

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 19th November 2023

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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

God has given each of us special talents. If used well, these gifts will enrich our lives and the lives of others. Today we pray to use well the gifts of grace and nature that God has given us. Forgive us, O Lord for the times we are ungrateful for the talents we have been given.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are to use the gifts and talents God gives us.

First Reading—A good housewife is portrayed.

Second Reading—Stay awake for the Lord is coming.

Gospel—We pray to use our talents well.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 25th November 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 26th November 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 22nd November 10:00 am Mass

Friday 24th November 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

Richard (Dick) Duggan, Flemingstown, Glenmore

Anniversaries

Tom Doherty, Listerlin

Maureen Croke (née Long), Thomastown/Listerlin

Stasia Lawlor, Glenpipe

Kathleen Doran, Assumption Terrace

Noel Banville, Shanbogh

We welcome into our Parish Community **Matthew Lazarov**, son of Miliyan and Mary Ann, The Moorings, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 11th November 2023.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Mollie Margaret Grennan**, daughter of Patrick and Aisling, Ballycurran, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Listerlin, on Saturday 11th November 2023.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Tom Luke Grennan**, son of James and Mary, Ballycurran, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Listerlin, on Saturday 11th November 2023.

A Message from Fr. Dan: To stand apart from public opinion in the search for Truth, Goodness and Beauty: “God warned the people about an earthquake that would so affect the water supply that those who drank it would go crazy. One monk who lived on the mountain by himself laid in a supply of good water to last his lifetime. When the earthquake did occur, the monk went down to find that the people were, as God had foretold, crazy and they rejected the monk as different. After some years in his mountain retreat, the monk got so lonely that he left it to join the people. He drank their water and like them became crazy”.

‘Love and Power’: “What is love but a face, instantly recognisable in a sea of faces? A spotlight rather than a panning shot. This is very different to power, which is a matter of numbers, of crowd scenes. I heard of an inscription on a stone set up in North Africa over two thousand years ago which reads: ‘I, the captain of a legion of Rome, have learned and pondered the truth, that there are in life two things, love and power, and no man can have both.’ Some twenty centuries later I add my own name to that inscription”.

Malcolm Muggeridge

Just a Thought: November Questions: Mother Teresa of Calcutta wrote, “Heaven is our home. People ask me about death and whether I look forward to it. I answer, ‘Of course’ because I am going home. Dying is not the end. It is just the beginning. Death is a continuation of life; it is where our soul goes to God, to speak to God. We only surrender our body in death – our heart and our soul live forever. When we die we are going to be with God, and with all those who have gone before us. Our family and our friends will be waiting for us. Heaven must be a beautiful place. Every religion has an eternity, another life.

To make you Smile: Mrs. Brown was shocked to learn that her son had told a lie. Taking the youngster aside she explained the consequences of falsehood. ‘A big tall man with red fiery eyes and two sharp horns grabs little boys who tell lies and carries them off to Mars where they have to work in a dark canyon for fifty years! ‘Now’ she concluded, satisfied, ‘you won’t tell a lie again, will you, dear?’ ‘No Mum’ replied her son. ‘You tell better ones!’.

Wisdom: ‘Who does not thank for little will not thank for much’.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,
18th/ 19th November 2023**

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 26th November at 9:30 am

Jimmy Phelan, Smithstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 26th November at 11:00 am

Margaret Long, Hewittsland—Months Mind

Monica Whitty, Glenbarra

John Dooley

Joan Hennessy

Marie Dooley

Kate Lee, Kilbrahan

Collection of Parish Funds 4th/5th & 11th/12th November 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,674.65

Weekly Envelopes € 1,105.35

Parish Debt on 15th November 2023 € 22,353.61

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.

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.

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 10th 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.

Collection for the Ossory Priests Society – Feast of Christ the King: The Ossory Priests Society is charged with making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. The Annual Collection for this good cause takes place on the weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, 25th/26th November 2023. A contribution to the Ossory Priests Society collection is an opportunity to show appreciation for the many years of service our sick and retired priests have given to God and to His people throughout the Diocese of Ossory. Your support is very much appreciated.

Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council would like to send a Christmas Greeting Card for 2023 to parishioners who have emigrated from the parish down the years. Please let us have the names and addresses of any family members, friends or neighbours whom you wish to receive a card. The emigrants will also be remembered at our Parish Christmas Masses. Names may be handed in to the Parochial House or to the Parish Office. Names may be posted, texted or Emailed to Fr. Dan or Anne at danieljavanagh49@gmail.com

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.

Humour: The mother of three notoriously unruly teenagers was asked whether or not she would have children if she had it to do all over again. "Yes", she replied, "but not the same ones".

(From the Irish Catholic)

◆ **SHANBOGH NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENTS**

We are currently accepting enrolment applications for the school year 2024/2025.

For an application and more information please visit our website shanboghns.ie. on 051—880308 or at shanboghns@gmail.com. Closing date for completed applications is Friday, 22nd December, 2023.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB**

The Tullogher/Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their annual Christmas Dinner Dance in New Ross Golf Club on Saturday 9th December 2023; 4 course meal and music by Pat Cooney. Tickets € 25.00 from Bob 086—1060689.

◆ **ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB—SPLIT THE POT**

St. Josephs Athletic Club Split The Pot Winners

5th October— Emma and Anna Lawlor € 92.00.

12th October— Trevor Conroy € 102.00.

26th October— Cathal Mooney € 106.00.

9th November— Kevin McGrath € 135.00.

The next draw will take place on the 23rd November 2023.

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 24th November 2023

Lecture by Jack Burtchaell, Government in Ireland after the Civil War.

Time: 8:00pm

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

Free admission.

Saturday, 2nd December 2023

Official opening by Dr Martin Mansergh, Decade of Centenaries Conference.

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue.

Free admission.

Friday, 8th December 2023

A night of reminiscing with John Daly.

Time: 7:00 pm

Venue: Rhu Glenn Hotel.

Cost, including food € 25.00

◆ **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.

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