

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th October 2023

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

We are gathered here to participate in the banquet of the Eucharist. We are here because God, in his love, has invited us, and we have accepted his invitation. Let us try to bring a spirit of thankfulness and joy to our celebration

Theme of the Weekend Readings

A great banquet awaits us in heaven.

First Reading—An Old Testament vision of this banquet

Second Reading—Saint Paul speaks of his confidence in Christ.

Gospel—We are invited to the Lord's banquet.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 21st October

No Mass

Sunday 22nd October

9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 18th October

10:00 am Mass

Friday 20th 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 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Anniversaries

Mary Rockett, Slieverue—Months Mind

John Dowling, Tinnakilly

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace

Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights

Pierce and Kathleen O'Mahoney, Stripe, The Rower

Pierce and Grace O'Mahoney, Fethard On Sea

Elizabeth Rellis, Tinneranny

Ann Norris, Slieverue

Paddy Malone, Kilmacow

Dr. Charlie Kehoe

Nuala Kehoe, School House Road

Marie Sheridan, Waterford

November Masses for the Holy Souls

It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Fr. Dan will offer masses during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to place the names of those you would like to have remembered in the boxes before the altars of Rosbercon, Mullinarrigle (Listerlin) or Tullagher Church. Masses will begin on Thursday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

We wish every blessing to **Emer Browne, Celbridge, Co. Kildare and James McKeown, Ballyreddy**, who were married in the College Chapel in Trinity College Dublin, on Saturday 7th October 2023. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

A Message from Fr. Dan: 'Love one another as I have loved you', says Christ. The way of Jesus is made known to us by the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. In presenting the way of Jesus to us, the Church has given us lots of rules and regulations and practices to help us to know what Jesus is like and what he wants us to do so that we can live good lives, by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We have to be careful, however, that the rules and regulations do not take on a life of their own. This had happened in the Jewish faith at the time of Christ. The religious leaders in Judaism at the time of Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They presented the teachings of Moses to the people but as happened later in the Church their rules and regulations took over. Keeping rules was seen as being faithful and loving of God. And so, washing in certain ways and washing after coming from the market place was essential. People knew immediately that you were a religious person if you observed the rules to the letter.

Jesus however was a person full of common sense. He spoke to the people about their God and his love for them. He spoke to them of how they could love God by loving their neighbour. Good and decent living was much more important than keeping rigidly to rules and regulations. Because Jesus spoke with authority many people followed him, and still do. In our Church today we, too, have lots of rules and regulations and traditions. These can take on a life of their own. The keeping of these rules can be seen as Christian and loyal and all important. Christ, however spelled out clearly the most important rule that we must observe. We must love our God with all our heart and soul and also love our neighbour as ourselves. We must care for ourselves and our neighbour by being just and honest, by being forgiving and compassionate, by not being greedy or envious. **That is the way of Christ.**

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

Synod Update: This past week saw the much-awaited Synodal gathering start in Rome. Normally reserved to the bishops, this synod, at the request of Pope Francis, invited lay faithful, priests and religious from around the world to come together to discern the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the Church today. This is a continuance of the synodal gatherings we had in Ossory and in every Diocese throughout the world. Our ideas are carried there by the Irish delegation. With such a variety of voices from every part of the world it was recognised that at this synod tensions will exist - as each one tries to make their views heard. The Dominican priest Fr Timothy Radcliffe has preached to all gathered in these opening days - he noted, in one of these addresses, that in English we say that "we fall in love but we make friends" reminding those gathered for the synod that difference is ok, variance is to be welcomed and that we won't fall into agreement, we will have to work to make it happen. We pray for the Synod as the first week concludes, may they make harmony happen.

A Candle was Lighting

I visit the Churches of the parish regularly. I am in the Church in Rosbercon every day. Candles are always burning in the candelabras. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of late autumn. Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 21st/ 22nd October 2023

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 22nd October at 9:30 am
Mary Knox, Brownstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 22nd October at 11:00 am
Jack Barron, Tinneranny

Collection of Parish Funds

30th September/1st October and 7th/8th October 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,140.90
Weekly Envelopes € 1,424.10
Parish Debt on 11th October 2023 € 22,353.61

The **October Station and November Offering Envelopes** will be distributed to the homes of the parish next week. The usual distributors are asked to oblige. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House.

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.

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.

Prayer when Visiting a Graveyard

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent field.

John O'Donohoe.

Reflection: *God's Call*

God's call comes to us in many ways
And at many different levels.
However, his call is not so much a voice
as a tug at our hearts, which we feel
At quiet and reflective moments in our lives.
He is calling us to a more authentic life.
He is calling us into intimacy with Himself.
He is calling us into community with others.
And at death he will call us into eternal life.
To accept means to admit our need.
Jesus said 'Woe to you who are full now
For you will go hungry.
But blessed are you who are hungry now,
For you will be filled'.
A sense of something missing in our lives
Is not a curse, but a blessing;
A spiritual hunger
Is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

Wisdom: 'Nobody is excluded from the Kingdom of Heaven except through human fault.'

(St. Thomas Aquinas)

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 the porches of the Churches of the Parish.

◆ 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. 1 x Office Administrator, New Ross Parish Office
2. 1 x Activities Assistant, New Houghton Hospital

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>)

◆ TULLOGHER CAMOGIE CLUB—CLOTHING COLLECTION

Tullagher Camogie Club are having a clothing collection to raise funds over the coming weeks. If you have any re-wearable clothing items, paired shoes, handbags, belts, towels, curtains, blankets or soft toys they may be dropped off at the GAA Clubhouse in Brownstown on the following dates/times:

Wednesday 25 October at 6.30 pm

Saturday 29 October at 11.00 am

Wednesday 1 November at 6.30 pm

Saturday 4 November at 11.00 am

A huge thanks for any donations received.

◆ NEW ROSS DRAMA WORKSHOP

New Ross Drama Workshop presents an evening of comedy and drama; **"What Shall We Do With The Body"** by Rae Shirley. Directed by Peter O'Connor. **"The Lover"** by Harold Pinter. Directed by Peggy Hussey

St. Michael's Theatre, New Ross, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th October at 08:00 pm nightly. Tickets are € 15.00, available online or by calling 051-421255.

◆ LISTERLIN TIDY TOWNS WIN TWO AWARDS

Congratulations to Listerlin Tidy Towns group who won two awards at this year's SuperValu Tidy Towns competition. The group won their first national title in winning the Leave No Trace Award. This award recognises the community who were deemed to have made the most significant effort to protect and enhance the natural environment and promote responsibility in the outdoors. Listerlin Tidy Towns also won the Endeavour Award in Co. Kilkenny as the group who made the biggest percentage improvement on the previous year's score in the competition.

Listerlin Tidy Towns would like to thank all the volunteers who have helped them prepare for this year's competition and all those in the community who continue to support their work.

◆ CHILDMINDER AVAILABLE

Childminder available locally with Garda Vetting. For more information please contact 087-3169966

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