

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Every Christian is meant to be a lamp-carrier, a bearer of the light of Christ in his/her own place. But like the foolish bridesmaids, we read about in today's Gospel, we sometimes allow the precious light of Christ to grow dim, or even go out altogether. Through our prayers, Christ will help us to keep our light burning brightly

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

We need to stay alert, to be ready for the coming of the Lord.

### First Reading

This reading sings the praise of wisdom which can be found by those who seek it.

### Second Reading

St. Paul consoles his converts who are worried about the fate of their dead.

**Gospel**—We do not know at what hour the Lord will come

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	No Mass
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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.

**A Special Remembrance Mass** will be offered for those who died in the last year (Nov 2022 – Nov 2023). The Mass will be offered in Rosbercon Church on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council who will be in touch with the families of the deceased. Please note that all parishioners are invited to this Mass.

### 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".

We pray for the **Holy Souls** in this month of November. We take comfort from words written by Frank Downes OP in an online article in 2010:

**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.*

### Anniversaries

Luke Hennessy, Glensensaw  
Maggie O'Connor, Tinnakilly  
Matt O'Connor, Tinnakilly  
Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrove  
John Handrick, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon  
Matt, Nora and Luke Cody, Ballyrue  
Betty Walsh, Rosbercon  
Dick and Stasia Ryan, Ballycurran  
Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ballycurran  
Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle  
Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle  
Ken Rogers, Bridge Street, New Ross  
Bridget and William Gaule, Anfield Lane, Rosbercon  
Jimmy O'Sullivan, Ballyfoyle, Tullogher  
John Walsh, Waterford Road

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Hope:** Desmond Tutu said, "Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." You don't get out of bed in the morning without hope. We have hope in many things. Hope in God, hope in family, hope that our efforts will bear fruit, hope we'll overcome a sickness, hope that life holds beauty, hope our children will live well... Hope is the reason we keep on, keeping on.

Through the many dark times that come in every person's life, light will always prevail as long as that person keeps hope alive in her heart. Life is hard and there will always be dark times, but in the end, the light always prevails.

We continue to face many challenges: the rise in the cost of living, the winter weather, the shortages caused by the war in Ukraine, the confusion and fear caused by illness. To come through, people need to have the light of hope.

We remember that through all the challenges of life, God is always with us. Jesus gives us great hope when he tells us, "I am the light of the World. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life". We pray that the light of Christ will dwell in our hearts and minds giving us the hope to go on.

*(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.*

**Synod Update:** As the recent phase of the Synod drew to a close in Rome this past weekend much focus was on the synthesis document that emerged from the sessions. Many focused on what was in it; others on what was not. Some lamented that the Synod document did not reference many Dogma teachings, and others that it did not address the role of women in our Church and other issues as clearly as it might. Some have commented, rightly, that the actual experience of synod was more important than the document that emerged. Because that experience cannot be "unhad", the Church can never go backwards. Questions are on the table... they have been asked... we now have to continue to journey with them. It was heartening to read that those in attendance could not imagine a future Synod without the involvement of all - that this had to be said is shocking; but that this was said is shockingly wonderful. These conversations will now continue in our local churches and parishes. The report from this phase can be found at <https://www.synod.va/en.html> and it is on the Ossory website.

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>/ 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Mullinarrigle**—Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 9:30 am

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Maureen Croke (née Long), Thomastown and Listerlin

Stasia Lawlor, Glenpipe

**Rosbercon**—Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00 am

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

### Dates for your Diary

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2024**—First Eucharist in Rosbercon

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**—Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2024**—First Eucharist in Listerlin

**We thank all who have contributed so generously to the October Stations and November Offerings.** Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

### Support for the Parish

I wish to thank you so much for your support of the Parish. The offerings for the support of the priest are very generous. Also special thanks to those who return the weekly envelopes so faithfully and support the Offertory Collection at Mass.

### Rosbercon Parish Draw

It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to maintain the Buildings of the Parish we will be holding our usual Parish Draw on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023. Tickets will be distributed to the homes of the parish during the coming weeks at a cost € 2.00 each or a book of 6 for € 10.00. Each household is asked to buy three books or as many as you can!! This Draw has been very successful over the years and Fr. Dan is confident that it will be this year also.

### Reflection: The Human Spirit

Our spirit is our most precious possession.

It is our greatest source of energy.

However, while it can be very strong,

It can also be very brittle.

It can be an oak unmoved in a storm,

Or a frail reed swaying in the wind.

It can be a piece of granite or a piece of China.

What is it that enables the spirit to soar,

And what is it that causes it to sink?

Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up.

Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up.

Failure shrinks it; success enlarges it.

Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it.

Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it.

Hatred poisons it; love purifies it.

Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

### Saint Laurence O'Toole

The Feast of St. Laurence O'Toole is celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup> November. Laurence was born in Dublin and attended school in Glendalough. As a young boy he was religious and studious. He became Archbishop of Dublin in 1162 and his fame as a holy man spread because of his penitential lifestyle and love of the poor. When the Normans came to Ireland in 1170, he made every effort to defend the rights of his country. He was on his way to make a peace settlement with Henry 11 when he became ill in Normandy and died there. Saint Laurence is the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Dublin. We ask him to intercede for God's blessing on the people of Ireland and in particular for the people of Dublin. Saint Laurence pray for us.

*From Ennis Parish Newsletter*

### To make you Smile: Definitions

**Amen:** The only part of a prayer that everyone knows.

**Bulletin:** Your receipt for attending Church.

**Hymn:** A song of praise, usually sung in a key three notes higher than the congregation's range!.

**Incense:** Holy smoke!

**Jonah:** The original 'Jaws' story.

**Justice:** When kids have kids of their own.

**Ushers:** The only people in the Church who don't know the seating capacity of a pew.

*Fr. Brian Darcy*

**Humour:** Definition of marriage: It resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.

**Wisdom:** "God does not refuse grace to one who does what he can."

### To make you Smile

The trouble with Italian food is that, five or six days later, you're hungry again!

**Rosbercon Cemetery:** "The Cemetery Committee at their meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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".

**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.

### ◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Government in Ireland after the Civil War

Speaker: Jack Burtchaell

Date: Friday, 24th November

Time 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

All welcome.

### ◆ 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](http://www.fitnesswithshirley.com)

### ◆ ALONE SERVICES FOR OLDER PEOPLE

Find an overview of the services ALONE provides on [www.alone.ie](http://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.

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