

# ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 16th June 2024

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## ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Life calls for a lot of patience and trust. You can't plant an acorn today and expect to sit in the shade of an oak tree tomorrow. The same holds true of spiritual matters. We have to make the effort. But then we must be patient and trust that God's grace will take over.

### Theme of the Weekend Readings

God's work often goes unnoticed, but it is his power that makes all things grow, often from small beginnings.

### First Reading

The prophet describes how a tender shoot grows from a small beginning into a mighty tree.

### Second Reading

St. Paul is full of confidence because he is motivated by desire to please God.

### Gospel

Today's Gospel gives us parables of growth. God is at work quietly in the world and generates goodness through our prayers.

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 7:00 pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 9:30 am in Mullinarrigle

11:00 am Mass in Rosbercon

### Weekday Masses

#### Rosbercon

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 10:00 am Mass

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 10:00 am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on [www.rosberconparish.ie](http://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 28<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30 pm in Rosbercon Church followed by refreshments in the Church grounds. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Niall Coll. **All are welcome.**

During Masses this week we continue to pray for the **students taking Public Examinations**. May the Holy Spirit be their strength and guide at this time.

### Anniversaries

James Ryan, Guilcough More

Jo Holden, Shanbogh

Jack O' Leary, Waterford Road

Jim Vereker, Snr., Assumption Terrace

Patrick and Betty McDonald, Ballyneale

**Cead Mile Failte:** We welcome into our Parish Community **Lottie Mae Duggan**, daughter of Seán and Clair, Ferrybank, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**A Message from Fr. Dan: Where is Heaven?** On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May we celebrated the Feast of the Ascension, when Christ Jesus in the presence of his followers ascended to Heaven. The question is "Where is Heaven"? Where did Jesus ascend to? In the past people had a rather simplistic idea that earth was here and Heaven was up there, somewhere above the clouds. We imagined it almost as a physical place and people often asked how could so many people fit there! As we know, now, the universe is one vast mystery and no amount of physical travelling would bring us any closer to heaven. So where is Heaven?

For our knowledge of the world to come, we are dependent on the coming of Christ into our world and on his life, death and resurrection. Christ came among us in human form to show us the way to live and the way to Heaven. The example of Christ's life and his great love for us is our guide on the road to Heaven. On our own we struggle to live from day to day, to survive and stay healthy. Our world is sometimes great, sometimes dreadful. On our own we are unable to make a great difference in creating a better society.

Christ knows of our weakness and our frailty and he comes to help and guide us. He was born into the world as one of us. He lived an ordinary life doing extraordinary things. For us he died, rose from the dead and ascended to the Father. He assures us that he does not leave us alone but prepares a room for us in his Father's house. He said, 'do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house'.

Christ's ascension was not just Christ's journey to his Father in Heaven. He sent us his Holy Spirit to make us children of God and heirs to the kingdom of Heaven. The Feast of the Ascension is a feast of great hope. Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow and he will be there at the end of our earthly life to welcome us home.

**The Wonder of Life:** Donal Walsh, the sixteen-year-old boy from Kerry who died from cancer in 2013, after a four-year struggle with the disease, lived hope every day in spite of his illness. It was his plea to those who contemplated taking their lives by suicide that had the greatest impact. He wrote: 'Life is precious. I was given no choice, no say in the matter; yet I hear teenagers talking of suicide as a way to solve their problems. I know I would give anything for a few more months of life on this planet; I urge you to appreciate what you have, to know that you have other options than taking your own life, and realise that help is always there'.

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**Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday  
22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024**

**Rosbercon:** Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 11:00 am  
Bridget O'Neill, Ballyknock—Months Mind  
Peggy and John Connick, Dowsley's Barn, New Ross

**Rosbercon:** Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11:00 am  
Dr. Charlie Kehoe, School House Road, Rosbercon

**Dates of Cemetery Masses in Rosbercon Parish, 2024**

Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> June—Ballyneale Cemetery  
Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> June—Rosbercon New Cemetery  
Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July—Listerlin Old Cemetery (Rosary-No Mass)  
Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July—Shanbogh Cemetery  
Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July—Mullinarrigle Cemetery  
Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July—Rosbercon Old Cemetery  
Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> August—St. Moling's Well

**All Evening Masses at 7:30 pm and Sunday Masses at 2:00 pm**  
Please note the change of time for evening services.

**Cemetery Masses**

The following cemetery Masses take place this week, Tuesday, Ballyneale Cemetery and Friday, Rosbercon New Cemetery.

**The Annual Summer Collection Envelopes** for the support of Fr. Dan are being distributed to the homes of the parish. Envelopes may be handed in at Mass or to the Parochial House. Many thanks for all your generosity.

**Reflection**

On many a long day I have grieved over lost time.  
But my time is never lost, O Lord.  
You take every moment of my life into your hands.  
Hidden at the heart of things,  
you are nourishing seeds and sprouts.  
You nourish buds into blossom, and blossoms into fruitfulness.  
While I was sleeping through the long night,  
It seemed that all work and labour had ceased.  
But when I woke up in the morning  
I found that my garden was full with wondrous flowers.

**Prayer - John 3:16-17**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,  
That whoever believes in him should not perish,  
But have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world,  
Not to condemn the world,  
But that the world might be saved through him.

**To make you Smile:** At the end of the tunnel, there is just enough light to show you where the next tunnel begins.

**Wisdom:** Carry your cross; don't just drag it behind you.

**Humour:** Teacher: Johnny what is the difference between perseverance and obstinacy? Pupil: One is a strong will and the other is a strong won't.

**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.

◆ **THE BRIAN FORTUNE MEMORIAL TRACTOR RUN**

The **Brian Fortune Memorial Tractor Run** returns this year on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024. Run commences at 10:00 am at Glenmore GAA pitch (Eircode Y34 YR91). Registration is € 20.00 and all the proceeds of the run go to Jack and Jill Children's Foundation. 100 km Car run to Kilkenny. Tractor Run to Slieverue. Mini Tractor Run and Kids Face Painting. Food, Refreshments and live music with Nicky Walsh in the Glen Bar. All welcome.

◆ **TULLOGHER ROSBERCON GAA CLUB GOLF CLASSIC**

The club will host this significant fundraiser on Friday 21/06/2024 in New Ross Golf Club. You can support our club by;

- entering a team of 4 x players for €160.00
- Sponsoring a prize (amount at your discretion)
- Sponsoring a green for €100.00
- Sponsoring a tee box for €100.00

All are welcome to attend. Please contact Sean Meaney on 083-3076881 secretary.tullogherrosbercon.kilkenny@gaa.ie for further info.

◆ **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

Eurofarm & Garden Supplies Ltd., Kilkenny are seeking a person to cover maternity leave on a full time basis from early July 2024 to March 2025. Good computer skills necessary. Knowledge of farming & equestrian products an advantage. Apply with CV to george@tackshop.ie

◆ **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.

◆ **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>)

◆ **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 have started on Tuesdays at 11:00 am until 12:00 noon in Rosbercon Parish Hall. Beginners always welcome. For more information please contact Sarah on 087-9792483.

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