Canticle of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship celebrated: Francis speaks of - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death. Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

The 28th United Nations Conference on 'Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change' will be held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, from the 30th November – 12th December 2023. We pray that as the nations of the world reflected on global warming and caring for creation, they will embrace the vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself.

Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. May the Lord give the world his Peace!

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted)

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: 'Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society'.

Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Wisdom

"I sought my soul, the soul I could not see.
I sought my God and God eluded me.
I sought my brother and found all three"

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

30th September / 1st October 2023

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 1st October at 9:30 am

Eily Murphy, Ballyreddy

Rosbercon: Sunday 1st October at 11:00 am

David "Daithi" Brindley, Ballybeg and School House Road

Jim Brindley, Ballybeg and Tramore

Collection of Parish Funds 15th/16th September 2023

Offertory Collection € 476.30

Weekly Envelopes € 634.70

Parish Debt on 20th September 2023 € 22,353.61

Reflection

Let those who are at peace with you be many,
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.
When you gain a friend, gain him through testing,
and do not trust him hastily.

For there is a friend who is such at his own convenience,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
And there is a friend who changes into an enemy,
And will disclose a quarrel to your disgrace.

And there is a friend who is a table companion,
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.
In your prosperity he will make himself your equal,
and be bold with your servants;
But if you are brought low he will turn against you,
and will hide himself from your presence.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;
He that has found one has found a treasure.
There is nothing so precious as a faithful friend,
and no scales can measure his excellence.
Old Testament Book of Sirach: 6.6-12, 14-15

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw will now go ahead for a Ninth Year. Bishop Niall Coll has asked me to thank the people of Rosbercon for their ongoing support. He is also requesting your support for **Year Nine of the Diocesan Draw**. There will be 12 monthly draws, September 2023—August 2024, on the last Wednesday of each month in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. The annual prize fund is € 60,000 and the subscription is € 10.00 per month or € 120.00 per annum. The first draw takes place on Wednesday 27th September 2023. Tickets are available from Fr. Dan or by phoning Anne in the Parochial House on 051-421515: Monday- Thursday, 10:30 am—2:30 pm.

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).

◆ 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>)**

◆ ALONE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Find an overview of the services ALONE provides on www.alone.ie. The services that ALONE provide include the National Support & Referral Line, Support Coordination, Visitation Support & Befriending, Telephone Support & Befriending, Social Prescribing and Assistive Technology You can make a referral through the ALONE website through the following link: <https://alone.ie/make-a-referral/make-a-referral-an-older-person-i-work-with/>

If you or an older person requires ALONE's support, you can call our National Support and Referral Line at 0818 222 024. It is open from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm every day.

◆ WORLD MENTAL HEALTH MONTH

Mental Health Ireland this year for [World Mental Health Month](http://WorldMentalHealthMonth) (October) will be encouraging organisations and communities to host a Connect Cafe. A Connect Café is like a coffee morning with meaningful conversations that help to strengthen the connection with others and with the community.

They will be running 10 x 30 minutes Connect Cafe Information sessions delivered throughout the month of September. These sessions will provide local communities practical guidance and support on how to run their own Connect Cafe for World Mental Health Month and where to go for online resources. During the information session participants would have an opportunity to learn about the meaning of the Connect Café and how to organise such event in the community or the workplace. The session would also allow to highlight the programme for October and encourage conversation about mental health and wellbeing. The session would last approx. 30 min and would take place online.

Attached are the posters with QR codes and links to register for the session, (you register for just one session)

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