

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 22nd September 2024

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Twenty Fifth Sunday of the Year

As Christians we are called to live in peace and harmony with one another. One of the things that are very damaging to unity is false ambition. This causes us to put ourselves and our own interests first.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: Being a follower of Christ means moving beyond rivalry and conflict.

First Reading: The writer describes the anger a good person can endure.

Second Reading: Saint James challenges people to conquer the wrong desires in themselves.

Gospel: Jesus tells of his death and resurrection and of his love for children.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 28th September: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 29th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 25th September: No Mass

Friday 27th September: No Mass

Anniversaries

Paddy Lawlor, Glenpipe

Biddy and Ned Roche, Glenpipe

Pat Doyle, Glenpipe

Peggy and Stephen Walsh, Smithstown

Annette Kavanagh and Larry Walsh, Smithstown

Michael Molloy, Tinnaranny

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

Please note there will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament next Wednesday morning 25th September 2024.

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

Our Lady of Lourdes / Holy Faith, Rosbercon Centenary Celebrations

We are delighted to invite you, in particular our past students, to a Gala Concert to celebrate 100 years of excellence in education. Please join us in Rosbercon Church on Friday 11th October at 7.00pm for a wonderful night of entertainment. Light refreshments will be served in the school at 5.00pm.

A Message from Fr Dan: Saint Francis of Assisi:

In these times of climate change and global warming, many people are becoming interested in the life of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is on the 4th October. Our present Pope Francis dedicated his papacy to Francis of Assisi. The Pope once remarked: "Some people want to know why I wished to be called Francis. For me, Francis of Assisi is the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation."

Many people associate Saint Francis with his love of animals and birds, and indeed of all creation. On one occasion it was reported that Francis preached to the birds, when the people were not interested in what he had to say!

Francis saw every living creature, human, animal and indeed all of creation, as brother and sister. He saw God in everything and indeed all of God's creation were companions to Francis. In the Canticum of Brother Sun, composed by Francis, we see this sense of companionship celebrated: Francis speaks of - Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, Sister Water, Brother Fire, Mother Earth and Sister Bodily Death. Francis had a unique awareness of the mystery of God present in the world.

The United Nations Conference on 'Uniting the World to tackle Climate Change' was held in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, from the 6th-18th November 2022. We pray that as the nations of the world reflect on global warming and caring for creation, they will embrace the vision of St. Francis; to see God in everything around us and to realise that we are all created in the image and likeness of God Himself.

Like Francis of Assisi, we too are called to be people of peace, love and of joy, caring for ourselves, one another, and the world around us. May the Lord give the world his Peace!

(From the Ennis Parish Newsletter, Adapted)

Hymn in honour of Our Lady: O Mary of graces and mother of Christ; May you direct me and guide me aright. And may you protect me from Satan's control; And may you protect me in body and soul.

And may you protect me by land and by sea; And may you protect me from sorrows to be; A strong guard of angels above me provide; May God be before me and God at my side. Amen.

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.

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 28th/29th September 2024:

Rosbercon: Saturday 28th September at 7.00pm

John Griffin, Assumption Terrace

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 29th September at 9.30am

John Furlong, Smithstown

Rosbercon: Sunday 29th September at 11.00am

Paddy Heffernan, Ballyneale

Monica Condon, New Ross

Collection of Parish Funds: 7th/8th & 14th/15th September 2024:

Offertory Collection: € 951.10

Weekly Envelopes: €1,157.50

Parish Debt on 18th Sept 2024: €17,853.60

Prayer for Peace:

Let nothing ever disturb you,

Nothing, affright you;

All things are passing,

God never changes.

Patient endurance

Attains to all things;

Who God possesses

In nothing is wanting;

Alone God suffices.

Saint Teresa of Avila

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!

Wisdom: "A gentleman is a man who can disagree without being disagreeable."

To make you Smile: 'Clothes make the man. Naked people have little influence on society'. Mark Twain (1835-1910)

Reflection: Remembering

Jesus said to his apostles "Do this is memory of me"

We all love to be remembered.

This was true even for Jesus.

But if we want to be remembered,

We have a duty also to remember.

Memory is a powerful thing.

Wrongly used it brings death;

Rightly used it brings life,

And it is a form of immortality.

It keeps the past alive.

Those we remember never die;

They continue to walk and talk with us.

Lord, when we celebrate the Eucharist

We are remembering you.

May that remembering bring us life here and hereafter.

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. To contact the service please call 0860670566.

Website www.kilkennybereavementsupport.com

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.

St Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny Restoration Fund 2024/2025: St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw will now go ahead for a Tenth Year. Bishop Niall Coll has asked me to thank the people of Rosbercon for their ongoing support. He is also requesting your support for **Year Ten of the Diocesan Draw**. There will be 12 monthly draws, September 2024-August 2025, on the last Wednesday of each month in the Chapter Room at St Mary's Cathedral. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €10.00 per month or €120.00 per annum. The first draw takes place on Wednesday 25th September 2024. Tickets are available from Fr Dan or Anne by phoning the Parochial House, Phone 051-421515: Monday- Thursday, 10.30am-2.30pm.

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
Website: www.rosberconparish.ie

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

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture

Title: Murder and Justice in 19th Century Kilkenny

Speaker: Donal Cadogan

Date/ Time : Friday, September 27th, 8pm

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

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

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