

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 18th August 2024

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

This week we celebrated the summer feast of Our Lady. The Assumption is the biggest feast of the summer. It reminds us of sunshine, holidays, the sea, the harvest and the races in Tramore. We pray this evening that Our Lady will watch over us during the remainder of the summer.

First Reading: The Book of Proverbs tells us to eat and drink what has been prepared for us.

Second Reading: St. Paul reminds us to recognise what is the will of God.

Gospel: Jesus speaks to the crowd explaining his flesh and blood as real food and drink.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 24th August: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon
Sunday 25th August: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:
Wednesday 21st August: 10.00am Mass
Friday 23rd August: 10.00am Mass

All Masses from Rosbercon Church will be streamed live through our webcam on www.rosberconparish.ie

Months Mind

Ann Doherty, Listerlin

Anniversaries:

Bridie Gaule, Slievecorrig and deceased family members.
John Finn, Glenballyvalley
Phil Rogers, St Canice's Terrace

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.

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community Finn Thomas Sweeney, son of Roy and Aoife, Ballybeg, Rosbercon, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 10th August 2024.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the Summer Collection for the support of Fr Dan Outstanding envelopes may be brought to the weekend Masses or dropped into the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for their generosity and support.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Holy Well: This year we will be celebrating Mass at Saint Moling's Well on Sunday, 25th August at 2.00pm. The pattern is celebrated annually at the well, not on the feast of Saint Moling but on the feast of Saint Bernard, the 20th August, should it fall on a Sunday, or if not on the next Sunday following. The association of Saint Bernard with the well came from the influence of the monks of Jerpoint Abbey.

In ancient times people had a deep reverence for water and venerated their wells with wonder and gratitude. Water emerging from rocks on the mountain or from a spring in the field was looked upon as a small miracle. Water was God's gift, celebrated in all ancient religions. Many of the sagas of ancient Ireland celebrated the holy well. The salmon of knowledge was flushed from the holy well of Segais into the Boyne. Mere contact with the salmon gave a person supernatural power!

After the coming of Christianity, holy wells were no longer seen as having divine or miraculous powers of their own. Rather they were seen as a source of God's grace where people could go and pray for healing. After the reformation there was an upsurge in traditional devotions in Ireland. Holy wells and patterns became central to being a catholic. Stations of the Cross began to appear at holy wells.

Priests began to celebrate Mass at the wells, as well as giving sermons and leading people in prayer. What is interesting is that rich and poor alike attended these celebrations, and the presence of the priest ensured that there was no conflict between the traditional devotions and the teaching of the Church.

By the late eighteen hundreds, the holy wells had come to be regarded with suspicion by the authorities because of disorderly religious and non-religious practices associated with them.

However, a new appreciation of Ireland's Gaelic past has given them a new lease of life. The wells and the patterns have come to be seen as expressions of a genuine Irish spirituality. In the nineteen hundreds, statues of Our Lady and of local saints were added at the site of the wells. In this way celebrations at holy wells included local devotions as well as the devotions of the universal Church. The statue of Saint Moling proudly overlooks the well dedicated to his honour in Mullinakill.

We sincerely thank the members of the Saint Moling's Well Committee who care for the well, the shrine and the grounds at Mullinakill. Your work is very much appreciated.

To make you Smile: -The bible tells us to forgive our enemies; it doesn't tell us to forgive our friends!

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Mass Intentions for Sunday 25th August 2024

Rosbercon 11:00 am

Jimmy Hanrahan, North St. **Months Mind**

Jim Vereker (Jnr), Assumption Terrace

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 Kilkenny Bereavement Support Service is a voluntary organisation offering free one to one support to people of all ages who have been bereaved. The service is provided by volunteers who have been trained in bereavement support. This is a free and confidential service. Please call 0860670566. www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the **Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes** on the weekend of Saturday and Sunday 21st/22nd September 2024 in St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny. 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.

Just a Thought: A big cat saw a little cat chasing its tail and asked, "Why are you chasing your tail?" The kitten replied, "I have learned that the best thing for a cat is happiness, and that happiness is in my tail. So, I chase my tail; and when I catch it, I shall have happiness". The old cat said, "I, too have paid attention to the problems of the universe. I, too, have judged that happiness is in my tail. But I notice that when I chase after it, it keeps running away from me, and when I go about my business, it just seems to come after me."

The Dead

They do not leave us; they are not gone.

They look upon us still.

They walk among the valleys now,

They stride upon the hill.

Their smile is in the summer sky

Their grace is in the breeze.

Their memories whisper in the grass

Their calm is in the trees.

Their light is in the winter snow

Their tears are in the rain.

Their merriment runs in the brook

Their laughter in the lane

Their gentleness is in the flowers

They sigh in autumn leaves.

They do not leave; they are not gone,

Tis only we who grieve

Slow me down Lord:

Slow me down Lord.

Ease the pounding of my heart by the quieting of my mind.

Steady me with the vision of the eternal reach of time.

Give me, amid the confusion of my days

the calmness of the everlasting hills.

Break the tension of my nerves

with the soothing of the streams.

Help me to know the restoring power of sleep.

Teach me the art of taking one-minute holidays.

Slow me down to look at a flower;

to chat with a friend,

to read a few lines from a book.

Slow me down Lord.

Slow me down.

Slow me down.

Wisdom: "Blessed is the man who is too busy to worry in the daytime and too sleepy to worry at night."

Humour: A Jesuit, a Dominican and a Franciscan were marooned on a desert island. Under a palm tree they discovered a magic lamp. Sceptical, they rubbed it and sure enough a genie appeared and offered them three wishes. Since there were three of them, they decided that it would be fair for each to get one wish.

The Jesuit thought for a moment and said he wanted to teach at the world's most famous university. Poof, he was gone. The Dominican wished to preach in the world's largest church. Poof, he was gone. The Franciscan looked around and thought, 'Gee, I already got my wish.'

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.

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Heritage Week 2024 Event's

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

Walking in the footsteps of the O'Neills' of Owinging

Tour Guide: Paddy O'Shea

Saturday, August 31st

Starting point and time: Owinging National School at 10.45am

Free - all welcome

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