

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 11th August 2024

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

We are God's people, journeying in faith towards the Promised Land. We are bound to encounter doubts and difficulties. The Lord in whose name we gather, is our companion on the way.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: At Mass we receive spiritual nourishment.

First Reading: Elijah, on the point of despair, receives food and drink from God.

Second Reading: Paul challenges Christians to imitate Christ.

Gospel: Jesus is the true bread come down from Heaven.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 17th August: No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 18th August: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 14th August: No Mass

Thursday 15th August: **The Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**

9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Friday 16th August: 10.00am 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 10.30am to 12pm. All are welcome to attend.

Date of Remaining Outdoor Mass in Rosbercon Parish, 2024:

Sunday, 25th August: St Moling's Well

This Mass will be celebrated at **2.00 pm**

Anniversaries:

Michael Fleming, Chambersland, New Ross and deceased family members.

Margaret and Matty Phelan, Shanbogh

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Sophie Rose Ryan**, daughter of Shane and Emma, Listerlin, who was baptised in St. David's Church, Mullinarrigle, on Saturday 3rd August 2024.

A Message from Fr Dan: Matt Talbot was born in Dublin on the 2nd of May in 1856. He was the second eldest of twelve children. He lived at home with his mother for a number of years in the North Strand area. He left school at the age of twelve and went to work in a wine merchant's shop and by the age of thirteen he was a hopeless alcoholic.

At the age of 28, disgusted with the life he was living, Matt took the pledge and never again touched alcohol for the remaining forty years of his life. His first years of sobriety were especially difficult but regular prayer and daily attendance at Mass gave him strength to persevere. In time he developed a deep faith and became known for his life of prayer, fasting and service.

Matt understood that every person who has an addiction of any kind is a beloved child of God. That is their true identity. He knew that nothing could change the truth that he was a beloved child of God. He also knew that alcohol and other drugs create uncertainty and dependence in a person's life. Drugs, including alcohol make the addicted believe that they need them to be confident, to function and cope with life.

Even in the depth of his addiction Matt Talbot never forgot the truth that he was created by God and that God has a plan for his life. Through his prayer and life of service he came to see that God is more powerful than any addiction. He went to Jesus with his addiction and found freedom. He lived for forty years without alcohol until his sudden death on his way to Mass on Trinity Sunday, 7th June 1925.

We ask him to intercede for us so that we will always believe that the power of God is the greatest power in the world and it can overcome everything.

(From the Ennis Newsletter – Adapted)

To make you Smile: Boy: 'Mummy, you know that vase you were always worried I might break? Well, your worries are over.'

'The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise.' Mark Twain.

An undertaker was annoyed that a rival had got the job of burying a well-known local man. As the funeral passed by, he said to a friend 'If the man inside that coffin was alive, it's I who would have his funeral!

The Cemeteries of our parish are sacred places which hold the remains of our beloved dead. Many thanks to all those who care for their graves. Your work is very much appreciated.

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 18th August 2024

Listerlin 9.30am : Ann Doherty, Months Mind

Rosbercon 11.00am: Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig and deceased family members.

Collection of Parish Funds 27th/28th July & 3rd/4th August 2024:

Offertory Collection: €843.00

Weekly Envelopes: €1406.00

Parish Debt on 7th August 2024: €17,853.60

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.

Bishop Coll welcomes the visit of the **Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes to the Diocese.**

"It is with joy that the Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes on the weekend of 21st/22nd September 2024. This is an initiative of United Irish Pilgrimages to Lourdes, which is a group comprising of Pilgrimage Directors from most Irish dioceses and of some religious orders. Saint Bernadette's relics will visit each diocese in the country and some churches belonging to religious orders during the months of September and October 2024. Saint Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, will kindly accommodate the visit of the Relics to Ossory Diocese. This is an initiative to bring a small piece of Lourdes to Ireland and make it possible for more people to experience something of what is close to the hearts of those who travel on our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes each year."

Reflection: The Summer Day:

Who made the world? Who made the swan and the black bear?
Who made the grasshopper? This grasshopper I mean-
the one who has flung herself out on the grass,
the one who is eating sugar out of my hand,
who is moving her jaws back and forth instead of up and down-
who is gazing around with her enormous and complicated eyes.
Now she lifts her pale forearms and thoroughly washes her face.
Now she snaps her wings open and floats away.
I don't know exactly what a prayer is.
I do know how to pay attention, how to fall down
into the grass, how to kneel down in the grass,
how to be idle and blessed, how to stroll through the fields,
which is what I have been doing all day.
Tell me, what else should I have done?
Doesn't everything die at last and too soon?
Tell me what is it you plan to do
with your one wild and precious life.
Mary Oliver

Wisdom: "Friendship is like money, easier made than kept".

Humour: A burglar entered a poor minister's house at midnight, but was disturbed by the awakening of the minister when he entered his room. Drawing his weapon, the burglar said 'If you stir you are a dead man, I'm hunting for your money'. 'Let me get up and turn on the light,' said the minister, 'and I'll hunt with you!'

New Ross Meals on Wheels Church gate collection will be held this weekend, 10th and 11th August.

St Molings Pattern

The annual St Moling's Well pattern mass in Mullinakill takes place on Sunday 25th August at 2pm. The mass will see the continuation of the ancient tradition where countless generations of people from south Kilkenny come to honour St. Moling. The annual pattern mass is a yearly social event so come along to the beautiful tranquil surroundings of St Moling's Well on August 25th.

St Molings Pattern History

There are two events in our Parish history that relate to the Pattern at St Molings Well. The first recorded event was in 1448 when the Black Plague ravaged this part of the country. New Ross port was deemed to be the source of this disease due to its substantial shipping trade. According to records 38% of the town's population died. The disease quickly spread upriver to Kilkenny city. Thousands of people converged on St Mullins to bathe in their St Molings well to receive alleged special powers of protection. Our well in Mullinakill was also a place of pilgrimage for the same reason.

The second event brings us back to the early 1750's when our notorious local highwayman, James Freney was operating in the general area of our Parish. Some of his highwaymen gang were known to have peddled some of their ill-gotten gains at the Pattern of St Moling. This was usually when Freney himself was in hiding from the military.

He was a frequent visitor to the Ballyneale area due to its proximity to the main Kilkenny / New Ross Road. On one occasion (according to his memoirs) when he experienced cash flow issues he visited the local Parish Priest whom he assumed would have sufficient funds to fund his adventures. Despite removing the Priest's front door with his sledgehammer, he was disappointed to leave empty handed as the local PP got wind of his movements and made a lodgement of all funds to his bank in Waterford.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Heritage Week 2024 Event

Mystery Tour of Carrigeen

Tour Guide: Eoin Walsh

Sunday, August 25th

Starting point and time: St. Kevin's Church, Carrigeen at 2pm

Free - all welcome

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