

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 26th November 2023

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## Feast of Christ the King

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Christ became one of us and lived an ordinary life. He came to be our shepherd and to lead us to the kingdom of the Father. The best way to show our loyalty to Christ is to follow the example of his life of love, care and self-sacrifice.

**Theme of the Weekend Readings**—Christ is our King.

**First Reading**—Christ is like a shepherd who cares for us.

### Second Reading

All things arrive at last at their true destination, God.

**Gospel**—The Last Judgement.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 7:00 pm Mass in Tullogher  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 9:30 am Mass in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 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.

### Anniversaries

Margaret Long, Hewittsland—Months Mind  
Jimmy Phelan, Smithstown  
John and Mary Fripps, Mooncoin  
Mary, Michael and Bridie Tobin, Listerlin  
Monica Whitty, Glenbarra  
John Dooley  
Joan Hennessy  
Kate Lee, Kilbrahan  
Marie Dooley  
Kathleen Murphy, Brownsford  
Michael Maher, Tinneranny  
Jim Maher, Kilkenny

We welcome into our Parish Community **Fionn Patrick O'Sullivan**, son of Gerard and Marie, Ballyreddy and Cork, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**Prayer of Saint Jerome:** 'Holy Spirit, open my ear to hear Christ's word. Open my mind to understand Christ's message. Open my heart understand Christ's action in my life. May my heart never grow dull, and may my ears be always listening for the voice of Christ.'

*From the Ennis Parish Newsletter (Adapted)*

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Christ the King:** This weekend we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. An old priest said after the Vatican Council, 'My Christ used to be Christ the King, but now he has to be Christ the Carpenter'. Yet in this Sunday's gospel, Jesus refers to himself as a King. For this, 'He was born and for this he came into the world'. Today we live in a world of democracy where kings have no place. But the Feast of Christ the King is very important for our times, for his Kingdom and his kingship are totally different from the kingdoms of the world.

Christ is a king who cares. He calls himself the good shepherd who cares for his flock. He searches for us and when he finds us, he keeps us safe from harm. When we stray from him, he comes for us and heals our lives and gives us his strength. Yes, Christ has been immensely good to each one of us. He continually leads us to the right path and accompanies us on our journeys. Christ knows our needs and listens to our prayers. One day he will welcome us into the kingdom of Heaven.

Christ is a king who offers his grace to the world that needs his love so badly. As Pope Francis repeats again and again, Christ offers forgiveness and mercy to his people. He replaces our natural weakness and failings with his greater love, compassion, kindness and courage. He doesn't force us to do anything. He respects our freedom and leaves us to make our own decisions for or against him each day.

Christ's greatest commandment is the commandment to love God, to love ourselves and to love our neighbour. Christ has a special love for the poor, the sick, the lonely and the rejected. He came to serve rather than be served. It is the goodness and sacrifice of his life that persuade us to follow him. We meet Christ in the 'bits and pieces of everyday, a laugh here a kiss again and sometimes tears', As Patrick Kavanagh wrote. 'Christ is the pearl necklace around the neck of poverty'.

### Prayer/Reflection

O Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds  
And whose breath gives life to the world, hear me.  
I come to you as one of your many children.  
I am small and weak; I need your strength and your wisdom.  
Make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made,  
And my ears sharp to hear your voice.  
Make me wise so that I may know  
The things you have taught your children,  
The lessons you have hidden in every rock.  
Make me strong, so that I may not be superior to other people  
But able to fight my greatest enemy, which is my selfishness.  
Make me ready to come to you with straight eyes,  
So that when life fades as the fading sunset,  
My spirit may come to you without shame.

*Prayer of a Native American*

**Wisdom:** Love the people God gave you because He will need them back one day.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
2nd/3rd December 2023**

**Tullogher:** Saturday 2nd December at 07:00 pm

Fr. John Murphy, Brownsford

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9:30 am

Margaret Mackey, Mullinakil

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 11:00 am

Eileen, Michael and Catherine Cashin, Shanbogh

Stephen Murphy, Ballina and Dublin

David Wilson, Ardross

Nan and Ned Wilson, Castlemoyle

**Collection of Parish Funds 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Offertory Collection** € 521.70

**Weekly Envelopes** € 731.50

**Parish Debt on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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 this weekend of the Feast of Christ the King, 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**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 danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

**Just a thought: "What is Christmas?"** It is tenderness for the past, courage for the present, hope for the future. It is a fervent wish that every cup may overflow with blessings, rich and eternal, and that every path may lead to peace."

**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.

◆ **EMPOWERING OUR TIDYTOWNS**

**Minister Humphreys Announces €1.5 Million Support**

Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D., has confirmed an allocation of € 1.5 million to support local TidyTowns groups in preparation for the 2024 SuperValu TidyTowns competition. This funding will offer a boost of between € 1,000 and € 4,000 for eligible TidyTowns groups across the country, helping them to make our towns and villages better places to live, work, and raise a family. Minister Humphreys highlighted the significance of community, innovation, and sustainability in the SuperValu TidyTowns Competition, applauding the impactful work done by TidyTowns groups nationwide. Congratulations to Listerlin Tidy Towns on receipt of their funding and the great work they are doing throughout the village.

◆ **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.

◆ **SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Saturday, 2nd December 2023**

Decade of Centenaries Conference

Official opening by Dr. Martin Mansergh at 10:00 am

Panel discussion 1

Reflections on the Decade of Centenaries 2012 - 2023

Panel discussion 2

How will a future generation reflect on us one hundred years from now?

Venue: Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue

All welcome - 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

◆ **MULLINAVAT COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Bridge every Wednesday night starting at 7:20 pm. New members are most welcome. Contact Marian on 087-6984706

◆ **COIS NORE CHOIR**

Cois Nore Choir will perform in St. Beacons Church, Mullinavat on Friday 8th December at 8:00 pm. Donations to St. Vincent De Paul. All support greatly appreciated

◆ **NEW ROSS ACTIVE RETIREMENT**

New Ross Active Retirement will hold their general meeting on Friday December 1st in the Youth Centre Nunnery Lane at 10:30 am. After the meeting it's party time looking forward to seeing you all there.

◆ **ROSBERCON TULLOGHER CHAPTER ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

The Rosbercon Tullogher Chapter St. Vincent De Paul wish to express their appreciation for both recent and past donations received from the local Vintage Club. Over the years they have donated in excess of € 100,000 from their fund raising efforts. Our Parish Schools, Churches and Organisations have benefited greatly from their donations. This represents community spirit at its best. Thank you most kindly.

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