

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 12th May 2024

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FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

On this day we celebrate the glorification of Jesus, our Brother, when the Father raised him up in glory. Jesus wants to share his glory with us. Let us reflect for a moment on the glory to which we are called.

Theme of the Weekend Readings

Christ ascends into Heaven.

First Reading

Saint Luke describes the Ascension in the Acts of the Apostles.

Second Reading

St. Paul appeals to Christians to live in peace and unity.

Gospel—Saint Mark's Ascension story.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 18 th May	No Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 19 th May	9:30 am in Mullinarrigle 11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses

Rosbercon

Wednesday 15 th May	10:00 am Mass
Friday 17 th May	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.

Fr. Dan will celebrate the **Golden Jubilee of his Ordination** with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 28th June at 7:30 pm in Rosbercon Church followed by refreshments on the Church grounds. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll. All are welcome.

Many thanks to all who took part in the **Confirmation Ceremonies** in Rosbercon last Thursday. We were delighted to have Bishop Coll celebrate the Mass for us. Special thanks to the Teachers, Choir, Readers and to those who decorated the Church. We wish all the children happiness in their lives.

Anniversaries

Noreen Tubritt, Raheen, Rosbercon—Months Mind
Mattie and Nan Flynn, School House Road, Rosbercon
Gerry Hennessy, Marshmeadows and Glensensaw
Michael Curran, Hoodsgrove
Thomas and Teresa Hendrick, Flowerhill
Dick Gaule, Slievecorragh
Kerrin Repman, New Ross and Essex, UK
Margaret Fleming, Shanbough
Eily Rockett, Slieverue

A Message from Fr. Dan: The Ascension of the Lord: This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension, when Jesus Christ in the presence of his followers, ascended into Heaven. People often ask the question, 'but where is Heaven?'. In the past we had a rather simplistic idea, that earth was here and heaven was somewhere up there in the clouds. We thought of heaven as almost a physical place and people often asked how so many people could fit there?

We are now more aware that the size of the Universe is beyond what the human mind can grasp or even imagine. Like God the Universe is total mystery. No amount of travel will bring us to Heaven!

Christ, our God, came among us in human form to teach us the way to live and in this way to find Heaven. He asked his followers to bring his message to the ends of the earth. After two thousand years of Christianity, we still struggle to live from day to day and to remain healthy. We can achieve little on our own.

God recognizes our limitations and our helplessness. So, he sent Jesus to guide and help us. Jesus came as one like us to show us the way to God and to lead us to God. After his life, death and resurrection he ascended to the Father. He assures us that he is not leaving us alone. Where he has gone, we hope to follow. He has gone 'to prepare a place for us.' So, we are not to be troubled. As Jesus said, 'there are many rooms in my Father's house'.

It's a question of faith. Jesus tells us that we now possess the glory of God as his gift and when our earthly life is over, he will come to meet us and welcome us home to God's kingdom. In the meantime, we live in hope.

For our earthly life, we live under the power of the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. We are Christ's presence in the world, tending the garden of the Lord. We enjoy his gifts of nature, the Eucharist, the Scriptures and the love of our family and our community. Where two or three of us gather in his name he is with us in a special way.

What is Home

Most people have forgotten nowadays what a home can mean, though some of us have come to realize it as never before.

Home is a kingdom of its own in the midst of the world, a haven of refuge amid the turmoil of our age, a sanctuary.

A home is not founded on the shifting sands of private or public life but has its peace in God.

For it is God who gives a home its special meaning and dignity, its nature and privilege, its destiny and worth.

Home is the place that God establishes for us in the world, A place where peace, quiet, respect, acceptance, and, to crown them all, happiness, may dwell, whatever else may pass away in the world.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday

18th/19th May 2024

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 19th May at 9:30 am

Denis and Kathy Power, Darbystown

Rosbercon: Sunday 19th May at 11:00 am

Mick Purcell, Kilbrahan

Jimmy Bird, Hoodsgrove

Collection of Parish Funds 27th/28th April & 4th/5th May 2024

Offertory Collection € 2,153.00

Weekly Envelopes € 1,362.00

Parish Debt on 8th May 2024 € 19,353.60

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to the **Lenten and Easter Offerings**. Outstanding envelopes may be handed in to the Parochial House or placed in the locked box at the back of the Church.

We welcome into our Parish Community **Edward Ciarán Phelan**, son of Declan and Ciara, Tullogher, who was baptised in the St. Aidan's Church, Tullogher on Saturday 4th May 2024.

Reflection: I shall not go to HEAVEN when I die.

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But if they let me be

I think I'll take the road I used to know

That goes to Shanagarra and the sea

And I shall hear the west wind blow

And I shall hear nothing but the curlew's cry

And the waves talking in the sea below

I think it will be winter when I die.

For no one from the North could die in spring.

And all the heather will be dead and grey.

And the bog cotton will have blown away,

And there will be no yellow on the whin.

But I shall smell the peat

And when it's almost dark I'll set my feet

Where white track goes glimmering to the hills,

and see far up a light...

Would you think heaven would be so small a thing?

As a lit window on the hill at night?

And I come stumbling from the gloom,

Half-blind, into the fire lit room

Turn, and see you and there abide.

If it were true

And if I thought they would let me be.

I almost wish it were tonight I died.

Helen Waddell

Wisdom: "Our greatest experiences are our quietest moments".

Humour: Marriage is like a deck of cards. In the beginning you need two hearts and one diamond. By the end you wish you had a club and a spade!

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.

◆ SOUTH KILKENNY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Coach Trip to Lismore on Saturday, June 1st 2024. Cost is € 70.00 for members and € 75.00 for those who are not paid up members for 2024. The cost includes coach hire, entrance to Lismore Heritage Centre, a walking tour of Lismore, entrance to Lismore Castle Gardens and an evening meal at the Foley's, Lismore. It does not include the cost of lunch. The coach will depart the Main Street, Mullinavat at 9:00 am, returning at approximately 10:00 pm.

For further information on booking places for the Coach Trip please contact Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, (087 9507295, brigidbarron@hotmail.com) or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Aglish, Carrigeen, Co. Kilkenny (086 3790655, maryearyan@gmail.com).

A € 20.00 non-refundable deposit, per person will apply.

◆ KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

There will be a one day coach trip to Knock Shrine on Sunday July 7th for the Ferns Diocesan Day. Pick-up Points are Wellingtonbridge, Ramsgrange, Campile, and New Ross. Fare € 83.00 including two meals. For more information please contact details Nicholas Bowe on 087-9418661.

◆ 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.

◆ 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
3. 1 x Environmental Workers in New Ross Parish

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>)**

◆ DARKNESS INTO LIGHT

Inistioge will once again host a 'Darkness into Light' event on Saturday May 11th 2024. Each year the walk provides an opportunity for people to connect with their local community and to bring hope to people who have been impacted by suicide. The route takes walkers on a tranquil journey from Inistioge village, over the bridge and along the River Nore. Register at darknessintolight.ie or on the night.

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The epic story of tomorrow can't be written if it ends today."

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