

NEW YEARS BLESSINGS TO ALL

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 7th January 2024

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus. Jesus was baptised by his cousin, John, in the waters of the Jordan. He did so in order that he might free us from the power of limitation and weakness and give us a new way of living.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We celebrate Jesus' baptism and our own baptism.

First Reading: All are welcome to come to the waters of life

Second Reading: Through our own baptism we share in the salvation won by Jesus.

Gospel: Jesus is baptised by John in the Jordan River.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 13th January: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 14th January: 9.30am in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon

Wednesday 10th January: No Mass

Friday 12th January: 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 10:30 am to 12:00 noon. All are welcome to attend.

Recent Death:

Jimmy Rellis, Tinnaranny, Rosbercon

Anniversaries:

Mary Murphy (nee Doolan) Ballyknock **Months Mind**

Bridget Power, Glenballyvalley

Anna Lawless, Ballykenna

Biddy Doolan, Curraghmore

Jackie Tubritt, Raheen

Peg and John Tubritt, Raheen

Nicky Tubritt, Raheen

James, Catherine and John Rice, New Ross

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.

We wish every blessing to Karen Hanrahan, Tullogher and Ger Mullally, Cappagh, Thomastown, who were married in St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Friday 29th December 2023. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

We wish every blessing to Emilie Kennedy, Ballykenna and John Conway, Ballyknock, who were also married in St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Saturday 30th December 2023. May they too be blessed with a long and happy married life together.

We welcome into our Parish Community Sophie Rose Crosbie, daughter of Ian and Fiona, Schoolhouse Road, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 23rd December 2023. We also welcome into our Parish Community Clara Breda Conway, daughter of Conor and Anna, Ballycurran, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Listerlin, on Wednesday 27th December 2023.

A Message from Fr Dan – One hundred and seventy-eight years ago the world was plagued by the cholera epidemic. In his poem *In Memoriam*, Alfred Lord Tennyson wrote "Ring out old shapes of foul disease". Could he ever have guessed that his words would ring true again for our time of Covid. The human spirit is strong and now again, we look to see the light of hope and the promise of better times ahead as we embrace 2024.

Extract from *In Memoriam, Ring out, wild bells*, by Alfred Lord Tennyson written in 1846:

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky, the flying cloud, the frosty light:

The year is dying in the night; Ring out, wild bells, and let it die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new, Ring, happy bells, across the snow:

The year is going, let it go; Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease; Ring in the nobler modes of life;

Ring out the thousand wars of old, Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the love of truth and right, Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the darkness of the land, Ring in the Christ that is to be.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted

A Thought for the New Year:

'Though we live in a world that dreams of ending,

That always seems about to give in.

Something that will not acknowledge conclusion

Insists that we forever begin'.

Brendan Kennelly

Wisdom: 'Life can only be understood backwards. But it must be lived forwards'

Soren Kierkegaard (1813-1855)



*Wishing Everyone a very Peaceful
And Happy New Year*



Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

13th /14th January 2024

Rosbercon: Saturday 13th at 7.00 pm

Thomas Murphy, London & Assumption Terrace **Months Mind**

Micky O Sullivan, Raheen

Paddy Hennessy, Hoods Grove

Patrick Curran, Hoods Grove

Rosbercon: Sunday 14th at 11.00 am

Jerry Moore, Tinnakilly

Thank You and Good Wishes. Fr. Dan thanks you sincerely for your generosity and loyalty to Rosbercon Parish during 2023 and in the early days of 2024. May Our Lord grant you and your family many blessings in the year ahead.

Collection of Parish Funds 23rd/24th/25th December 2023

Offertory Collection: €3004.65

Weekly Envelopes: €3255.00

Parish Debt on 31st December 2023: €20,853.61

Reflection: Prayer for the Feast of the Baptism of Christ

God our Creator, we thank you for the wonder of new life and for the mystery of human love. We give thanks for all whose support and skill surround and sustain the early years of life. As Jesus knew love and discipline within a human family, may our children grow up in faith and wisdom. As Mary knew the joys and pains of motherhood, give all parents your sustaining grace and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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@joewalshstours.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.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024:

The December draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 20th December in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to **Josie McElwee** who won 8th Prize of €100. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

Rest in Peace: Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard but always near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

To make you Smile: The Bishop of a Diocese once stepped in when the local priest was taken ill. At the end of the Mass the people went to thank him; 'It was good of your Lordship to help us out today' one said. 'A lesser man would be better but we couldn't find him.'

Rosbercon Tullogher Chapter St Vincent de Paul

Our local V 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.

St Josephs Athletic Club

Split The Pot Winners:

23rd Nov - Bridget Kilbane €125

7th Dec - Jim Meggs €111

21st Dec— Mary Ann Heffernan €110

Next Draw 11th January 2024

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Lecture on Water Diviner Experiments in Ireland, 1891 and 1899—Speaker: Brian White

Date: Friday 19th January 2024 @ 8.00pm in the Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church).

This talk will include the input of Mr Jones, Mullinabro, Kilmacow/Ferrybank in the experiments.

Foróige

Foróige want to start a youth club in our 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

Tullogher Camogie Club

The Club would like to sincerely thank all those who contributed to the recent clothing collection in the clubhouse and all who helped to make the presentation night such a success. Special mention must go to Walter Walsh, to Paddy and Eleanor Ryan, Martin and Lorraine Bookle, to Bob for providing sound and music and to our sponsors. Míle buíochas daoibh go léir.



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