

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd October 2023

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MISSION SUNDAY

We give God something that we do not give to any earthly ruler. That is worship. And this is precisely why we are gathered here - to worship God, Creator of the universe and Lord of all. As we gather for Mass, we pray to put God first in our lives.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

On this Mission Sunday, we pray that the good news of Christ's salvation will reach all people.

First Reading—God chooses Cyrus to be a good leader.

Second Reading

The opening of St. Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

Gospel

The Gospel shows Jesus using a coin to teach an important lesson

Weekend Masses

Saturday 28th October 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 29th October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 25th October 10:00 am Mass
Friday 27th 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.

November Masses for the Holy Souls: 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 Tullogher Church. Masses will begin on Thursday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

Anniversaries

Mary and John Knox, Brownstown
Richard and Roseanne Dollard, Smithstown
Anna Kearney (née Dollard), Smithstown
Jack Hartley, Brabstown
Jack Barron, Tinneranny
Danny and Mary Ryan, Millbanks

We welcome into our Parish Community **Helen Connors**, daughter of Larry and Nan, Butterbridge, Shanbogh, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Friday 13th October 2023.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Ruby Margaret Elizabeth Browne**, daughter of Brendan and Bríd, nee Ryan Ballalog, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Listerlin, on Saturday 14th October 2023.

Wisdom

Don't feel bad if people remember you only when they need you. Feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when they are in the dark.

A Message from Fr. Dan: Praying for our Dead: What happens when a person dies? We have many consoling images and beautiful stories that shield us from the reality of death. But what is that reality. Beliefs and views vary. Many modern-day humanists believe and proclaim that we cease to exist at the moment of death. Nothing remains but our memory of our dead and perhaps some inspiration drawn from their lives. Many Jewish groups believed this in Jesus' day. Many world religions believe that the spirit is set free from the body to live on in some way.

Our church teaches that our bodies are a vital part of what we are. The body and soul become separated at death to await resurrection where they will be reunited and raised up to live eternally in an altogether new creation. For each individual, how they lived in this life, their goodness and their prayer together with God's mercy will have an impact on the life to come. Of course, at this point we are talking mystery.

Many people ridicule the idea of resurrection. They think in terms of the resurrection being merely a resuscitation, a mere return to bodily life as we experienced it on earth. But that's not Catholic doctrine. As Jesus points out, our risen bodies, like his risen body, will be different than they are now. Our bodies now are mortal, vulnerable and fragile, liable to aging, illness, accidents and death. In the resurrection, we will be like the angels. Our bodies will no longer be mortal or vulnerable meaning that our own efforts at survival will no longer be necessary.

In eternal life, we believe that we will be an altogether new creation. Our lives and the lives of all people will be perfected beyond our wildest dreams in the communion of saints. God makes all things new as the Scriptures tell us. Suffering, sin, pain and death will be no more. God will be all in all. When we die, we do not cease to exist but we awake to the immortality of our souls and to the resurrection of the body and to eternal life in the world to come.

**Where there is soul there is beauty; where there is soul there is love
Where there is soul there is life; where there is soul there is hope.**

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted

Mission Sunday this year falls this weekend on Sunday 22nd October. **The Annual Collection for the Propagation of the Faith** will be taken up. Please note that there is an envelope for your contribution to the Missions in your box of weekly envelopes. Also, special envelopes are available at the back of the Churches of the Parish. Please be as generous as you can to the Missions as 1,096 Dioceses in mission territories are heavily dependent upon the Mission Sunday Collection.

Mission Sunday: The theme of Mission Sunday this year is **'Hearts on fire, feet on the move'**. This theme is inspired by the story of the disciples on the way to Emmaus, in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35). Pope Francis, in his message for World Mission Sunday 2023, sends us on the walk to Emmaus with the two disciples and Jesus, risen from the dead. He tells us that we are formed in the Father's Love and sent out under the Son's command.

To make you Smile: The months of the year

January Snowy, February Flowy, March Blowy;
April Showery, May Flowery, June Bowery;
July Happy, August Croppy, September Droppy
October Breezy, November Sneezey, December Freezey.

George Ellis (1753-1815)

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 28th / 29th October 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 28th October at 7:00 pm

Carol Walsh, Garranbehy

Tom Bradley, New Ross

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 29th October at 9:30 am

Bridie and William Walsh, Listerlin

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Rosbercon: Sunday 29th October at 11.00am

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Margaret and Edward Mullally, Ballyeden

Collection of Parish Funds 14th/15th October 2023

Offertory Collection € 524.50

Weekly Envelopes € 795.50

Parish Debt on 18th October 2023 € 22,353.61

The **October Station and November Offering Envelopes** will be distributed to the homes of the parish this week. These collections are for the support of Fr. Dan and a small part supports the retired priests and the priests of the Diocese whose income needs to be supplemented. The usual distributors are asked to oblige. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House.

The **November Offering Envelopes** contain a sheet for the names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November.

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 27th April 2024 First Eucharist in Rosbercon

Thursday 2nd May 2024 Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

Saturday 18th May 2024 First Eucharist in Listerlin

The **2024 Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** led by our Bishop, 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.

Synod Update: As the Synod in Rome continues in these weeks, the 400 members are gathering in the Paul VI Hall at the rear of St. Peter's Basilica. The format of this Synod is noticeably different from the many that have gone before. All gathered are seated at round tables and all, irrespective of "role", are given the same time to speak. Pope Francis has worked to ensure that all gathered can speak freely but also that they truly make listening a priority. He has noted that at this gathering the Holy Spirit is not merely present but should be seen as the "protagonist" guiding the discussions. To create this atmosphere, Pope Francis has requested confidentiality on the part of Synod members, and in this sense a "fasting from public speech". It is working - we had intended to write to inform you what was happening each week but, thankfully, we do not know or at least we do not know the detail of what is being said - Synod members are respecting this freedom to talk and listen without fear of being quoted. Maybe the Spirit is truly the protagonist...

An October Thought

One day.... One day, you will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart may be broken. You may never completely get over the loss of your beloved. However, our beloved dead live on in our hearts as also in God's kingdom. Even though your heart may not seal up, you will come through. Your heart may never heal completely and may still hurt from time to time. But you can learn to dance again even though you dance with the limp!

(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

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.

◆ FITNESS WITH SHIRLEY

Are you looking to get or keep fit, more flexible or just get back to activity? Maybe you just want to deeply relax and learn to sleep again. Join one of our small group fitness classes/sessions, which helps add a social element to your workout, keeping you motivated and keen to keep coming back.

Morning and Evenings Monday—Thursday.

Book your place on 085-1339049. www.fitnesswithshirley.com

◆ ROSBERCON CEMETERY

The Cemetery Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 17th October expressed their appreciation for the families who have allowed their plots to return to grass in the Middle Cemetery. The Committee agreed that peat moss and bark mulch are not acceptable surfaces in that Cemetery. For appearance and maintenance, the surface throughout the Middle Cemetery should be uniform grass. The Committee also expressed their disappointment at the amount of dumping taking place in the Cemetery. Please bring home your waste. It is your responsibility.

◆ 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>)

◆ TULLOGER CAMOGIE CLUB—CLOTHING COLLECTION

Tullougher 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.

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