

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 5th November 2023

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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

During the month of November, we remember our loved ones who have gone before us and we pray for them. They pray for us. Where they have gone, we hope to follow.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

First Reading: The prophet Malachi warns of straying from the Lord.

Second Reading—St. Paul reminds us why we thank God.

Gospel—Jesus tells us we have only one Father in Heaven.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 11th November 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 12th November 9:30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 8th November 10:00 am Mass

Friday 10th 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.

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 17th 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: 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.

Just a Thought: Celebrating our Dead: We are not powerless in the face of the loss of those we love. Our prayers and our acts of remembrance assist our loved ones on their journey back to God. November each year reminds us to remember our dead. The kindness and friendship of those who loved us, and who is now with God, had a great influence on our lives. We share that love with others and our love may yet be passed on to generations yet unborn.

Recent Deaths

Margaret Long née Dempsey, Hewittsland

Anniversaries

Paddy Heffernan, Ballyneale—Months Mind

Patrick Anthony Dooley, Hoodsgrove and London—Months Mind

Maura and Mickie Phelan, Tuylogher

John McDonald, Kilvinogue, Thomastown

Mary and Thomas Maher, Derrylackey

Frankie, Maise and Thomas O'Neill, Charleton Hill

Grace Heffernan, Ballneale

Phil Fortune, Shanbogh

Dolly Hennessy, Hoodsgrove

Tom Murphy, Tinneranny

We welcome into our Parish Community **Kate Emily McCarthy**, daughter of Joseph and Orla, Loughrea, Co. Galway, who was baptised in the Church of St. David, Listerlin, on Saturday 28th October 2023.

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Garret James Patrick Phelan**, son of John Paul and Claire, Smithstown, who was baptised in the Church of St. Aidan, Tullogher, on Sunday, 29th October 2023.

A Message from Fr. Dan: The film Kramer V Kramer which I saw for the first time in 1980 made a deep impression on me. Made in 1979 the story of the film centres on a family with one child. The husband, Ted, is a very successful designer in a company where he is about to be made a partner. The price he has to pay for his success is that he must devote all his time, energy and resourcefulness to his work. Joanna, his wife and Billy, his son seldom see him. Even when he is at home Ted is preoccupied with his work. When Joanna complains, Ted offers her any money she wants to spend on herself and on their son.

One day Joanna can take it no longer and decides to leave Ted. She leaves their son with Ted until she can find a job and a place to stay. Ted cannot believe that Joanna really wants to go. Only after she has gone does the reality of what has happened really strike him. He tries to take care of Billy and at the same time devote as much time as he can to his work. Soon it becomes clear that both his work and Billy are being neglected. Billy, who is missing his mother, becomes troublesome and the company, Ted works for, start to give him a hard time as they notice that his work is deteriorating.

Ted is faced with a crisis. He must choose between his relationship with his son or his success in his job and the affluence it brings him. Ted chooses to make Billy his main concern and a charming relationship develops between father and son. Ted has to pay a great price for this relationship. He loses his job and then he has to carry a huge financial and emotional burden when Joanna seeks custody of their child in the courts. We see a strange twist of fate when Ted, in the process of losing his claim to his child, re-establishes his relationship with Joanna. At the end of the film, we are left with the feeling that Ted's crisis has been an invitation to make his relationship with Joanna and Billy a priority and we hope he can continue on down the road he has chosen.

Synod Update: This past week, as the current phase of the Synod comes to a close, delegates approved a two-page letter "to the people of God" by applauding. Synod members had voted last week overwhelmingly (355-11) in favour of publishing a letter to tell us, the rest of the Church not in attendance, what they have been discussing in these past four weeks. It is good that they are keeping us informed - synod by its very nature is about communication - listening and responding. In reading this letter we will listen and then we will get to respond. Bishop Niall will lead us in our discussions of this document in Ossory.

Stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage: Did you know that some of the treasured stories of Kilkenny's Christian heritage are now being told on YouTube? The Irish Dominicans, as part of the *Treasure Ireland Series* on their YouTube channel (youtube.com/irishdominicans), have visited ten sites in Co. Kilkenny, and are currently posting the videos they recorded. In this series you'll find videos about St Kenny's Well and the controversial statues of Jerpoint Abbey, the Black Abbey and Cantwell Fada, the huge defences of Kells Priory and the Franciscan Friar who reported on the Black Death in Kilkenny before succumbing to the disease.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 11th/ 12th November 2023

Rosbercon: Saturday 11th November at 7:00 pm

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

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 12th November at 9:30 am

Dick and Stasia Ryan, Ballycurran

Bridget Fitzpatrick, Ballycurran

Rosbercon: Sunday 12th November at 11:00 am

Tom Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Katie Murphy, Ballyfoyle

Ken Rogers, Bridge Street, New Ross

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

Collection of Parish Funds 21st/22nd & 28th/29th October 2023

Offertory Collection € 1,463.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,422.00

Parish Debt on 1st November 2023 € 22,353.61

The **October Station and November Offering Envelopes** have been distributed to the homes of the parish. We thank the envelope distributors for their work on our behalf.

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.

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024: The October draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 25th October in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

Rosbercon Parish Draw. It is Parish Draw Time of the year again! To help meet our financial commitments and to continue to maintain/enhance 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 and wage earner is asked to buy as many books 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: Prayer of Cardinal Newman

God has created me to do him some definite service;

He has committed some work to me

Which he has not committed to another.

I have my mission –

I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next.

I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught.

I shall do good, I shall do his work.

I shall be a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it,

If I do but keep his commandments and serve him in my calling.

Therefore, my God,

I will put myself without reserve into your hands.

What have I in heaven and, apart from you, what do I want upon earth?

My flesh and my heart fail,

But God is the God of my heart and my portion for ever.

Humour: It takes your enemy and your best friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart: the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you.

To make you Smile

November

No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,

No comfortable feel in any member –

No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,

No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds,

November!

Thomas Hood (1799-1845)

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."

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

◆ TULLOGHER CAMOGIE CLUB—CLOTHING COLLECTION

Tullagher 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:

Saturday 4 November at 11:00 am

A huge thanks for any donations received.

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw was held on the 31st October 2023.

1st—Paddy and Paraic Ryan, Glentiroe

2nd—Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

3rd—John Ryan, HLR, Waterford Road

4th—Darren Atkins, Listerlin

5th—Liz McGovern, Garrenbehay

6th—Mark and Rose Saunders, Ballyneale

7th—Maurice Aylward, Shanbogh

The next draw will take place on Tuesday the 28th November 2023 at 08:00 pm.

◆ 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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