

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th February 2024

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

In biblical times people did not touch lepers for fear of contagion. Yet Jesus reached out and touched those afflicted with leprosy. He also reaches out to us. We approach Jesus realising how much we need his healing touch.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The healing of a leper in the gospel is the key idea in the readings.

First Reading

The lot of a leper in the Old Testament was a hard one.

Second Reading

Saint Paul offers himself as a model Christian.

Gospel

Jesus heals a leper and brings unwanted attention to himself.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 17th February No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 18th February 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Ash Wednesday 14th February 10:00 am and 7:00 pm

Friday 16th February 10:00 am Mass

Mullinarrigle

Ash Wednesday 14th February 12:00 Noon

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.

Anniversaries

Anthony "Tony" Murphy, Tinneranny

Patsy Brambley, Bosheen

Anne Forristal, Shanbogh Lower

Maeve Wilson, Ard Ross

James Gaule, Listerlin

Irene Lynch., Tinneranny

Life

I'm here for a short visit only

And I'd rather be loved than hated.

Eternity may be lonely.

When my body is disintegrated

And that which is loosely termed my soul

Goes whizzing off through the infinite

By means of some vague remote control,

I'd like to think I was missed a bit.

Noel Coward

A Message from Fr. Dan: World Day of Prayer for the Sick

On Sunday this weekend we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The reason for this is that on the 11th February, 1858 Our Lady appeared to Saint Bernadette for the first time. The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is famous for a number of other reasons: On this date since 1993 we celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Sick. We reflect on the needs of all who suffer from illness and those who care for them.

It was the 11th February, 2013 that the recently deceased Pope Benedict announced his retirement. It was on this day in 1990 that Nelson Mandela was released after 27 years in prison.

So, for Saint Bernadette, for Pope Benedict, for Nelson Mandela and for the sick, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is an occasion for joy and gratitude!

The Holy Season of Lent begins on Wednesday 14th February (Ash Wednesday). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. There is a tradition in the parish of parishioners attending daily Mass during Lent. We will have daily Mass every Wednesday and Friday during Lent at 10:00 am.

Reflection for Saint Valentine's Day.

I hear my Beloved,

see how he comes

leaping on the mountains,

bounding over the hills.

My Beloved is like a gazelle,

Like a young stag.

My Beloved lifts up his voice, he says to me,

"Come then, my love,

My lovely one, come

For see, winter is past,

the rains are over and gone,

the flowers appear on earth

and the season of glad songs has come.

Set me like a seal on your heart,

Like a seal on your arm

For love is strong as death

And passion as relentless as fire

The flash of it is the flame of God

Love, no flood can quench

Nor torrents drown.

Old Testament, Song of Songs.

Wisdom: Anyone can catch your eye, but it takes someone special to catch your heart.

Happy Valentine's Day

To Make you smile: "I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me".

Noel Coward

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**Mass Intentions for Sunday,
18th February 2024**

Rosbercon at 11:00 am:

Kit Nugent, Southknock
Brian Fortune, Shanbogh
Mary fortune, Shanbogh

Programme for St. Canice's First Eucharist 2024

Tuesday 6th February at 7:30pm—Enrolment Mass for First Eucharist Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church

Sunday 3rd March at 11:00 am—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

Sunday 17th March at 11:00 am—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

Tuesday 19th March at 1:30 pm—First Penance – Rosbercon Church

Tuesday 23rd April at 7:30 pm—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children.

Saturday, 27th April at 11:00 am—Celebration of First Eucharist in Rosbercon Church

Programme for Listerlin First Eucharist 2024

Monday 12th February at 7:30 pm—First Eucharist Enrolment Mass for Parents and Children in Listerlin Church

Sunday 10th March at 9:30 am—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

Thursday 21st March at 2:00 pm—First Penance – Listerlin Church

Sunday 14th April at 9:30 am—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

Tuesday 14th May at 7:30 pm—First Eucharist Preparation Mass in Listerlin Church for Parents and Children.

Saturday, 18th May at 11:00 am—Celebration of First Eucharist in Listerlin Church

Programme for Parish Confirmation 2024

Friday 9th February at 7:30 pm—Confirmation Enrolment Mass in Rosbercon Church for Parents and Children

Saturday 9th March at 7:00 pm—Confirmation Preparation Mass for Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church.

Saturday 13th April at 7:00 pm—Confirmation Preparation Mass for Parents and Children in Rosbercon Church.

Tuesday 30th April at 7:30 pm—Ceremony of Light in Rosbercon Church for Parents, Children and Sponsor.

Thursday, 2nd May at 11:00 am—Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church by Bishop Niall Coll.

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

The January draw for St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 31st January in the Chapter Room at St. Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Josie McElwee who won 1st prize of € 2,000 and Seamus & Bidy Waters who won 7th Prize of €200. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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

◆ **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.

◆ **LISTERLIN NATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

Scoil Mholaingne Listerlin N.S. are now accepting enrolments for Junior Infants for September 2024. Enrolment Forms can be obtained by contacting the school by phoning 051 427305 or by emailing office@listerlinns.com

◆ **ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

Preparations have started for New Ross St. Patrick's Day Parade 2024. The parade will begin in the Irishtown and follow the same route as last year. The Theme this year is "Community Togetherness". We want to get our groups together, our floats ready, shop windows decorated and our own windows ready and make this year amazing.

The committee welcomes anyone interested in volunteering to help out on the day.

For more information or an application form check out our Facebook page "St. Patricks Day – New Ross" or phone Anthony 087-2338350 or Ollie 087-2571841

◆ **TULLOGHER/ROSBERCON VINTAGE CLUB**

The Following Officers were elected for 2024

President—Pat Murphy

Chairman—P.J Murphy

Vice Chairman—Sean Furlong

Secretary's—David Mackey and Colm Caulfield

Treasurer—Liz Curran

Membership Secretary—Bob Saunders

PRO—Fergus O' Leary

Safety Advisor—Pat McGrath and Eddie Malone

◆ **St Vincent de Paul**

The Tullagher Rosbercon Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul wish to express their deep gratitude to St. Josephs Athletic Club for their recent contribution. It is greatly appreciated by the local Committee

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