

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 14th January 2024

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Today's readings assure us that God never abandons his people but is always present with us. God is close to each one of us. This is a source of strength and comfort for us at the beginning of the New Year.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are all followers of Christ.

First Reading—Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Second Reading

St Paul reminds us that our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel—The marvellous opening verses of St. John's Gospel.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 20th January No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 21st January 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 17th January 10:00 am Mass
Friday 19th January 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 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Recent Death

Helena Carroll, Rathsnagadan, Inistioge

Anniversaries

Thomas Murphy, London/Assumption Terrace—Months Mind
Patrick Curran, Hoodsgrove
Micky O'Sullivan, Raheen
Paddy Hennessy, Hoodsgrove
Nicky Tubritt, Waterford
Jerry Moore, Tinnakilly

God's Call

God's call is mysterious; It comes in the darkness of faith. It is so fine, so subtle, that it is only with the deepest silence within us that we can hear it. And yet nothing is surer or stronger, nothing is so decisive and overpowering as that call. This call is uninterrupted. God is always calling us.

A Message from Fr. Dan for January: Bro Richard Hendrick OFM Cap has written a beautiful poem about how to enjoy a winter walk in nature and especially in the woods. The following is an extract from that poem and I hope you find it enjoyable:

A Meditation

When you walk in the woods, do so at their pace. Not yours. Pause before you enter their embrace, and breathe deep. Slow down to their ancient pace of root, and branch, and story. Then, with a bow, enter; and allow their cathedral coolness to enfold you, and their greened light to anoint you with sylvan sacrament of stained-glass dappling; and your healing will begin.

Listen long enough and they will teach you their tongue: words of wood, and weather, and water, united in one song of praise that began with the first Divinely led step into the dance of inter-breathing that you have forgotten how to sing until now.

Touching their great slowness, be reborn in their wisdom that promises, for every Winter a Spring, and roots deep enough to outlast any Summer drought until Autumn's coolness comes. When you walk in the woods, do so at their pace. Not yours.

Reflection

The Wild Geese

Then I saw the wild geese flying
In fair formation to their base in Inchicore
And I knew that these wings would outwear the wings of war
And a man's simple thoughts outlive the day's loud lying.

Don't fear, don't fear, I said to my soul,
The bedlam of time is an empty bucket rattled,
'Tis you who will say in the end who best battles,
Only they who fly home to God have flown at all.

Patrick Kavanagh

Wisdom

The child is not likely to find a father in God unless he finds something of God in his father.

Humour

When the late Mr & Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary a reporter asked Henry, "To what do you attribute fifty years of happy married life?" Henry replied "the formula is the same for making cars and as for making a marriage – stick to one model".

To make you smile: 'The prophets promised that a time would come when the lion and the lamb would lie down together, but they didn't say how much sleep the lamb would get!'

Woody Allen

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday
20th/21st January 2024**

Rosbercon: Sunday 21st January at 11:00 am
Bob Quinn, Millbanks

Collection of Parish Funds

30th/31st December 2023 and 6th/7th January 2024

Offertory Collection € 919.60
Weekly Envelopes € 1,735.40
Parish Debt on 10th January 2024 € 20,853.61

Christmas Offerings: Many thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Christmas Offerings. May the New Year be generous to all of us. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

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.

The annual **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22nd May 2024 from Cork flying direct to Lourdes with accommodation available in the hotels La Solitude, Padoue or Agena. With capacity being limited this year, it is strongly advised that pilgrims wishing to travel to Lourdes book as soon as possible. Should you require any additional information on the pilgrimage, please contact us on 01 410800 or info@joewalstours.ie. Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 maoc50@me.com

Rosbercon Foróige Youth Club: Foróige want to start a youth club in your area and we need adult volunteer leaders and young people members for the club. A youth club has huge positive benefits to young people in the community, and volunteering offers great rewards to the adults involved. You can make a difference. You can be a positive influence in your community. You can leave a positive impact on your community. For more information, please contact Aidan Gleeson on 086-0674485 or email Aidan.gleeson@foroige.ie

Rosbercon Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Brid Vereker, Millbanks Close and Anne O' Sullivan, Ballykenna. If you have a Safeguarding concern, contact Brid or Anne.

◆ **TULLOGHER GLENMORE PLOUGHING ASSOCIATION**

The Tullogher Glenmore Ploughing Association are hosting their annual ploughing match on Saturday January 27th 2024 at 11:00 am sharp by the kind permission of the Walsh family, Hoodsgrove, Tullogher. The usual classes will be in place and great prizes on offer. All entries are to be with Edward Forristal at 087—9240019 or to Philly Hartley at 087—2506337 before 8:00 pm Wednesday 24th January. Spectators on the day are very welcome.

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

Our local St. Vincent De Paul Chapter wish to express their sincerest appreciation to all who contributed to their recent Christmas Collection. Special thanks to the young ladies of the Lady of Lourdes Convent who organised a food collection. To give an example of our charitable work we recently came to the rescue of a single mother and her two children who were struggling due to no financial income with food and heating requirements. With the assistance of our contributions we were able to intervene and assist this family. Even though our annual collection was not as good as in previous years we will nonetheless continue our work in all areas of our Parish in 2024. If you become aware of genuine hardship in our community please contact any of the committee below: Richard Mc Elwee, Mary B Conway, Seamas Waters, Catherine Cottrell, Margaret Saunders and Brid Vereker.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW**

The winners of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw which was held on the 9th January 2024 are as follows:

1st—Luke Sr. Grennan, Ballyreddy

2nd—Joe and Mary Conway, Ballyknock

3rd—John Flanagan, Raheen

4th—Joe Walsh, Garrenbehy

5th—Fr. Liam Barron, Mullinavat

6th—Trevor Conroy, Brownstown

7th—Liam and Catriona Walsh

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 30th January 2024 at 08:30 pm.

◆ **CEILI AND SET DANCING ROSBERCON HALL**

Ceili Classes will commence in Rosbercon Hall in January 2024. These classes will be held in the afternoons and maybe the occasional Saturday. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

◆ **LINE DANCING**

Line Dancing Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evening in Rosbercon Hall at 7:00 pm. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

BRAND NEW Day Time Line Dancing Classes are starting on Tuesday 23rd January at 11:00 am until 12:00 noon in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

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