

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 4th August 2024

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Last Sunday we saw how Jesus gave bread to the people in the wilderness. But when they came back the next day for more he said to them ‘do not work for perishable food, but for the food that endures to eternal life.’ Today we pray for that spiritual food, the food that only God can give us.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God gives food to the hungry and comfort to those who lose their way in life.

First Reading: God feeds his people in the wilderness.

Second Reading: St Paul urges his followers to live their lives in a new way.

Gospel: Jesus tells us to work for the food that lasts forever, the Bread of Life.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 10th August: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 11th August: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 7th August: 10.00am Mass

Friday 9th 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.

Anniversaries:

Joan Roche, Curraghlane, Tullogher

Tim Roche, Curraghlane, Tullogher

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Rhys David Scanlon**, son of **David and Natasha, Rosbercon**, who was baptised in Rosbercon Church on Saturday 27th July 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.

The Last Laugh:

‘I made hay while the sun shone. My work sold. Now, if the harvest is over
And the world cold, give me the bonus of laughter as I lose hold’

John Betjeman

A Message from Fr Dan: “I’ve started, so I’ll finish”: I’m probably no different from most people when I admit to being slow to begin a project, fearing the end result is going to be a shambles. We put off so many things until the long evenings of summer. Thursday last was the first of August. It is now time to tackle those projects that we hoped to complete this summer.

There is great wisdom in trusting that the completion of our tasks will come only after several attempts, false dawns, and, maybe more importantly than anything else, recognition that I may not be able to achieve my goal on my own. It is a most liberating experience to realise that one needs help. One of the happiest surprises in life is how often we discover people who are willing to work with us, share our load and accompany us on a particular journey.

The great success stories that make headlines are nearly always preceded by great struggle, effort, apparent failure and many moments of self-doubt. There are always ‘nay sayers’ who presume “it couldn’t be done”. Yet things get done and we are often captivated by what has been achieved.

For every one of us, there is a potential success story... tailor made for you and me, made to fit each personality. However, we may need to start and start again, but, often with the helping hand of another, the love and support of another, the task is finally completed. Here lies the truth: We need each other. Together we can achieve headline success stories! The important thing is to make a start. (From the Ennis Parish Newsletter – Adapted)

To make you Smile: An elderly lady was invited to an old friend’s home one evening for dinner. She was impressed by the way her friend preceded every request to her husband with endearing terms such as; honey, love darling etc. The couple had been married for 60 years and clearly, they were still very much in love. While the husband was out of the room the lady friend leaned over to her hostess to say ‘I think it’s wonderful after all those years that you still call your husband all those loving names’. The elderly lady replied, ‘I have to tell you the truth. His name slipped my mind about ten years ago and I’m scared to death to ask the cranky old so and so what his name is!’.

Prayer: Christ in Creation

No flower in field, No fish in stream, No bird on wing,
No shape on shore, No star in sky, No living thing
but is rich in Him, and blessed in Him, and sings of Him,
Jesus praise to you. Amen.

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Mass Intentions for Sat/Sun 10th/11th August

Rosbercon: Sunday 11th August

Michael Fleming, Chambersland, New Ross and deceased members of the Fleming/Hayden families.

Margaret and Matty Phelan, Shanbogh.

Just a Thought: My life is a gift of God, given not in years, but a day at a time. Today is the day the Lord has made for me, and he plans it to be the most important day of my life. Yesterday is gone, never to return and tomorrow and all that it holds is still secret. Only today is mine and on this day, I offer my life to God with all my prayers, works, joys and sufferings. Dear Lord, receive my gift graciously!

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.

Wisdom: "Our Heavenly Father never takes anything from his children unless he means to give them something better."

Humour: The young are always ready to give those who are older than themselves the full benefit of their experience!

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

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.

Blessing of Saint Fursey, Irish Monk, 597A.D.

The arms of God around my shoulders, The touch of the Holy Spirit upon my head, The sign of Christ's cross upon my forehead, The sound of the Holy Spirit in my ears, The fragrance of the Holy Spirit in my nostrils, The vision of heaven's company in my eyes, The conversation of heaven's company on my lips, The work of God's Church in my hands, The service of God and neighbour in my feet, A home for God in my heart, And to God, the Father of all, my entire being, Amen.

Tullagher Rosbercon GAA Development Draw 2022 – 2025

Winners of June 2024 Draw

1st Prize of €250 John Kennedy, Glenpipe

2nd Prize of €100 Mary and Brigid Phelan, Smithstown

3rd Prize of €100 Simon Kennedy, Ballykenna

4th – 7th Prize of €50

Pat Meaney, Ballyreddy, Tony O'Connor, Millbanks

John and Michelle Ryan, Guilcough, Liz and Derek Furness, Raheen

Winners of July 2024 Draw

1st Prize of €250 John Paul and Claire Phelan, Smithstown

2nd Prize of €100 Donie Lyng, Shanbogh

3rd Prize of €100 Padraig and Liam Walsh

4th – 7th Prize of €50

John Murphy, Ballyreddy, Greta Doherty, Raheen

Willie Ryan, Guilcough and Georgina Prendergast, Slievecorrig.

Next Draw: 9:00 pm on Tuesday, 27th August 2024

ALL IRELAND JUNIOR CLUB HURLING FINAL 2023

On a winter's day we made our way to dear old Dublin town

To see the black and amber a team of great renown

Line out against St Catherine's on Croke Park's mossy green

Where, oft before in days of yore, great battles we have seen

The whistle goes, a siren blows, the ball travels through the air

My heart it thumps as Davis jumps to drive it to the square

But, sure as Spring on Grennan's ring, Davy Walsh soars up to catch

None can deny for hand or eye his like's we ne'er will match

O Connor put in a hard hour's work, Murray and Gill were sound

Half backs, Mooney and Lar Murphy were burning up the ground

That great defender, Hartley Pat, soon showed he would not yield

Whilst, Lyng and O Sullivan the captain, dominated centre field

Marty Murphy, Walter Walsh and Shiely kept piling up the score

O Donoghue, Hennessy and Glennon all combined to make it more

It was great to see Pat Hartley get all these rousing cheers

He has been a loyal servant to his club for twenty years

What a sight to see as the referee calls up the end of play

A mighty cheer rings in my ear, our lads have saved the day

Years have passed since we played here last-years of heartbreak sore

Oh, what joy to bring that cup back home to our Parish by the Nore

Jamesie Murphy, Glensensaw, 2024

Next Sunday, August 4th, Tullagher/Rosbercon play The Fenian's (Johnstown) in the first round of the Kilkenny Intermediate Hurling League/Championship at Danesfort with the throw-in at 6 P.M. Best wishes to the team who are Leinster and All-Ireland Junior club champions and who are now making a return to the Intermediate grade.

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