

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th February 2024

Fr. Dan Cavanagh P.P. 051—421515 087—2335432. Email: danieljcavanagh49@gmail.com

Parish Secretary: 051—421515 Office Hours: Mon –Thurs 10:30 am—2:30 pm

Parish Website: www.rosberconparish.ie Parish Hall email: rosberconparish@gmail.com

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Most of us live very busy lives. As a result, we may be spiritually impoverished. Today's Gospel shows us how in the midst of all his work Jesus took time to pray. The Weekend Mass provides us with an opportunity to spend time with one another in the company of the Lord.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

God speaks his word the disciples and through Jesus.

**First Reading**—Jobe contemplates the meaning of life.

### Second Reading

Saint Paul tells us of his duty to preach the Gospel.

### Gospel

Jesus cured many who suffered from illnesses of one kind or another.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 am Mass

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://www.rosberconparish.ie)

**The Feast of St. Blaise** was celebrated on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Fr. Dan will bless throats after the weekend Masses this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> /Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

**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 Deaths

Margaret "Peggy" Ryan, Thomastown/Athlone and Listerlin

Michael Ryan, Kearney Bay, Glenmore

### Anniversaries

Patsy Gahan, Kilbrahan—Months Mind

Mickey Rigby, Ballyconnaught

James Phelan, Tullogher

James, Mary, Paddy and Breda Cummins, Tullogher

James Fanning, Glenballyvalley

Seamus, Siobhan, Dick, Eily and Paddy Barron, Darbystown

Mai Hartley, Brabstown, Tullogher

Baby Oisin McLoughlin, Smithstown

Mary, Margaret and James Long, Ballveria, Glenmore

Alice Sinnott, Priory Court, New Ross

Margaret Long, Guilcough

Biddy Purcell, Kilbrahan

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Beauty:** Outside a Metro Station in Washington, DC, on a cold January morning in 2007, a man with a violin played six Bach pieces for about 45 minutes. The man playing the Bach pieces was Joshua Bell, playing incognito as part of a social experiment about perception, taste and people's priorities, organized by the Washington Post

During the 45 minutes that Joshua Bell was playing approximately 2,000 people went through the station. In all only 6 people stopped to listen. The first was a middle-aged man but he stopped for only a few seconds. Next a young man leaned against the wall to listen but then looked at his watch and started to walk again. A number of small children stopped to look at the violinist but in each case the parent tugged them along hurriedly. Joshua Bell played continuously for 45 minutes. Six people stopped and listened for a short while. About 20 people gave money but continued to walk at their normal pace. The collection came to \$ 32.

After an hour Joshua Bell finished playing and silence took over. No one noticed and no one applauded. What no one knew was that Joshua Bell is recognized as one of the greatest musicians in the world. Outside the Metro he played one of the most intricate pieces of music ever written on a Stradivarius violin worth \$ 3.5 million dollars. Two days before he played to a sold-out theatre in Boston where the seats averaged \$ 100 each. He played the same pieces in the theatre in Boston as he played outside the Metro Station.

This experiment raised several questions: In a common-place environment, at an inappropriate hour, do we perceive beauty? If so, do we stop to appreciate it? One possible conclusion reached from this experiment could be this: If we do not have a moment to stop and listen to one of the best musicians in the world, playing some of the finest music ever written, on one of the most beautiful instruments ever made, how many other things are we missing as we rush through life?

*(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)*

### February

We have entered the month of February, St. Brigid's month,

the beginning of Spring, month of lambs, calves and foals;

Month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

We experience new life and light as nature

awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer

and the snowdrops and daffodils will soon be plentiful.

We pray, 'God of nature, Lord of light, you have

Given us a world to respect and preserve.

We ask God's blessing on our fragile earth and on

the people who live upon the earth, through the

gentleness of your son Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

*This weeks newsletter is kindly sponsored by  
The Hartley Family, Brabstown*

**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday,  
10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7:00 pm  
Anthony "Tony" Murphy, Tinneranny  
Patsy Brambley, Bosheen

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 11:00 am  
Anne Forristal, Shanbogh Lower  
Maeve Wilson, Ard Ross

**Collection of Parish Funds 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Offertory Collection** € 862.00  
**Weekly Envelopes** € 1,683.00  
**Parish Debt on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024** € 20,853.60

**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.

The annual **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024** is now available to book! The departure will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie). Assisted Pilgrims contact Fr. Anthony O'Connor 087-2517766 [maoc50@me.com](mailto:maoc50@me.com)

**A Faithful Friend**

Let those who are at peace with you be many,  
but let your advisers be one in a thousand.  
When you gain a friend, gain him through testing,  
and do not trust him hastily.

For there is a friend who is such at his own convenience,  
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.  
And there is a friend, who changes into an enemy,  
and will disclose a quarrel to your disgrace.

And there is a friend, who is a table companion,  
but will not stand by you in your day of trouble.  
In your prosperity he will make himself your equal,  
and be bold in your presence;  
But if you are brought low, he will turn against you,  
and will hide himself from you.

A faithful friend is a sturdy shelter;  
He that has found one has found a treasure.  
There is nothing as precious as a faithful friend,  
and no scales can measure his excellence.

*Old Testament Book of Wisdom*

**The Strength of Love:**

There is a comfort in the strength of love;  
Twill make a thing enduring, which else  
Would upset the brain or break the heart.

*William Wordsworth*

**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

**Reflection**

**"Anois teacht on Earraig"**

The great Gaelic Poet, Anthony Raftery wrote in his poem Cill Aodain,

'Now that spring has come, days will get longer,  
And after Brigid's Day I will raise my sails'.

We have entered the month of February, St Brigid's month,  
the beginning of Spring, month of lambs, calves and foals;  
Month of three kinds of weather: wind, rain and snow.

We experience new life and light as nature  
awakens in Spring. The days are getting longer  
and the snowdrops and daffodils will soon be plentiful.

We pray, 'God of nature, Lord of light, you have  
Given us a world to respect and preserve.

We ask God's blessing on our fragile earth and on  
the people who live upon the earth, through the  
gentleness of your son Jesus Christ.

*Amen.*

**Wisdom:** "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow"

*Helen Keller*

**Humour:** Finance is the art of passing money from hand to hand until it finally disappears!

◆ **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 Mholaing Listerlin N.S. are now accepting enrollments for Junior Infants for September 2024. Enrolment Forms can be obtained by contacting the school by phoning 051 427305 or by email [office@listerlinns.com](mailto:office@listerlinns.com)

◆ **ST. JOSEPH'S ATHLETIC CLUB AGM**

The following officers were re-elected for 2024

**President's**—Bob Saunders and Pat Power

**Chairperson**—Susan Lanigan

**Vice Chairperson**—Rocky Mernagh

**Secretary**—Helen Vereker

**Assistant Secretary**—Siobhan Mullally

**Treasurer**—Peter Barry

**Assistant Treasurer**—Caoimhe Barry

**PRO**—Léan Ní Chiobháin

**Website**—John McDonald

**Child Welfare Officer**—Trevor Conroy

**Trainers**—J.P. Vereker, Peter Barry, Maggie Helen O'Connor, Susan Lanigan

*This weeks newsletter is kindly sponsored by  
The Hartley Family, Brabstown*