

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 28th January 2024

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Jesus' words carried great authority with ordinary people. Why? Because his words had the ring of truth and people knew he meant them. Jesus' words will change our lives when we act on them. But sometimes we are content merely to listen.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God speaks his word through Moses and through Jesus.

First Reading: Moses promises a new prophet to the people to speak in God's name.

Second Reading: Saint Paul wants his followers to give undivided attention to the Lord.

Gospel: Jesus teaches with authority and controls evil spirits.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 3rd February: 7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 4th February: 9.30am in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 31st January: 10am Mass

Friday 2nd February: 10am 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 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

Christmas Offerings: Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Offerings. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House.

Recent Deaths:

Michael Lawlor, Berkley and formally of Ballyknock, Rosbercon

Catherine (Kit) Nugent, Southknock, New Ross

Anniversaries:

Jimmy Rellis, Rosbercon **Months Mind**

Jeremiah Sinnott, Tinneranny

Pat Ryan, Kilbrahan and Guilcough

John Maddock, Rahora

Kitty, Kevin and Patsy Foley, Rahora

Tim Breen, Tinnakilly

Agnes Hayes, Fethard on Sea

Martin and Cissie Nolan, Rosbercon Hill

Peter, Mary and Thomas Quinlan, Mullinakill

O Dwyer Family, Listerlin

Feast of Saint Blaise: The Feast of Saint Blaise will be celebrated on Saturday next 3rd of February. Blaise was a physician before becoming a bishop in Armenia. He is reputed to have miraculously saved a young boy from choking from a fishbone in his throat. We pray to Saint Blaise especially on his feast day, 3rd February. He is known for his power to protect us from ailments of the throat.

At Mass on Saturday, Fr Dan will read the Prayer of Blessing of Throats and pray to God to protect our people from ailments of the throat during the coming year. Prayer: 'Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may Our Lord deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other evil, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen

It was great to have **The Giving Tree** in Rosbercon Parish this Christmas. The response was hugely generous as always and last week over 90 gifts were delivered to the residents at the Community and New Houghton Hospitals. The Rosbercon Parish Pastoral Council wish to thank all the parishioners who kindly contributed by returning the requested gifts. Your kindness and thoughtful are much appreciated. A special thanks to Noreen Murphy who prepared the tags with named gifts. The Giving Tree has been running for a long number of years in the parish and is very much in keeping with the spirit of Christmas.

A Message from Fr Dan - Spring-Time – Lá Féile Bríde:

"We sing a song to Brigid, Brigid brings the Spring, Awakens all the fields and flowers, and calls the birds to sing".

We celebrate Saint Brigid's Day on Thursday, 1st February, traditionally, the first day of Springtime. We have noticed the lengthening evenings and the increase of light in recent mornings. The old people used to say you can see the "cock's step" in the increase of daylight after the 6th of January. So, praise God for this beautiful time of the year, when Mother Nature begins to wake up and signs of new life begin to emerge all around. The birds will soon be busy building new nests and the snowdrops and the daffodils are beginning to peep out of the earth. It is a time of new beginning, hope and new life.

Praise God too for Saint Brigid, one of the great ladies of our faith story. Her life and her care enabled people to blossom and develop.

"All were welcome at her door, no one was turned away.

She loved the poor, the sick, the sore and helped them on their way.

She laid her cloak out on the Ground and watched it grow and grow.

In wells and streams and fields of green Saint Brigid's blessings flow"

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

St. Brigid's Day is celebrated on Thursday, 1st February. On the feast of St Brigid, we ask God's blessings for the year ahead. Saint Brigid is the Secondary Patron Saint of Ireland after Saint Patrick.

Prayer to Saint Brigid: Brigid, Mary of the Gael, let your mantle pass over me and keep me under its protective covering until I am with you in Heaven. Amen

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Prayer to Saint Brigid:
You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace
Cover those who are troubled and anxious
And may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts
And in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made
Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.
Strengthen what is weak within us.
Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.
May we grow each day into greater wholeness
Of body, mind and spirit.

Candlemas Day: Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple, known as Candlemas Day. Candles will be blessed at morning Mass in Rosbercon on Wednesday. We welcome candles for use in Church.

Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday 3rd / 4th January 2024

Tullagher Sat 3rd February @ 7.00 pm

Mickey Rigby, Ballyconnaught and deceased family members
James Phelan, Tullagher

Mullinarrigle Sunday 4th February @ 9.30 am

Mai Hartley, Brabstown, Tullagher
Seamas, Siobháin, Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown

Rosbercon Sunday 4th February @11.00 am

Patsy Gahan, Kilbrahan **Months Mind**
Alice Sinnott, Priory Court, New Ross

Reflection: Grace by H. W. Longfellow.
“As torrents in summer, half-dried in their channels,
suddenly rise, tho’ the sky is still cloudless,
for rain has been falling far off at their fountains.
So, hearts that are fainting grow full to o’erflowing,
and they that behold it marvel, and know not
that God at their fountains far off has been raining”.

Wisdom: ‘I believe in the sun when I cannot see it. I believe in love when I cannot feel it. I believe in God even when he is silent’.

To Make you smile and perhaps to make you think: ‘Walking with Grandma’

I like to walk with grandma. Her steps are small like mine.
She doesn’t say ‘now hurry up’, she always takes her time.
I like to walk with Grandma, her eyes see things like mine do.
Wee pebbles bright, a funny cloud, half hidden drops of dew.
Most people have to hurry; they do not stop to see.
I’m glad that God made Grandma, unrushed and young like me.

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 do not hesitate to contact us on 01-2410800 or info@joewalstours.ie. Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O’Connor 087-2517766 maoc50@me.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.

◆ **CEILI AND SET DANCING ROSBERCON HALL**

Ceili Classes will commence in Rosbercon Hall in February 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 Tuesdays in February at 11:00 am until 12:00 noon in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA**

Development Draw Winners January 2024

1st Prize of €250 John Lawlor, Glenpipe
2nd Prize of €100 Jamie Doyle, Garrenbehay
3rd Prize of €100 Billy Nolan, Rosbercon
€50 Prize Winners:
Seamus Murphy, Trinaree
John Ryan HLR, Waterford Road
Donal and Catherine Cummins, Brownstown
Alex Kickham, Tinneranny

Next Draw: Tuesday 27th February @8.30 pm

Humour: The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending and to have the two as close together as possible!

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