

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th October 2023

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

The Old Testament tells us that God cared for his people as a good gardener cares for his vineyard, yet they failed to produce the desired fruits. We are the new people of God, the vineyard planted and cared for by Christ. God looks to us to produce the fruits of justice, holiness and peace. This is a great privilege and a great challenge too.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The Lord expects us to give service in our lives.

First Reading—God gets little in return for his love.

Second Reading—Saint Paul promises peace to all who ask.

Gospel—The parable of the ungrateful tenants.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 14th October 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 15th October 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 11th October 10:00 am Mass
Friday 13th 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.

Recent Deaths

Patrick "Paddy" Heffernan, Ballyneale, Tullogher

Anniversaries

Bridget Croke, Brownsford
James Power, Glenballyvalley
Sean Phelan, Curraghlane
Margaret Barron, Brownsford
Mickie and Tommy Doolan, Curraghmore
John Murphy, Darbystown and Leixlip
John and Margaret Hickey, Waterford
Ned O'Neill, Ballyknock
Johnny Boland, Ballycroyne
Minnie and Billy Boland, Ballycroyne

We welcome into our Parish Community **Páidí Niall Wickham**, son of Niall and Niamh, Southknock, who was baptised in the Church of Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 30th September 2023.

You cannot compare: "No one else has access to the world you carry round within yourself; you are its custodian and entrance. No one else can see the world the way you see it. No one else can feel your life the way you feel it. Thus, it is impossible to ever compare two people because each stand on such different ground."

John O'Donoghue

A Message from Fr. Dan: Looking forward to Mission Sunday Two weeks from now on the 22nd October we will be celebrating Mission Sunday. Mission Sunday reminds us each year of our missionaries working in the countries of Africa and Asia and across the world caring for the poor and the marginalised. They need our prayers and support. We think especially of those who work with the victims of war, poverty and hunger.

Pope Francis continually emphasises how mission is central to the role of the Church. The pope has constantly spoken of the major contribution that the various missionary societies of men, women and lay people are making to the ongoing task of bringing the good news of salvation to the world. We in Ireland can take special pride in what Irish Missionaries have achieved. In the Diocese of Ossory, in the parish of Rosbercon we rejoice in what our own priests, brothers, sisters and lay personnel have given. We think too of the prayers, support and finances that our people have offered over the past 100 years in missionary engagement.

Pope Francis is again reminding us this year that that the mission of Christ is ongoing, embracing all peoples of every creed and religious denomination. Since Vatican II the Church's mission to the world has become more inclusive. Pope John XXIII and the Popes who came after him, emphasise that mission is to the world. The Church in modern times sees itself as working to bring about the Kingdom of God especially in areas where there is widespread abuse of human rights and where the growth of capitalism and industrialization have marginalized the native peoples.

The mission of the Church cannot be separated from the problems of the world. There is an ever-increasing divide between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' and there is a massive refugee problem resulting from religious persecution and poverty. Global warming, even now, is posing such a threat to the wellbeing of Planet Earth. We cannot ignore the 33% of the world's population living below the poverty line. We celebrate the efforts of the missionaries, who are working to confront these enormous challenges. Those who support them are missionaries themselves. The weekend after next will remind us again of the depth of Ireland's missionary heritage. The success of our Missionaries will always rely on the prayers and generosity of the Irish people.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)

To make you Smile

Ways to avoid some of the frustrations of life;
Take a pen to the bank.
Take toilet paper to the pub.
Never book a flight on bank holidays.
Get a gas barbecue.
Give up supporting teams that never win.
Take your own radio when staying in hotels.
Concrete the garden.
Have a meal before going out to eat at a nouvelle cuisine restaurant.

Fr. Brian Darcy

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

14th/ 15th October 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 14th October at 7:00 pm

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

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 15th October at 9:30 am

Mary Rockett, Slieverue—Months Mind

Rosbercon: Sunday 15th October at 11:00 am

Dr. Charlie Kehoe

Nuala Kehoe, School House Road

Marie Sheridan, Waterford

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024 The September draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place on Wednesday 27th September in the Chapter Room in St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Elaine Breen who won 6th Prize of € 300.00. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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.

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 Feast Day of **Saint Michael the Archangel** was celebrated on 29th September. Saint Michael was the leader of the angels who were faithful to God when the other angels, through pride, rebelled. In October 1884 Pope Leo X111 composed the following prayer to Saint Michael and it was said at the end of every Mass worldwide until 1969 when changes were made in the Liturgy after the Second Vatican Council. Older parishioners will remember the prayer being read as follows at the end of Mass: "Blessed Michael the Archangel defend us in the hour of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God restrain him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust Satan down to Hell and with him all the other wicked spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen".

To make you Smile

During a Bible lesson on the Parable of the Prodigal Son, the teacher asked: 'in the middle of the celebration for the return of the Prodigal Son, there was one for whom the feast brought no joy, only bitterness. Can you tell me who that was?'. One bright boy put up his hand and was pleased to be asked. 'The fatted calf,' he replied.

Reflection

Building on a Rock

There is nothing sure or lasting in this world.
Human opinions change from day to day,
but the words of Christ do not change or pass away.
However, those who listen to His words
but do not act on them, are building on sand.
Time will erase His words from their minds;
Nothing will remain, nothing will come of them.
On the other hand, those who listen to His words
and who do act on them, are building on rock;
They will have something to show for their efforts,
something to be proud of,
and something that will last, last forever.

Anonymous

Wisdom—"Our prayer should be for blessings in general, for God knows best what is good for us."

Humour—The old begin to complain about the conduct of the young when they themselves are no longer able to set a bad example!

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Verker, 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.

◆ 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.

◆ 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

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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