

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 21st January 2024

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus began his preaching with a call to people to change their lives and realise that they are loved. We begin each mass with a similar call; we are asked to call to mind our failure to love and to open our lives to the love of God and of those dear to us.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

God continually calls His people to follow His way of life.

### First Reading

Jonah is called to preach to the people of Nineveh.

### Second Reading

Saint Paul believes that the end of the world is at hand.

**Gospel**—The call of the first disciples.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon  
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle  
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 10:00 am Mass  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 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.

**First Anniversary:** Bishop Niall Coll was ordained Bishop of Ossory in succession to Archbishop Dermot Farrell in St. Mary's Cathedral Kilkenny on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023. This weekend on the first anniversary of his ordination we are asked to hold Bishop-Niall in our prayers. May his ministry in our diocese continue be blessed and fruitful in the years ahead.

### Recent Deaths

James (Jim) Conway, Killandrew, Mullinavat  
Patrick (Patsy) Gahan, Kilbrahan, Rosbercon  
Jim Hartley, Ballinaraha, Glenmore

### Anniversaries

Bob Quinn, Millbanks

### Reflection: An Ancient Celtic Blessing

God be with us in every pass.

Jesus be with us on every hill.

Spirit be with us on every stream,

Headland, ridge and valley.

Each sea and land, each moor and meadow

Each lying down, each rising up.

In the trough of the waves

on the crest of the billows

each step of the journey we go

O Lord, each heart you know. Amen.

**Catholic Schools' Week** this year is celebrated from 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> January. This week provides Catholic Schools with an opportunity to celebrate their work. Schools are invited to reflect on the relationship between home, school and parish. **Posters for Catholic Schools' Week** are on display on the Notice Boards of the Churches of the Parish.

**Prayer for Catholic Schools' Week:** 'Lord Jesus, we thank you for our Catholic Schools. Help us respond well to the faith that we have received so that we will become true followers of Jesus. Amen.'

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Spring-Time in the Church:** In mid-winter as we are now, only the barest signs of Spring are visible. But we have no doubt that Spring is just around the corner even though the ground still carries many of the dead leaves of last Summer.

We continue to live in a time of change, in society, in political life, in the Church and in our parish. As the old certainties pass away, we can be both fearful and excited at what the future will bring. Our Diocesan and Parish structures have served us well in the past but they assumed a large number of priests and a model of church where the priests provided the necessary Church services for the people.

For many years, theologians and church leaders have been saying that now is the time when all baptised people will take their rightful places in church life. However, it has taken the huge reduction in the number of priests to bring us to the moment where lay people can flourish.

As we move into the future, guided by our bishop, Niall Coll, we can choose to resist change or to be open and excited about what is happening in our parish and in the diocese. But like the coming spring, the Holy Spirit, the Breath of God will break through the withered beauties of last year and carry us forward to enjoy what is new and fresh in the world.

**The Hill we Climb:** "So, let us leave behind a country better than the one we were left with. We will rebuild, reconcile and recover in every known nook of our nation, in every corner called our country. Our people diverse and beautiful will emerge battered and beautiful. When day comes, we step out of the shade aflame and unafraid. The new dawn blooms as we free it. For there is always light. If only we are brave enough to see it. If only we're brave enough to be it."  
*From a poem read by Amanda Gorman at President Joe Biden's inauguration.*"

**Wisdom:** St Theresa of Lisieux says;

'If God has not got your heart, he has got nothing'.

### I shall not pass this way again

I expect to pass through this world but once;

Any good thing therefore, that I can do, or any

Kindness that I can show to any fellow creature,

Let me do it now, let me not defer or neglect it,

For I shall not pass this way again.

Anon

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## Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Mullinarrigle:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am

Pat Ryan, Kilbrahan and Guilcough

John Maddock, Rahora

Kitty, Kevin and Paddy Foley, Rahora

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at 11.00am

Jimmy Rellis, Rosbercon—Months Mind

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

### Collection of Parish Funds 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Offertory Collection** € 426.70

**Weekly Envelopes** € 442.80

**Parish Debt on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024** € 20,853.60

**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.

The annual **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 do not hesitate to contact us on 01-2410800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com)

**A Divine Mercy Alcove** has been established in St Mary's Church, Convoy, Co Donegal, which includes a first-class relic of St. Faustina. As part of the on-going development, they would like to draw up a list of Divine Mercy Groups. If you know of any Divine Mercy Group, no matter the size, please send the details to Fr. Eamonn Kelly, Parochial House, Convoy, Co Donegal, F93HX2R or [eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com](mailto:eamonnkelly1949@gmail.com) or 087 9077985 before 8th February. It is hoped to be able to establish contact between all the groups. Thank you for your help.

**Preparation for Marriage Courses 2024:** Grásta is a voluntary group of Married Couples based in Ireland, who for over 25 years have been facilitating Pre-Marriage Courses for couples getting married in the Catholic Church (formerly based in Esker Monastery, Athenry, until its recent closure). We also organise courses for Married Couples and Families. We work in partnership with other lay people, clergy and the team at the beautiful De La Salle Pastoral Centre in Co. Laois to offer enriching residential courses in a peaceful and welcoming environment.

Our Grásta Preparation for Marriage Courses consist of a residential weekend course, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, for couples to focus on their relationship and what is important for them as a couple planning their married life together. The courses are run with the approval of the Diocese of Ossory and Bishop Niall Coll. **Weekend residential courses available. 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April and 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024.**

**Details:** [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or at [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org)

**Humour:** Shortly before he died in 2001, Harry Secombe received the following telegram from his great friend Spike Milligan: 'I hope you die before me, Harry. I couldn't bear to have you singing at my funeral!'

### The Memoire is a beautiful prayer to Our Lady:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin

Mary, that never was it known

that anyone who fled to thy protection,

implored thy help, or sought thy intercession,

was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence I fly unto you,

O Virgin of virgins, my mother.

To you do I come, before you I

stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother

of the Word Incarnate, please consider my petitions,

And in your clemency hear and answer me. Amen

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

#### ◆ LISTERLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT

Scoil Mholainge Listerlin N.S. are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2024. Enrolment Forms can be obtained by contacting the school by email [office@listerlinns.com](mailto:office@listerlinns.com) or by phoning 051—427305.

#### ◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB

Tullougher /Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold their AGM on Monday night 22nd January 2024 in the Parish Pump at 8:00 pm .

#### ◆ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB

The St. Joseph's Athletic Club will hold their AGM on Wednesday night 24th January in Rosbercon Parish Hall at 7:30 pm.

#### ◆ 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.

#### ◆ 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.

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