

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 3rd March 2024

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We gather every weekend in the house of God, which is a house of prayer and worship. We can make of our church a true house of prayer. Let us reflect for a moment on the devotion we bring to our worship.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We continue our Lenten journey under the direction of Christ's message.

First Reading—God gives his law to the Jewish people.

Second Reading

Saint Paul preaches a Christ who was crucified.

Gospel—Jesus drives the traders from the Temple.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 9th March 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 10th March 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 6th March 10:00 am Mass
Friday 8th March 10:00 am 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.

Anniversaries

Margaret "Peggy" Burke, Thomastown—Months Mind
Phil Walsh, Glenballyvalley
Michael Norris, Slieverue
Josie and Tom Cashin, Tinnakilly
Joan Molloy, Tinneranny
Maura Young, Cooleen
Richard, Paul, Jim and Mary Young, Cooleen
Christy Ward, Ballymartin
Thomas and Catherine Tobin, Ballyfoyle
Eileen Malone, Ballygriffin, Kilmacow

Prayer for the Churches of our Parish:

Lord, bless the churches of our parish; Rosbercon, Listerlin – Mullinarrigle and Tullogher. Grant that their doors may always be open. May they be places of care for the suffering and for the bereaved and places of mercy for the faltering step. May our churches mirror God's love for his people and the timeless compassion of Mary, God's mother, help of the half-defeated. May our Churches be places that understand that: 'We must love and care for one another or perish'.

A Message from Fr. Dan: 'Love One Another': How do we know if we are true followers of Jesus? The real test is, do we love and care for one another? Love is the mark of the follower of Jesus. Love reaches out to others in understanding and compassion, in care and affirmation, in listening and service. The love that is in my heart influences how I treat people every day.

Love is the atmosphere we live in as followers of Jesus. How we care for one another and for our community will decide the quality of our prayer and worship. Those who love God will want to pray and prayer in turn will help us to be loving. When we think of those close to us, we want all to be well for them and we want them to have peace in their hearts and lives. We want them to have the best possible life they can.

A way of growing in love is to be grateful for what we already have. There are so many people who give to us in so many ways every day. People we work with, people we meet socially, people we play games with and people who serve the community all give to us. A short prayer at night to thank God for them is a lovely idea.

The world that we live in is full of very good and very loving people. But there is coldness and evil in our world also. People are constantly being hurt, abused and used. Part of loving is to care for people who are hurting and bring them healing. This is best achieved in ordinary ways by a helping hand. Also love has the power to transform even the most self-centred and cold heart. Jesus spoke lovingly to many and changed their lives. We can do the same. As Pope Francis said in a talk in January 2014, 'The one who loves, gives to God and to others'

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

March

Month of spring planting, month of the violets, the month of St. Patrick. Be with us Lord during this month. Seachtain na Gaeilge is celebrated before St. Patrick's Day every year. Irish language events are launched all over Ireland. We thank God for the wonderful heritage that has been bestowed on us in Ireland, our native language, our heritage of music, dance, and song the love for education. Lord, enlighten our minds to respect the noble heritage that came to us through our language and increase our desire to secure and strengthen it, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Life by Noel Coward

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 9th/10th March 2024

Rosbercon: Saturday 9th March at 7:00 pm

Kit Nugent, Southknock—Months Mind

Michael and Philip Wall, Rosbercon

Baby Jack Kelly, Galway

Jo Ryan, Glentiroe

Bridget O'Neill, Tinneranny

Michael O'Neill, Ballyknock

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 10th March at 9:30 am

Ann Murphy, Darbystown

Joe Mackey, Mullinakil

Thomas Lawlor, Glenpipe and Dublin

Collection of Parish Funds 17th/18th & 24th/25th February 2024

Offertory Collection € 938.40

Weekly Envelopes € 1,556.60

Parish Debt on 28th February 2024 € 20,853.60

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

Trócaire works for a just and peaceful world where

- ◆ People's dignity is ensured and rights are respected
- ◆ Where basic needs are met and resources are shared equitably
- ◆ Where people have control over their own lives.
- ◆ Where those in power act for the common good.
- ◆ Trócaire supports people regardless of culture, gender or religion.

Trócaire boxes are being delivered to the homes of the parish. Once again, we ask you to be generous to the needs of the poorest of the poor. Your support is very much appreciated.

Faith of our Fathers and Mothers

The Presence of God is often said to be the most significant aspect of our Celtic Faith. This was natural in Irish life. People believed that they were constantly being protected by God's love and were very committed to circular prayers. The most common one is Saint Patrick's Breastplate.

Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me,
Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down, Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every one who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me. Amen.

Reflection

Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead thou me on;

The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
Will lead me on

O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
The night is gone.

And with the morn those Angel faces smile,
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

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.

◆ 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

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 2 x Activities Assistant in New Houghton Hospital
2. 1 x Groundsman/Caretaker in Tullogher GAA

For further information please contact: 051-425093 or 086-3642592. Email: rosberconparish@gmail.com. **Department of Social Protection, Community Employment Terms and Conditions Apply. See (<http://www.welfare.ie>)**

◆ TULLOGHER ROSBERCON DEVELOPMENT DRAW

The winners of the Tullogher Rosbercon Development Draw which was held on the 27th February 2024 are as follows:

- 1st—Dodie Walsh, Brownstown
- 2nd—Simon Kennedy, Ballykenna
- 3rd—Seamus Murphy, Trinaree
- 4th—John Murphy, Ballyfoyle
- 5th—Cathal O'Brien, Mullinavat
- 6th—Paul Lynch
- 7th—Declan Grennan, Ballycurran

The next draw will take place on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 8:30 pm.

◆ ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB SPLIT THE POT

St. Joseph's Athletic Club Split The Pot Winners

12th January—Lynda Coughlin—€ 125.00

25th January—Linda Conway—€ 108.00

8th February—Anne Barry—€ 105.00

22nd February—Maggie Helen O' Connor—€ 102.00

Next Draw will take place on the 7th March 2024.

Entries are Available Online at Tinyurl.com/stac-split-the-pot

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