

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 8th September 2024

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Twenty Third Sunday of the Year

Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak. We need God to touch our ears in order to be able to hear his word and we need him to touch our tongues in order to profess our faith.

Theme of the Weekend Readings: God's healing power is always present in the world.

First Reading: The prophet Isaiah makes many promises about what it will be like when God's kingdom comes.

Second Reading: Saint James complains of class distinction at religious services.

Gospel: Jesus heals a deaf man.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 14th September: 7.00pm Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 15th September: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 11th September: 10.00am Mass

Friday 13th September: 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:

Andy Murphy, Brownsford

Pat O'Neill, Slievecorragh

Mikie Phelan, Tullogher

Katherine Mernagh, Windmill Lane

Fitzgerald family, Cooleen, Tullogher

James Waters, Shanbough

We wish every blessing to Arianna Pesenti and Robert Ryan, Tinnakilly, who were married in the Church of the Assumption, Rosbercon, on Friday 30th August 2024. May they enjoy a long and rewarding married life.

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 Season of Creation: It began in the most unlikely of places: with a teenager refusing to go to school. But over the last four years, a remarkable wave of climate activism has spread across the globe, inspired by the Swedish teenager, Greta Thunberg, who caught the imagination of teenagers around the world, including here in Ireland. Their 'climate strike' gave many older people hope, when it brought thousands of teenagers out on to the streets of towns and cities around Ireland, as they demanded a different ecological future. We know that the Lord often uses the wisdom and energy of youth to bring about change. Certainly, our young people are our leaders on this most important issue. The Government, which admits that it has been slow on the issue of climate declared a climate emergency in May, 2019 making Ireland only the second country in the world to do so.

This growing grassroots appetite for change has come at just the right time. The summer brought no comfort from scientists, whose investigations continue to suggest the problems we face are far and more serious than we had thought. Heat and flood records were broken across the world. The Arctic ice shelf has melted this year at an alarming rate. Pope Francis' document on climate, *Laudato Si'* is an illuminating work. The pope's thinking is impressive, imaginative, and robust. Francis's account of the many factors at play in climate breakdown and the many ways in which it will devastate lives is evidence-based, intricately argued, and motivated by a vision that is pro-life in the fullest meaning of the term. As a Papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* is an authoritative text within the Catholic Social tradition.

In the summer of 2019 Pope Francis met with Greta Thunberg. He encouraged her to continue her work and assured her that the climate strikes had his support. Many in the Irish church recognise that in recent decades there has been a failure to connect the faith with the younger generations. Yet here, there is a clear and direct overlap between the mission of the church and the passion of the young. The Pope sees that care for our world is not just one more good deed that we might choose to take up, but is integral to Christian faith. He insists that as 'we come together to take charge of this home which has been entrusted to us,' we are not responding to some temporarily 'hot' topic in the culture, nor are we motivated by selfish self-interest, because of the threat we face. Rather, we care for the earth because we know 'that all the good which exists here finds an echo in God's kingdom.'

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Mass Intentions for the Saturday 14th September 2024:

Rosbercon: Saturday 14th September at 7.00pm

Thomas Dowling, Shanbogh

To make you Smile: Dogs will come when you call. Cats let you know that they'll let you know

A Prayer for Balance for Students and others!

Help me, God, to find a balance

between study and leisure.

When work must be done,

let me realise that I am here to learn

and cannot be going to parties.

Let me also see that

life is more than books

and being a person comes before grades.

A snowball fight, a walk around a lake

or a simple talk with a friend

will do wonders when studies get me down.

Lord, guide me along this balanced line.

Amen

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 086 0670566.

Website 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."

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

Will be in Next Week

Parish Debt on 4th Sept 2024: €17,853.60

Reflection:

All of us can experience moments of great joy

Because in his goodness God allows us to taste on earth

the joys of the world to come.

However, moments of joy, no matter how wonderful,

will never satisfy the human heart.

What we long for is a permanent state of happiness.

But that is unattainable here.

So, what must we do?

Like desert travellers we must go forward

from one oasis to another

with the conviction that God has a homeland

prepared for us at the end of our journey.

This conviction will make it possible for us

to travel onwards with love in our hearts

and an unquenchable longing in our souls

Wisdom: The best preacher is the heart; the best teacher is time; the best book is the world; the best friend is God.

Humour: Mother to daughter going back to school: 'Of course I am sad you're going back to school because I have to stay at home, all alone, where it is quiet and I can do whatever, I want'

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. Please check the Church Noticeboards for the full results of the draw.

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.

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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. Joseph's Annual Richie Young Memorial Race is on this Sunday 8th September at 12 noon at The Pink Rock. Families are welcome! Open to both runners and walkers. All you have to do is estimate your time to complete 5k and the closest to their time wins. No watches or timing devices allowed! Follow this link to register <https://tinyurl.com/RegisterSJAC>. Charity partners with New Ross Meals on Wheels. Donate here <https://buy.stripe.com/00g6rnfix0tL5IS147>.

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

Tullagher Camogie Club would like to say a huge thank you to all who supported their cake stall which was held in Brownstown last Saturday morning. The monies raised will be used to purchase new club gear for the under tens. Thanks to the coaches for organising such a successful event, to the parents for all the cooking, to all who made purchases or donations on the day and to the young ladies themselves who went above and beyond the call of duty in assisting with proceedings. Míle buíochas to all.

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