

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 13th October 2024

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Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year

Today, we are invited to ask ourselves what do we consider most valuable and worthwhile in our lives? Advertisements are more than simple information about what is on sale. They are powerful persuaders working on our fears to produce needs to be filled by their commodities. Do we heed them too much?

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We need wisdom to make the right choices in life.

First Reading: What we are is more important than what we have.

Second Reading: The Word of God penetrates to our inmost hearts.

Gospel: The story of the rich young man.

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 19th October: No Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday 20th October: 9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle
11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 16th October: 10am Mass

Friday 18th October: 10am Mass

Anniversaries:

Ellen Kennedy, Irishtown Heights New Ross

John Dowling, Tinnakilly

Ann Norris, Slieverue

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.

As and from the first weekend of Advent this year, **there will no longer be a Saturday evening Mass in Rosbercon.** The last Saturday Evening Mass will be on Saturday 23rd November at 7.00pm. Mass in Tullogher will remain as the first Saturday of every month and Sunday Masses in Mullinarrigle and Rosbercon will also remain the same.

Cead Mile Failte: We welcome into our Parish Community **Oisín Patrick Murtagh**, son of Patrick and Sarah, nee Hennessy, Ballykenna, who was baptised in St. Aidan's Church, Tullogher on Saturday, 5th October 2024.

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes will be distributed to the homes of the parish over the next two weeks. The usual distributors are asked to oblige. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House.

A Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls will be offered during the month of November. The November Offering Envelopes contain a sheet for the names of your deceased family and friends. The names of your dead will be placed in the Memorial Box in front of the altar for the month of November.

A Message from Fr Dan: 'Love one another as I have loved you', says Christ. The way of Jesus is made known to us by the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. In presenting the way of Jesus to us, the Church has given us lots of rules and regulations and practices to help us to know what Jesus is like and what he wants us to do so that we can live good lives, by loving God and loving our neighbour.

We have to be careful, however, that the rules and regulations do not take on a life of their own. This had happened in the Jewish faith at the time of Christ. The religious leaders in Judaism at the time of Christ were the Pharisees and Sadducees. They presented the teachings of Moses to the people but as happened later in the Church their rules and regulations took over. Keeping rules was seen as being faithful and loving of God. And so, washing in certain ways and washing after coming from the market place was essential. People knew immediately that you were a religious person if you observed the rules to the letter.

Jesus however was a person full of common sense. He spoke to the people about their God and his love for them. He spoke to them of how they could love God by loving their neighbour. Good and decent living was much more important than keeping rigidly to rules and regulations.

Because Jesus spoke with authority many people followed him, and still do. In our Church today we, too, have lots of rules and regulations and traditions. These can take on a life of their own. The keeping of these rules can be seen as Christian and loyal and all important.

Christ, however spelled out clearly the most important rule that we must observe. We must love our God with all our heart and soul and also love our neighbour as ourselves. We must care for ourselves and our neighbour by being just and honest, by being forgiving and compassionate, by not being greedy or envious. That is the way of Christ.

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November Masses for the Holy Souls

It is good to remember that Jesus came to earth, but he did not stay. Rather "he went to prepare a place for us". November is the month when we remember our dead and pray that we will be ready to join them in peace when "God's bus finally makes that stop for us".

Fr Dan will offer masses during the month of November for all who are on the list of the dead in our parish. We invite you to place the names of those you would like to have remembered in the boxes before the altars of Rosbercon, Mullinarrigle (Listerlin) or Tullogher Church. Masses will begin on Thursday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

Reflection: God's Call

God's call comes to us in many ways
And at many different levels.
However, his call is not so much a voice
as a tug at our hearts, which we feel
At quiet and reflective moments in our lives.
He is calling us to a more authentic life.
He is calling us into intimacy with Himself.
He is calling us into community with others.
And at death he will call us into eternal life.
To accept means to admit our need.
Jesus said 'Woe to you who are full now
For you will go hungry.
But blessed are you who are hungry now,
For you will be filled'.
A sense of something missing in our lives
Is not a curse, but a blessing.
A spiritual hunger
Is God's way of inviting us to his banquet.

To make you Smile:

Ways to avoid some of the frustrations of life:
Take a pen to the bank.
Take toilet paper to the pub.
Never book a flight on bank holidays.
Get a gas barbecue.
Give up supporting teams that never win.
Take your own radio when staying in hotels.
Concrete the garden.
Have a meal before going out to eat at a nouvelle cuisine restaurant.

Wisdom: "In every walk in nature, one receives far more than one seeks".

Humour: You need only two tools in life: WD 40 and Duct tape. If it doesn't move and should, use WD 40. If it moves and shouldn't, use Duct tape.

World Mission Day, Sunday 20th October 2024: On this Sunday each year Pope Francis appeals for spiritual and financial support for our overseas missionaries. The Pandemic has made the work of our missionaries so much more difficult. In the poorer and more remote countries of Africa, Latin America and Asia, it is the missionaries who are on the front line. Our support of our Missionaries will provide them with essential aid to help them to relieve suffering and distress. Thank you for your generosity.

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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A Candle was Lighting:

I visit the Churches of the parish regularly. I am in the Church in Rosbercon every day. Candles are always burning in the candelabras. This is always the case and for some reason the candles burn brighter in these days of late autumn.

Lighting candles is a sign of living faith. It is wonderful to see people coming in ones and twos, and sometimes with children, to light candles. It is so uplifting, when in Church, to watch people come to light a candle, say a prayer, ask a favour or maybe say 'thanks. There is a special atmosphere about a Church that is constantly visited.

Prayer when Visiting a Graveyard:

May perpetual light shine upon the faces of all who rest here.
May the lives they lived unfold further in spirit.
May all their past travail find ease in the kindness of clay.
May the remembering earth mind every memory they brought.
May the rains from the heavens fall gently upon them.
May the wildflowers and grasses whisper their wishes into light.
May we reverence the village of presence in the stillness of this silent field.

John O'Donohoe.

South Kilkenny Historical Society lecture:

Title: Francis MacManus: County Kilkenny's Greatest Novelist
Speaker: Willie Nolan
Date: Friday, September 25th
Time: 8pm
Venue: Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite St. Beacon's Church)

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

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