

ROSBERCON PARISH NEWSLETTER 27th October 2024

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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year

Theme of the Weekend Readings: We come to God who cares for his people and gives the blind new sight.

First Reading: the Lord does not intend to allow his people to suffer indefinitely. Those who have been in tears are called to shout for joy.

Second Reading: Christ is our High Priest. He leads us to the Father and he makes the Father's goodness present to us.

Gospel: Jesus is on the most important journey ever undertaken by a human being: his journey to the cross. Yet he stops when he hears the cry of a poor blind man.

Weekend Masses:

All Souls Day Saturday 2nd November:

7.00pm Mass in Tullogher

Sunday 3rd November:

9.30am Mass in Mullinarrigle

11.00am Mass in Rosbercon

Sunday Masses in lieu of All Souls Day)

Weekday Masses:

Rosbercon:

Wednesday 30th October:

No Mass

All Saints Day Friday 1st November:

10am Mass

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

Anniversaries:

Richard Holden, Shambogh

Nicky Woods, Ballymartin

Jack Hartley, Brabstown

Jack Barron, Tinnaranny

Jo & Ag Malone, Hoodsgrove

Mary Bridget Mullally, Ballyeden

Margaret Long, Hewitts Land New Ross

Mary Sinnott, Tinneranny

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.

A Message from Fr Dan: All Saints: Somehow, it's difficult for us to imagine saints as ordinary people. We would not think of a saint as wearing a uniform, an apron or a pair of overalls. A kitchen apron or a nurses' uniform do not fit into how we imagine saints would look. Saints should be a bit unusual! Indeed, many of the canonized saints were very unusual indeed.

On Friday, 1st November, All Saints Day, we celebrate the feast of the vast majority of Saints, some of whom you have met yourself. Sit back for a moment and remind yourself of some of those saints, the really good people you have known and there were many. The poor in spirit, members of your own family, people you have worked with, a neighbour or someone you have simply met by chance. They had their faults and weaknesses but their love and thoughtfulness shone through their lives. Their holiness may not have been noticeable but they were loyal and faithful. Their lives were full of kindness and generosity and they prayed to the best of their ability. They made their own way to God and wherever it was possible to practice the love of Christ, they did so unstintingly.

Many people become saints through the mystery of suffering. The patient sick who are not embittered are an example to us all. The heart-broken spouse whose world has collapsed through the death of a life partner; the single parent buying shoes for their children when they really needed shoes themselves; the person living alone who struggles to serve the community and keep going despite their loneliness. There are so many others we have known who lived 'years without event', whom we felt privileged to have known.

On Friday, we will remember the Feast of the Saints. We hope to do something special to celebrate in a happy way. We feel the joy of knowing that our loved ones have gone home to God, to see Him as he is. They have fought the good fight, they have finished the race, they have kept the faith. The winter season with the clocks going back fits the mood of November. During the weeks ahead, the names of those who died in the past year will be given a place of honour in our churches.
(From Ennis Parish Newsletter) Adapted.

The Presence of God: Our parents and grandparents and the generations that have gone before us were very aware of the presence of God in their lives. They believed that God was always near and interested in them. They prayed at different times of the day when they remembered God's presence. Their prayers were short and simple, offering their work to God and asking for his help. Examples of their prayer have come to us from folklore; 'Lord hold my hand when I flounder in deep water', or 'Mary, stay with us when troubles abound' or 'A hundred thousand welcomes, Lord. Let me make my home with you, Amen'.
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Mass Intentions for the Saturday/Sunday, 2nd/3rd November 2024:

Mullinarrigle: Sunday 3rd November at 9.30 am:

John McDonald, Kilvinogue Thomastown

Thomas & Mary Maher, Derrylackey

Rosbercon: Sunday 3rd November at 11.00 am:

Thomas Murphy, Tinneranny

Months Mind: Rosemary Freaney, Rosbercon Hill

Dates for your Diary:

Saturday 1st March 2025: Sacrament of Confirmation in Rosbercon Church

Saturday 10th May 2025: First Eucharist Rosbercon

Saturday 17th May 2025: First Eucharist Listerlin

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 Saturday 2nd November, All Souls' Day.

The October Station and November Offering Envelopes will be delivered to the homes of the Parish this week. Envelopes may be handed in at the weekend Masses or to the Parochial House. We thank our parishioners for the continued loyalty and generosity. We appreciate the work of the envelope distributors.

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. 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".

To make you Think: Take time to think, it is the source of power. Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom. Take time to play, it is the secret of staying young.

Take time to be quiet, it is the moment to seek God. Take time to be aware, it is the opportunity to help others. Take time to love and be loved, it is God's greatest gift.

Take time to laugh, it is the music of the soul. Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness. Take time to dream, it is what the future is made of. Take time to pray it is the greatest power on earth.

Wisdom: You always pass failure on the way to success.

Humour: The old begin to complain of the conduct of the young when they themselves are no longer able to set a bad example!

Tr Alert Seniors Alert Scheme: Monitored alarm is available to any elderly over age 65. It's free for the 1st year. We highly recommend it and it's very popular. Contact us on the community alert number 0831999585. This service is being organised by Bridget Healy, Joe Conway and Noreen Murphy. Also, with shorter days ahead, light up your home, in particular door entrances. CCTV cameras are a brilliant deterrent which are quite inexpensive nowadays.

We hope to add additional alert road signs throughout the Parish shortly. Our AGM will take place mid-November. We will have a date shortly. More info on all services at this meeting.

Holy Faith 100 is a legacy project that coincides with the school's centenary. The school has witnessed 100 years of social change from 1924 to 2024. We are inviting former students, staff and their families to share their stories, memories, photographs, documents, journals, essays, letters etc. These will provide a powerful account of the school's history. If you, or someone you know is interested in telling a story or sharing mementoes, please contact us by email: cen-tenary@olol.ie text/call: .087-6737569 (after 4.00pm)

A Special Remembrance Mass will be offered for those who died in the last year (Nov 2023 – Nov 2024). The Mass will be offered in Rosbercon Church on Friday 22nd November at 7.30pm. The Mass is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council who will be in touch with the families of the deceased. Please note that all parishioners are invited to this Mass.

New Ross Musical Society are holding a Christmas Market on Sunday 15th December 2024 in The Horse & Hound Hotel, Ballinaboola, Co Wexford. We are currently seeking vendors. If you are interested, please contact 087-6755909.

Tullogher/Rosbercon Vintage Club

The club held a presentation night last Friday 11th of October at Paddy Ryan's bar

€1000 to Rosbercon Parish Hall

€700 to Shambough School

€500 each to Oak Ward Waterford, Dunphy's water will, Meals on Wheels New Ross

€400 each to Glenmore School, Ballyfacey School, St Canices School, Listerlin School, Community Games

€300 each to St Molings Well, Glenmore Community Shop, Rehab

€250 each to Tullogher Juvenile GAA, Tullogher Juvenile Camogie, Listerlin Tidy Towns, Glenmore Tidy Towns.

Total on the night €7,100

Glenmore/Tullogher/Rosbercon Community Games – AGM on Monday, 11th November, at 8:30 p.m. in Rosbercon Parish Hall.

The 2025 GTR Community Games are at risk due to a lack of volunteers. We urgently need committee members and event helpers. If your child(ren) enjoys participating in events like camogie, hurling, drama, art, handwriting, athletics, music, or singing, we encourage you to get involved. In 2025, we hope to expand activities, but we need your support. Many hands make light work! Interested? Contact Anita on 087 955 4290.

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