

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th February 2024

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Each of us is involved in the constant struggle of life. We see from the Gospel that Jesus too struggled. Hence, he understands our weakness and our need for strength and support. In this weekend's gospel Jesus is victorious over temptation. We can approach Jesus with confidence, asking for the help we need to live rewarding and productive lives.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

The first Sunday of Lent reminds us of our need to be aware of God's providence in our lives.

First Reading—God makes a covenant with Noah.

Second Reading—Jesus saves us through Baptism.

Gospel—The temptations of Jesus.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 24th February 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 25th February 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 21st February No Mass

Friday 23rd February No Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Please note there will be no **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** next Wednesday morning 21st February 2024

Anniversaries

Brian Fortune, Shanbogh

Mary Fortune, Shanbogh

Mary Murphy, Glensensaw

Joe Doran, Assumption Terrace

Maura O'Sullivan, Glenballyvalley

Margaret Dooley, Raheen, Waterford Road

To mark the Lenten Season:

Spend time with a passage of Scripture that appeals to you.

Be with Jesus in the desert

Ask Him for the grace to listen.

Spend time with him in prayer during Lent.

Ask for the gift you need most.

A Guardian Angel to watch over you: In today's gospel we read of Jesus being guarded by Angels in the wilderness. As children we learned a beautiful prayer to our Angel Guardian:

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here,

Ever this day (or night) be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.

Amen

A Message from Fr. Dan: Lent 2023 – Ash Wednesday last week marked the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. This is the time every year when we make a special effort to fast, do penance, reflect on our faith and perform acts of charity. In this way we prepare for the great celebrations of Holy Week; the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Christ. It is through the events of the first Holy Week that we attain redemption.

On Ash Wednesday we wear ashes on our foreheads to remind us that we came from the earth and to the earth we will, one day, return. As the ashes is placed on our foreheads we think of the words of Jesus, "**Repent and believe in the Good News.**" The Good News is that we are loved by God and by his Son. Jesus Christ.

The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's Palm Sunday Mass. The ashes remind us also that God is gracious and merciful to those who call on Him with changed hearts. God's mercy is of utmost importance during the season of Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are most commonly prayed during Lent on Fridays, and especially on Good Friday. Many of us were taught as children to "give up something" for Lent. Our parents made sure that what we did for Lent was really penance. Throughout our history Christians have found that prayer, fasting, and almsgiving were a great help in coming close to Christ.

Nowadays some prefer to look at personal habits that need work or to reach out to people in need. The priority is to grow closer to Christ. We are not asked to be perfect, but we should put forth a good effort. We can pray, fast and give alms.

For almost 50 years our people have contributed generously to **Trocaire** during the Lenten Season. Trocaire is the Irish language word for "compassion". Trocaire turns the compassion of the Irish people into life-changing support for some of the poorest people in the world.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

A Mind Content with What Is: Once God grew tired of man's endless petitions, so He asked him to choose three things that might bring him contentment. The first request the man made was for his wife's death but he heard so much praise of her at her funeral that his second request was to have her back again! He was so anxious to get his third request right that he decided to leave it to God himself. He was then granted a mind content with what is.

Wisdom: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the number of moments that take our breath away.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

24th/25th February 2024

Rosbercon: Saturday 24th February at 7:00 pm

Jim Phelan, Listerlin

Patrick and Margaret Forristal, Shanbogh

Rosbercon: Sunday 25th February at 11:00 am

Michael Lawlor, Berkley, New Ross—Months Mind

Michael O'Neill, Tinneranny

Collection of Parish Funds 3rd/4th & 10th/11th February 2024

Offertory Collection € 1,112.65

Weekly Envelopes € 1,319.95

Parish Debt on 14th February 2024 € 20,853.60

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes will be distributed to the homes of the Parish during the coming weeks. The usual distributors are asked to oblige.

Eight ways in which we can love our neighbour during Lent

The Love of Listening—But you must really listen. Don't interrupt, don't plan your response. Just listen.

The Love of Affection—Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handouts.

The Love of laughter—Share jokes and funny stories. You are saying 'I love to laugh with you'.

The Love of Solitude—There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of peace to others.

The Love of a Favour—Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.

The Love of a Written Note—This can be a simple "Thanks for the help!". A brief handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime. The Love of a Compliment: A simple and sincere "You look great in red!". "You did a super job!" or "That was a wonderful meal!" can make someone's day.

The Love of a Cheerful Disposition—The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone, or even just a smile.

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Reflection

Lent: Springtime of the Spirit

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.

First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.

Spring dresses the trees in a new robe

And makes them young again.

But this is possible only because in autumn

They let go of their old leaves,

And endured a winter of poverty.

Lent is the springtime of the spirit.

Lord, help us not to be afraid to let go of the old habits,

And to face our spiritual poverty,

In order that you may renew us, and so at Easter

We will feel young again in our discipleship.

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.

To Make you smile: Woman to her friend: 'My husband is always travelling and is only home one month in the year'. Friend: 'How very sad for you'. Woman: 'Yes, but a month goes by very quickly!'.

◆ 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

◆ 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.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Acts of Union: Mixed Marriage in Modern Ireland

Speakers: Dr Ruth Duffy and Dr Alison Garden

Date: Friday, 23rd February 2024

Time: 8:00 pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

Admission: € 5.00, Society Members Free

All welcome.

◆ MENTAL HEALTH PEER SUPPORT TRAINING WITH CYCLE AGAINST SUICIDE

This training is offered free to all community volunteers in a drive to bring Peer-Support to the heart of communities as a critical part of mental health awareness and suicide prevention. Online via Zoom from 7-10pm on 4 evenings over 2 weeks.

Training Dates:

March 2024: Tues 12th , Thurs 14th and Tues 19th , Thurs 21st

April 2024: Mon 8th , Wed 10th and Mon 15th , Wed 17th

May 2024: Mon 13th , Wed 15th and Mon 20th , Wed 22nd

To Register: Email training@cycleagainstsucide.com or online at www.cycleagainstsucide.com/register-to-become-community-buddy/

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