

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 17th March 2024

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

A grain of wheat dies in order to bear fruit. We too gradually grow into mature people. Becoming like Christ is a life time's work and happens in very ordinary ways.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

We are just eight days from Holy Week. We think seriously today about our celebration of the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

First Reading

God promises a new covenant, a "new deal", between Himself and his people.

Second Reading

Christ learned to obey through what he suffered.

Gospel—Jesus does God's will always, even in death.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 16th March 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 17th March

St. Patrick's Day 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle
11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 13th March 10:00 am Mass

Friday 15th March 10:00 am Mass

Holy Week Programme 2024

Rosbercon Church

Wednesday of Holy Week Mass 10:00 am

Holy Thursday 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday 3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 11:00 am

Mullinarrigle Church

Easter Sunday 9:30 am Mass of the Resurrection

Tullogher Church

Good Friday 7:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Holy Saturday 6:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel every Wednesday morning from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Lenten Reconciliation Services: Fr. Dan will hear Confessions for Lent after the weekend Masses.

Anniversaries

Peggy Irwin, Assumption Terrace

Elizabeth Hennessy, Tinneranny

Jack Phelan, Shanbogh

We also welcome into our Parish Community **Sam Philip Phelan Abbott**, son of Vinnie and Mairéad, Shanbogh and Waterford, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Saturday 9th March 2024.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Simona Hope Odhiambo**, daughter of Gerald and Sharon, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Wednesday 6th March 2024. Also, we welcome **Emilia Regulska**, daughter of Artur and Nicola, New Ross, and **Jack Fenlon**, son of David & Alva, Castlemoyle, New Ross, who were baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on the same day.

A Message from Fr. Dan: A Message from Fr Dan: Hail Glorious St. Patrick! St. Patrick's Day is the day when millions of people, even those without a drop of Irish blood become honorary Irish for the day. The day itself has become traditionally associated with parades and the wearing of the green. Globally the 17th March is pencilled in as a day for everyone to celebrate the impact that our ancestors have made on both the religious and social development of our world.

Following St. Patrick's footsteps, the early monks brought the light of Christian Faith to a Europe of that time that had fallen into darkness of pagan worship. Even to this day Irish Missionaries, both religious and lay, are to be found in every corner of the world, bringing dignity, hope and love to people who are suffering and poor.

The early ideas I had of St. Patrick was that in his youth he had a hard time as a slave in Ireland but that after his return as a missionary he found success came very easy. Later in life I read documents called his "Confessions" and "Letters to Coroticus" and I realised that his life as a missionary here in Ireland was anything but an easy one.

Despite all his success he had to cope with many disappointments and setbacks and would certainly not have achieved so much if he did not have great faith in God. We all know about the first big crisis in Patrick's life, when at the age of sixteen, he was snatched from his secure home to a life of slavery in Ireland. Yet when he looked back on this time, he saw it as a blessing. From being a lukewarm Christian, he turned to God for help and as he himself wrote "I used to get up for prayer before daylight."

He escaped after six years, eventually making his way home and later he was ordained a priest, hoping one day to return to Ireland. When he did return, he met with great success but at a price. In his old age some people, envious of his success, began to gossip about him, others who were his helpers were more educated than he was and looked down on him as they felt that he was not qualified to lead them.

The experience of St. Patrick shows us that the path to God is never smooth, even for a great saint. When troubles and disappointments came and he had more than his fair share of them, St. Patrick put his trust in God, reached out to him in prayer and gave an example from which we can all learn. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, we are invited to reflect on our values which are the hallmark of what makes us Christians.

From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

23rd/24th March 2024

Rosbercon: Saturday 23rd March at 7:00 pm

Sissy Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Noel, Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Johnny Furlong, Brownstown, New Ross

Joe Lawlor, School House Road, Rosbercon

Michael Kavanagh, Mount Garrett, New Ross

Jack Mernagh, Windmill Lane, New Ross

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 24th March at 9:30 am

Anne Ryan, Listerlin

Derek Lewis, Assumption Terrace, Rosbercon

Rosbercon: Sunday 24th March at 11:00 am

Jim Brindley, Ballybeg and Tramore

Mary Coleman, Fermoy

Jimmy Heffernan, Ballyneale, Tullogher

John Heffernan, Ballyneale, Tullogher

Lenten Station and Easter Offering Envelopes together with Trocaire Boxes have now been distributed to the homes of the Parish. We thank you for your continued support.

Following their recent Church Gate Collection, **Wexford Mental Health Association** wish to thank all the parishioners in Rosbercon Parish who supported them. The collection was a great success and €166 was raised for the Charity. All money collected will be used to help people suffering with Mental Illness in Co. Wexford.

The New Ross Singers are performing Stainer's 'The Crucifixion' in Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon on Friday March 22nd March at 7:30 pm. It is the telling of the happenings on Good Friday. The music is full of melody and harmony with varied choruses for the Choir. The 2 soloists are Andrew Gavin, Tenor and Shokri Raouf, Bass and the conductor is Connie Tantrum. Tickets are € 15.00 and will be available from choir members and on the door on the night.

Prayer for those Away from Home

Loving God, we pray for those whom we love,

But who are absent from us.

Keep them safe from all harm, stress and danger.

Bless them with peace, laughter, wisdom, love and joy.

Grant that we may be reunited in the fullness of love;

In Christ's name we pray.

Amen

Reflection

I arise today

Through the strength in the sky: Light of the sun

Moon's reflection, Dazzle of fire

Speed of lightning, Wild wind

Deep sea, Firm earth, Hard rock.

I arise today, With God's strength to pilot me

God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me

God's eye to look ahead for me, God's ear to hear me

God's word to speak to me, God's hand to defend me

God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me

God's hand to safeguard me

John O'Donohoe

Wisdom: A knowledge of the path cannot be substituted for putting one foot in front of the other

Humour: Alcohol: A liquid for preserving almost everything but secrets.

◆ ROBBERCON CEMETERY COMMITTEE

At their meeting on the 7th of March the Committee decided that with immediate effect the surfaces of all graves throughout the Middle Cemetery **MUST** be uniform grass. Peat Moss and bark Mulch are not acceptable surfaces.

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.

Prayer

Pray for my soul.

More things are wrought by prayer,

Than this world dreams of.

Wherefore let thy force

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

For what are men better than sheep or goats

That nourish a blind life within the brain,

If knowing God, they lift not their hands in prayer.

Both for themselves and those who call them friend?

For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by gold chains about the feet of God.

Alfred Lord Tennyson

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY LECTURE

Title: The Army Mutiny of 1924

Speaker: Mr John Dorney

Date: Friday, 22nd March

Time: 8:00 pm

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

Admission € 5.00 (society members free)

All welcome

◆ ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE

Anna Furlong has very kindly agreed to being the Grand Marshal for the St. Patricks Day Parade. The parade will start at 2:00 pm from the Irishtown following the usual route. All volunteers welcome.

Get your applications in to be part of the parade this year.

◆ EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

Rosbercon Community Employment Scheme has the following vacancies

1. 1 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>)

◆ 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

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