

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 15th September 2024

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Twenty Fourth Sunday of the Year

In the Gospel we see that some people had no faith in Jesus. Others had a mistaken faith. But Peter showed true faith in Jesus when he declared 'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.' If the faith is to be alive and influential in our lives we have to make the faith our own.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Jesus asks us to follow him and this means taking up the cross.

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah notes the qualities of the Servant of God

Second Reading: St James reminds us that faith and good works belong together.

Gospel: Jesus tells his disciples that he must suffer and die.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 21st September: No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 22nd September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 18th September: 10.00am Mass

Friday 20th September: 10.00am Mass

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

Recent Deaths:

Margaret Lalor, Kasma House Kilkenny, Tinnaranny

Anniversaries:

Thomas Dowling, Shanbogh

Dora and Richie Power, Ballybeg

Patrick Dooley, Hoodsgrove and London

Jim Boyle, Toronto and Shanbogh

Edward Lanigan Senior, Johana Lanigan and May Lanigan, Ballalog

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 **Kitty Rose Conway**, daughter of Tony and Davina, Tinneranny, who was baptised in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Saturday 7th September 2024.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to the **Summer Collection** for the support of Fr Dan. We thank our parishioners for your generosity and support.

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: The Kingdom of God:

Christ came among us to bring salvation and freedom to our world and to our lives. He lived among us for thirty-three years. His public ministry lasted only three of those years. He had a vision and a dream for humanity. He summed up his vision in one short sentence, 'what I command you is that you love one another'. During his years of public ministry, he endeavoured to see that his apostles, his followers and the ordinary people bought into his vision. He knew that his message of love and forgiveness would not become a reality overnight. A vision of love is always a 'slow burner'. It's a case of one step forward, two steps backward! He once compared his kingdom to a mustard seed. It is the smallest of all seeds. Yet if sown in good ground, the seed will grow into a fine shrub.

We are Christ's brothers and sisters, his followers. In our lifetime it is up to us to sow the seeds of the kingdom hoping that future generations will reap a harvest. We have to choose good seed and prepare the ground properly so that the seed will take root and grow. But how do we hand on the faith to the next generation. Our young people are living in a world that is losing faith, not attending Church and going its own way. They see materialism everywhere and they are influenced by what they see around them. To them the Church appears old fashioned, just keeping going, just holding the fort. They see the Church as not addressing their needs or their concerns.

So, what can be done. We know that young people are in a better place today than they have ever been in history. They are well educated and with social media, they have the ability to communicate with each other as never before. They are enthusiastic and idealistic as young people always are. To connect with young people requires that we take a radical look at what the church is offering to its followers today.

As yet, we don't know the way forward. It is a work in progress but we know that things will have to change. Many individuals and many groups in the Church are sowing new seeds. However, the seeds are slow to sprout. Nothing is going to change overnight. We need to be open to what is new and not be afraid of things being different. In our own time we keep looking forward and planning. There is no going back. Like the Apostles, in their time, we must launch out into the deep. At the same time, we have to wait in patience and leave many things to the providence of Almighty God.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 21st/22nd September 2024:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 22nd September at 9.30am

Biddy and Ned Roche, Glenpipe

Peggy and Stephen Walsh, Smithstown

Annette Kavanagh and Larry Walsh, Smithstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 22nd September at 11.00am

Michael Molloy, Tinnaranny

To make you Smile:

If you are not sure that you qualify as a true senior citizen, check the following:

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You sit in your rocking chair but you can't make it work.

Your house is too big and your medicine cabinet is too small.

Your children begin to look middle aged.

You get winded playing cards and your address book only contains the names of medical specialists.

You feel like the morning after...but you haven't been anywhere.

You have so many answers but no one is asking you any questions.

Fr Brian Darcy

COIS NORE – Outreach Cancer Support Centre is available in the following parishes from 10 am to 12 noon: Monday: Ballyragget – Dr. Hogan's Rooms, The Square: Tuesday: Callan – Droichead Family Resource Centre. Wednesday: Castlecomer – Old Court House: Thursday: Thomastown – Community Centre. Friday: Urlingford – Mill Family Resource Centre

Tel. 087 4833941 or email outreach@coisnore.ie for an appointment or drop in during the above times.

Coffee Morning for Waterford Hospice: A coffee morning in aid of Waterford Hospice will be held in Mullinavat Community Centre on Saturday the 28th September 2024 from 10am to 1pm. All support gratefully appreciated. All money raised locally stays locally

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2023/2024: The August draw for St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place Wednesday 28th August in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. Congratulations to Michael & Mary Barron, who won 7th Prize of €200.

Collection of Parish Funds: 31st August/1st September 2024:

Offertory Collection: € 783.85

Weekly Envelopes: €1,125.55

Parish Debt on 11th Sept 2024: €17,853.60

Wisdom: "Our eyes and ears are not subject to our will, but our tongues are."

Humour: Life would be a nobler thing if we avoided petty tittle-tattle about our neighbours, but the evenings would be terribly long.

The Diocese of Ossory will host a visit of the **Relics of Saint Bernadette of Lourdes** next weekend 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.

Please book all Baptisms, Anniversary Masses and other Church related ceremonies with Anne in the Parish Office, situated in the Parochial House. The phone number is 051-421515. The office hours are Monday to Thursday 10.30am to 2.30pm. The Community Employment Office will continue to be located at Raheen, Rosbercon. Phone 051-425093: Office Hours Monday to Thursday, 9.30am-12.30pm.

Email: RosberconParish@gmail.com

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Tullagher/Rosbercon Vintage Club will hold a road run on Sunday 15th September. Registration at Rosbercon Parish Hall at 11:00am and leaving at 1:00pm Travelling to Dunphys Watermill Mullinavat. All proceeds go to local groups .

St. Canice's National School, Rosbercon is now taking applications for enrolment for Junior Infants 2025. An application form for enrolment is available by phoning the school at 051 422813 or by emailing: secretary@stcanicens.com

Line Dance Classes starting back in the Parish Hall, Rosbercon Y34TK33. Every Tuesday 11:00am and 7:00pm for beginners and Thursdays 7:00pm for intermediate! Pay as you go €10 per class, please contact 0879792483 for any extra information.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Title: Murder and Justice in 19th Century Kilkenny

Speaker: Donal Cadogan

Date: Friday, September 27th

Time: 8pm

Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

All welcome

Tullagher Rosbercon Development Draw 2022 – 2025

Winners of August 2024 Draw (held on 27th August 2024)

1 st Prize of €250 - Keith Roche, Ballycurran

2 nd Prize of €100 - Breda O'Neill, Ballyreddy

3 rd Prize of €100 - Stephen Walsh, Smithstown

4 th – 7 th Prize of €50 -

4 Lar & Kathleen Young, Rosbercon

5 John Lalor, Glenpipe

6 Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

7 Linda & Adrian Foley, Tinakilly

Next Draw: September 2024 plus Annual Draw 9:00 pm on Tuesday, 24 th September 2024

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